

DRY GOODS.

The *Toronto Empire* says: "The cold weather of the past week has developed a moderate trade in heavy goods. Quite a number of orders for winter goods have come to hand, but these have been small in every instance. Nothing in these lines beyond what will keep stocks assorted is being purchased. Spring trade is now well in hand. New goods are being opened up daily, and by January 15 stocks will be complete in all lines, except novelties, which will arrive later. A few shipments of prints and other lines, ordered for early delivery, have gone out to the retailers, but shipments will not go forward in large volume until lists can be filled in every detail. The new fabrics coming in are giving much satisfaction. The idea of plainness runs through all the leading fabrics. Even in fancy lines there is nothing *comme il faut* which may be termed flashy. In dress goods some of the leading lines are serges, cashmeres, henriettas, henrietta serges, estamines, wool, mohair, sateens, Galateas, ducks, dress drills, and numerous lines of silk mixtures. Silkaline furnitures are an attractive low-priced goods, used for covering lounges, etc. Canadian prints are in steady demand, low prices and excellence of material and make keeping them in popular favor. In prices, there is nothing new. Wools and raw cotton show no conspicuous change in value, though, in wool a rather better feeling prevails."

A mail advice from Bradford, Eng., says: "Our market is somewhat of a holiday character, the attendance being below the average. There is, however, if anything, more confidence, especially amongst holders of English wools, and the full current rates are insisted upon where sales take place. The turnover is not large enough as yet to per-

mit of any strengthening of prices, but great hopes are built by staplers on the new year, as it is believed that American buyers will then come more freely upon the market, and that the local demand will be brisker. Bright wools and cross-breds still seem the favorites. In Botany tops there is a little more doing, and the market is firm. Mohair and alpacas are improving. In the yarn trade export merchants report very little business, and the home trade is quiet. Spinners are very firm in their quotations. Piece trade without new features."

PATENT RECORD.

The following list of United States Patents granted to Canadian inventors, December 18 and 25, is reported for this paper by James Sangster, Patent Attorney, Buffalo, N. Y.:

Thomas Bekair, Montreal, Canada, cultivator.

George E. Edwards, assignor of one-fourth to W. Hartwell, Brantford, Canada, danger signal and lock for switches.

William Morrison, Toronto, Canada, water heater and cooler.

John F. Pharo, Danville, assignor to M. Boos, St. Hyacinthe, knitting machine.

William T. Vale, Toronto, Canada, and G. A. Ohl, Newark, N. J., assignors to Vale Barrel Machine Co., Ltd, Hamilton, Canada, barrel making machine.

Andrew C. Davidson, St. Thomas, Canada, pneumatic tire for bicycles.

Francis Lousaw, and T. E. Clarke, Bothwell, Canada, insect powder dusting machine.

Stanley C. Peuchen, assignor of one-half to P. Clarke, Toronto, Canada, apparatus for vaporizing petroleum or other liquids.

David G. Gross, assignor of one-half to J. R. Eden, Berlin, Canada, car coupling.

Reports are revived of a discovery of gold in Chatham township, Ontario.

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