

RECENT INCORPORATIONS OF COMPANIES.

The following parties, namely, John G. Hay and A. B. Hay, chair manufacturers; H. B. Smith, barrister; Geo. W. Gurnett, contractor; F. W. Harris, superintendent, and John James Best, factory foreman, are chartered as the North American Bent Chair Company, Ltd., of Owen Sound, the share capital of the company to be \$199,000.

The Imperial Varnish and Color Company; capital, \$100,000, is incorporated in Ontario; head office, Toronto; provisional directors, Joseph Wesley Flavelle, John Marcellus Sparrow, Thomas Flavelle Monypenny, James Monypenny and James Hales. Toronto parties, among whom are William Marshall McCausland, John Cathcart Hutchison, James William Bain, David Walker Glass and Thomas David Bailey, are chartered under the name of the Continental Costume Company, Ltd.; capital, \$40,000; head office, Toronto, to make and sell skirts, blouses, costumes, jackets and articles of male and female wearing apparel, and, for the said purposes, to acquire the necessary factory-premises and plant.

A charter has been granted in Quebec incorporating merchants and advocates of Montreal, by the name of "The French Medical Company," with a capital stock of \$25,000. Also one incorporating Messrs. Erastus C. Landon, manufacturer; John F. Risley, merchant, of Montreal; Peter N. Tait, of Milles Roches, Ont., merchant; and John F. Glegg, merchant; Thomas Chambers, and M. P. Cochrane, accountant, of Montreal, by the name of "Montreal Dry Plate Company," with a capital stock of \$20,000. Among applicants for charters is the Lay Whip Company, of Rock Island, Que.; capital, \$40,000, to make whips. The applicants are, Messrs. Edwin Ralph Lay, of Westfield, Mass; Thomas James Norris and Andrew T. Chapin, of Rock Island; Henry Tomkins, of Beebe Plain; Edward Franklin Lay, of Westfield, Mass. The Franco-Canadian Soap Manufacturing Company will have its head office in Montreal. Capital stock, \$15,000 in \$50 shares. The applicants are Messrs. Alexis Robert, druggist; Jos. Henri Ostigny, accountant; Alderic Lemaire, accountant; William Renaud, accountant, and Aquila Cheval, druggist, all of Montreal.

IN THE DRY GOODS STORE.

Broadcloths and venetians are in request in the States, also homespun, camels hair, cheviots, etc. Plaids are in an excellent position.

It is reported that the American Woolen Company is buying at the rate of 4,000,000 pounds of wool or more a week at this time, says last week's Cotton and Wool Reporter.

"Gur-ruls are niver satisfied," mused the janitor philosopher. "Whin they are in short skirts they are crying fer long wans, an' whin they git long wans they have to hold them up." —Chicago News.

The North American Export and Import Company, of Toronto, Ltd.; capital, \$20,000, is chartered to carry on a general mercantile business, and to warehouse and exhibit goods and wares of all kinds, and to act as agent and bailee.

Scotch tweed manufacturers are reported as busier than for ten years past, and some difficulty is experienced in finding sufficient hands to keep the machinery running. Some of the factories have four months' work in hand. The demand is almost wholly for the better-class goods.

The Wachusett mills, at Worcester, Mass., of which Harry W. Smith is president, have begun the manufacture of ironcloth on a large scale. Ironcloth is used very extensively for overcoat and ulster linings. It resembles in appearance common haircloth, once so popular as a covering for furniture, only it is very smooth, being of the sateen order.

A letter from Bradford, England, says that the export trade of that place in textiles for the American market is more active than for years. In the August shipments to the States are increases in cotton goods, stuff goods and worsteds to amounts in some cases more than double the same month of 1898. The total increase of exports for that one month amounted to £85,639, which is more than \$425,000.

On condition of tax exemption the municipal council of St. Henri has accorded permission to the Merchants' Cotton Com-

pany to erect a new factory there. The company agrees to employ 300 persons, to whom are to be paid \$50,000 yearly. The factory will be four stories in height and 300 feet long. It is to contain 20,000 spindles for making hosiery yarn, and 500 looms for weaving cotton print.

The National Exposition in Philadelphia was opened very auspiciously some ten days ago, over 22,000 people attending in the afternoon and evening. The exhibits are now generally in position, and will be visited by thousands from all parts of the States and abroad during the next two months. The press of the States generally recognize the importance of this great enterprise, as one of the greatest efforts yet made to build up the export trade of that country.

There is great activity in New York, Boston and Philadelphia dress goods markets. Said one commission man who sells direct to the retail merchants a good deal of the time: "I wish I had another mill at work on fancy backed dress goods. I cannot begin to fill the orders I could have for them. Buyers are ready to go down on their knees if they thought that by doing so they would stand any show of getting the stuff they wanted. Price doesn't cut any figure."

A new ruling has been made by the Treasury Department at Washington concerning the importation of seal garments. After October 1st sealskin sacques and coats in ordinary baggage will be exempt from duty to the extent of \$100. In excess of that sum a duty of 35 per cent. ad valorem will be levied upon the amount in excess, unless there should be other foreign-made wearing apparel in the passenger's baggage. Tourists will also be compelled to satisfy the collector that the skins of which the garments are composed were not taken in the North Pacific Ocean by poachers. Nearly all the sealskins made up in Canada were taken on the Pribyloff Islands.

The exhibit made by Wm. Parks & Son, Ltd., at the St. John Exhibition is spoken of in terms of high praise. The Globe described it as "one of the most tastefully arranged exhibits, and one that the exhibitors may well be proud of as representing local manufacture." The goods are exhibited on multi-colored pyramids surmounted by a gay streamer of red, white and blue. The Messrs. Parks' exhibit consists of fancy shaker flannels, dress ginghams, bleached cottons, Saxony flannelettes, foulards, yarns, warps, twine and hose yarns. These are all of their own make and as specimens of home manufactures cannot be surpassed by anything of the kind. The country people, at the Fair especially, were anxious to know about these goods.

FOR GROCERS AND PROVISION DEALERS.

The new flour mill at Indian Head which has been in course of erection all summer is now in running order, and has made some trial runs. The result has been highly satisfactory.

Continued activity is reported in the export of Canadian cheese and butter. Last week there went across the Atlantic from Montreal 65,710 boxes cheese and 35,902 packages butter.

Capt. Demers, of the St. Lawrence steamer "Campana," says the cod fishery is excellent this year off the coast of Newfoundland, but that the heavy weather and fogs have been a source of great loss to the fishermen.

It is believed by the American Grocer that the inevitable end of a continuance of the sugar war will be direct distribution from refineries to retailers, and if that does not work, direct to consumers. The sugar wagon may possibly become as familiar a feature of distribution as the milk wagon or the baker's wagon.

The milk producers supplying Toronto, at a meeting on Saturday, decided to increase the price to the wholesale trade from 90 cents to \$1 per can or \$1.15 delivered, to come into force 1st November. The increase is said to be due to the scarcity of pasture, and the high price of food-stuffs for cattle.

A number of flour milling companies are being incorporated in Manitoba. The Lariviere Milling Co., Ltd., capital \$15,000, and the Headingly Milling Company, of Headingly, capital stock, \$20,000. Arrangement is also made, says The Commercial, for building a 125-barrel mill at Sidney, for which a bonus of \$3,000, and exemption from taxation for ten years, has been given by the municipality.