

DRESS GOODS.

PLAIN black lustrs and brocade lustrs are still very scarce, with an active demand for them. One house in Montreal gave an order last September and have not yet received the goods, so great has been the demand from both the States and France.

The demand for black crepons in special designs has been away beyond the expectations of all the importers here. In the States it has been the same. A letter from Great Britain says American buyers have been on the English market and have picked up everything they could get regardless of price. Many Canadian houses are unable to fill orders. One Montreal importer has sent six repeats more than he had any anticipation of.

One of quite the loveliest things in blouse material this month is damask silks in shot effects and subdued colors shown by John Macdonald & Co. This is a very handsome line and suited to the best trade.

Japanese silks for blouse waists are selling well. There is a large range of them at Caldecott, Burton & Spence's. They are low priced goods, and the colorings very fashionable.

Dimity lawns and zephyrs, very taking for blouses, are in large range at John Macdonald & Co.'s.

There is an immense demand for German fancy dress goods, both in the United States and in this market, so that some delay has taken place in deliveries. In serges, lustrs, Sicilians, alpacas and brocaded goods the demand is also good. Caldecott, Burton & Spence expect to have their stock of dress goods complete, except in a few lines of Sicilians, which are scarce, and orders will, therefore, be promptly filled. In German fancy wear the house has many beautiful patterns, and a special line of German tweeds at popular figures.

This being black goods season, Wyld, Grasett & Darling find the standard black cashmeres popular, as well as the lustrs, alpacas, etc. Fancy muslins, dimities, black and white and persian effects in Scotch zephyrs are in favor. Sun spot muslins for blouses are doing well. Evening shades in crepons, pink, sky and salmon continue popular.

New lines do not displace old favorites. A steady demand is reported by Caldecott, Burton & Spence for the standard lines of German cashmeres with

their high finish. German plaids are as popular as ever. Crepons, too, continue in favor, and the house has lately bought in Europe another shipment of black crepons in fancy weaves, to retail at popular prices. These goods will be passed in stock this week.

A line of dress goods that will sell well are the jasper cloths shown by Caldecott, Burton & Spence. These goods are of the nature of figured lustrs in colors, and extremely pretty for skirts and costumes. The price is popular.

Wm. Agnew & Co. report a brisk enquiry for bright face goods and tweed effects, in which they are still supplied for sorting purposes. Wm. Agnew, the senior partner of the firm, sailed on Friday ex Lucania for London and Paris to secure the very latest novelties in English and French dress goods.

W. R. Brock & Co. have still a few cases of special silks and surah twills left. Orders for these should be forthcoming at once, as when their present stock is exhausted they cannot be replaced at anything like the price.

Mr. John McGillivray, for fifteen years with Messrs. J. G. MacKenzie & Co., and afterwards on his own account, has just become connected with the Messrs. S. Greenshields, Son & Co. Mr. McGillivray is one of the most prominent men in the trade in his own specialty, and has for long been regarded as an authority on silks and dress goods. His large experience and intimate knowledge of the French and German markets qualify him for the important position to which he has been appointed, and the splendid field now at his disposal will, no doubt, still further develop efficiency in his own particular department. Mr. McGillivray left for Europe on the Germanic on the 19th inst.

The demand this spring for velvets has been so good that Brophy, Cains & Co. have ordered some lines that were intended for their autumn trade to be sent on at once.

McMaster & Co. are showing some very fine goods in fancy colored sicilians, hair stripes and brocades. The greys in these goods are particularly striking.

We have seen the designs in Lama cloths which Brophy, Cains & Co. are advertising as coming forward the end of this month. There are about 100, many of them the most beautiful ever printed in these goods.

Mr. C. A. Muller, of Fitzgibbon, Schafheitlin & Co., has just returned from his trip to Europe, having secured an autumn collection of the newest and most attractive things produced in dress goods in German, French and Austrian centres. The benefit of personal connection with the large manufacturers, especially this season, when desirable qualities and up-to-date effects are difficult to obtain, has proved very apparent, and it is certain this firm will show a most inviting range of dress goods for fall, 1896.

THE DRY GOODS REVIEW paid a visit to W. R. Brock & Co. dress department during millinery opening week, and was shown many of the novelties in high-class goods, and although



No. 1. Best advertisement in last month's Dry Goods Review.