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Sault, August 7.—The Canadian mail at Sault Ste. Marie, during July year carried 350,235 tons of freight or 356,402 tons more than in 1902 and 613,714 tons more than July, 1902. The tonnage passed through the Sault Soo in the four months for July was 2,305,114, compared with 1,936 in 1902. The freight for the four months was 2,502,496 tons, compared with 2,174,684 in the same four months of 1902. The Canadian Soo shows an increase of nearly 450,000 tons of freight, carried in the four months of July, compared with four months of 1902, the relative increase has been 21 per cent. The first four months of the year carried by the two

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canals amounted to 25,578,286 bushels, compared with 23,724,743 bushels in 1902 and 15,595,266 bushels in 1901. In 1902 the Canadian Soo carried 9,449,329 bushels, or 22.31 per cent, and in 1903, 14,719,655 bushels or 57.55 per cent of the whole carried by both canals.

DRESS REFORM.

It has been said that people are, to a great extent known by the clothes they wear. There is doubtless some truth in this statement, and while dress doesn't make the man, nor put commercial value in the checks he draws, yet it undoubtedly effects his business standing and his sense of self respect and confidence more than is generally believed.

The custom of the ordinary farmer counts against him, especially because he has not adapted a costume suitable for the demands of his business.

Manufacturers have never devised a costume because the farmers have cooks, waiters, nurses and factory people and many other classes have a costume suitable for their work, while farmers instead of having a clean clothing of uniform make and quality for their working dress have been satisfied to take the shoddy, or out-of-date goods, left upon the markets by city people, and which goods have little or no adaptation for farmers uses.

It seems clear to us that they would add much to their own comfort, convenience, self-respect, and appearance, by exchanging the old faded and unbecomingly slightly wool or cotton suits and garments, for cheap, neat fitting, two-piece suits of crash, linen or other wash goods.

The home bath and laundry are not so expensive and water saving a thing that it is difficult for capital to corner. Each man could have four or six suits of this character at small cost, consisting of trousers and a coat made to button from top to bottom, so that he could put on a clean one each week, or oftener if necessary, and thereby eliminate the offensiveness that arises from the clothes bearing the accumulation of sweat and dirt for weeks, besides giving an appearance of neatness and uniformity.

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