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**TORONTO CARPET MFG. CO'S  
STRIKE.**

The weavers in the Toronto Carpet Mfg. Co's. Works, King St. West, Toronto, went out on strike about the middle of last month. One nominal cause of the strike was a small increase in wages and a reduction in hours from 60 to 55, but apparently the chief cause was an objection to the introduction of a new time registering clock for recording the arrival and departure of employees. These devices, it may be mentioned, are in use in the largest establishments of the U.S. and in many in Canada, and are the latest development of the time checking system. Previous to this the employees were allowed five minutes to dress at noon, but the five minutes frequently became ten, and even fifteen minutes, it is said, hence the introduction of the clock register and an order that no one was to cease work till the whistle blew. The ground of objection to the new machine was that the hands lost time by it. The company granted an increase of wages but refused to dispense with the machine. Robt. Glocking, Secretary of the Ontario Bureau of Labor, was called in by the strikers to mediate, but the company declined to accept intervention, and further decline to recognize any union in connection with their works. While out on strike the hands formed a union known as the "Textile Workers' League." Though not unanimously in sympathy with the striking weavers the carders and spinners in the spinning department went out in consequence of the strike, the total employees affected being nearly 300. When the company began to get in hands to take the place of strikers, the pickets of the latter made a practice of annoying and intimidating the

new hands, and this went on till two were arrested, one being Florence Hunter and the other Edward Wright. For hissing the new girls the young woman was fined \$1 and Wright was fined \$5. The magistrate warned the strikers that further offences would be more severely punished.

**THE WOOL MARKET.**

The last of the spring and summer series of colonial wool sales in London closed with steady prices, but the expected advance of 10 per cent on previous sales did not materialize. The most that could be said was that fine wools were firm and in good request from American, German and French buyers; while medium and course grades were easy. Of English wools there is a good supply still on the market.

In the Canadian market not much has been doing since the purchase of about half a million pounds by the Manchester N.H. syndicate through its traveler Robt. Berryman. There is a steady home demand from the mills, which are generally busy just now. Offerings in the Toronto market are light, and quotations are as follows: unwashed 7 to 7½cts; washed 13 to 13½ pulled super 14 to 15; extra 16 to 19.

Manitoba wool is nearly all marketed and a good part of territory wool. The Commercial quotes prices at 6 to 6½ for Manitoba and 8½ to 10 for territory.

—The Story Cotton Company, of Philadelphia, has acquired a tract of land in the Transvaal. It is said that experiments have shown that cotton can be grown much cheaper in South Africa than in the United States.

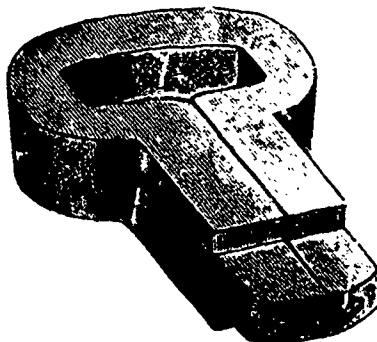
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