

WOOLLENS AND CLOTHING—Continued.

a traveling ticket, which entitles the holder to all membership privileges in other cities, there would be the privilege of participation in a defence fund and a death benefit fund. While some members are reluctant to resign the present independence which the local association enjoys, the general feeling is in favor of amalgamation, though no steps have yet been taken.

The Sanford Manufacturing Company, of Hamilton, are asking their employes to join the Garment Workers' Union of that city, and have agreed to hereafter attach the union label to all goods manufactured by the firm.

THE RISE IN WOOL.

There has been a continued large attendance at recent London wool sales, both English, Continental and American buyers being largely represented. The demand has been exceedingly keen for greasy and scoured merinos, and prices showed a marked advance for such wools on December series. This is leading to more inquiry for all-wool merino fabrics, such as cashmere, brocades and other styles, as the high prices for merino wool maintained at the London sales is a daily reminder that prices are almost certain to be higher on the finished material.

BUSINESS NOTES.

John S. Flynn, dry goods dealer, Montreal, has sold out.

Mrs. Whitlaw, milliner, Victoria, has retired from business.

J. H. Argue has commenced business as tailor in Strathroy, Ont.

Mrs. V. Levesque is opening out as milliner in Maple Creek, N.W.T.

Chas. S. Botsford, dry goods dealer, Toronto, has been succeeded by The Cooperative Store Co., Limited, which has recently been incorporated.

The Peterboro', Ont., Underwear Co., Limited, has been incorporated.

Shera & Co., dry goods dealers, Port Arthur, Ont., have dissolved partnership.

J. H. Rogers, dealer in hats and furs, Toronto, is advertising his business for sale.

The stock of Louis Shindler, dealer in clothing, Montreal, has been sold at 69c. on the dollar.

Kenny & Co., wholesale dry goods dealers, Halifax, have dissolved, James Heenan retiring.

R. H. Grieves, merchant tailor, Collingwood, Ont., has been succeeded by R. H. Grieves & Co.

R. H. Kells & Co., dry goods merchants, Peterboro', Ont., are advertising their business for sale.

The stock of F. Lavoie, general merchant, St. Eugene, Que., has been sold at 56c. on the dollar.

Hagaman & Jull, general merchants, Ridgetown, Ont., are advertising their stock for sale by tender.

Newton & McKellar, dry goods merchants, Strathroy, Ont., have dissolved, J. A. Newton continuing.

E. Parris & Co., general merchants, Brooklyn and Slocan, B.C., have opened a branch store at Niagara.

The stock of Beament & Johnson, dealers in men's furnishings, Ottawa, has been damaged by fire; insured.

Louis B. D'Entremont, general merchant, Pubnico, N.S., is advertising that he will sell out after March 15.

Ferguson & Thibaudeau, dry goods dealers, Chatham, Ont., have been succeeded by Thibaudeau & Jacques.

The stock of J. C. Prefontaine, dry goods merchant, Montreal has been partially damaged by fire and water, insured.

McLeod, McElroy & Hunter, merchant tailors, Toronto, have dissolved, and have been succeeded by McElroy & Hunter.



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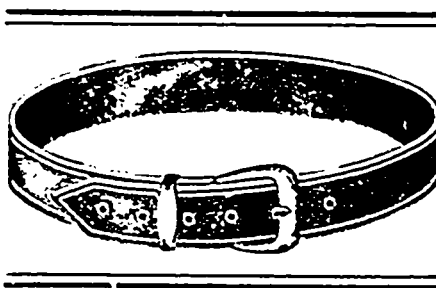
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