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## Editorial.

### Knit Goods.

There may be some danger of the production of knit goods in Canada proving in the immediate future somewhat in excess of what the market conditions would justify, but still in the long run the future of the trade will be undoubtedly bright. There is a tendency at present to invest new capital in the business, and more profitable investments might perhaps be found, but there must always be a large demand for this class of goods in this country, owing to the rigor

of our winter season. It is not a matter of luxury in Canada, as in many countries, to have underclothing, but an absolute necessity, and the knit goods have become so cheap that the old-time home-made garments have almost entirely fallen into disuse, and the manufactured goods are now freely purchased by all but the very poorest. This alone insures a constantly increasing market, aside from the fact that the natural development of knitting processes will bring new fabrics before the public which will find a place for themselves, and help to swell the manufacturers' business. The knitting machine is fast becoming a thing of importance, and is made to perform almost faultless designs. One great advantage of the knitter is that it almost completes a garment; it not only binds a fabric together, but it also forms the garment at the same time. To connect the knitting with the felting of woolen materials into a knitted web, or, as it would appear, forming a frame-work for felting woolen fibres in one compact mass, forming a strong and durable piece of cloth, is a departure in knit goods which is probably destined to play an important part in the trade at no distant date.

### Made in Germany.

The sun never sets on the British Empire, we all know, but we all perhaps do not recognize the equally indisputable fact that its rays are never withdrawn from articles labelled "Made in Germany." Whether it is the cheap but comfortable cloak that protects the shoulders of the English or American factory girl on her way to work, or the snicker-snee with which the cannibal carves the missionary, all bear this imprint. The recent unpleasantness, however, between Great Britain and Germany about the Transvaal, is having a marked effect, and "already the strained relations between the two countries have worked serious damage to trade," says the *Drapers' Record*, London. "Patriotism is a curious thing, and occasionally manifests itself in curious ways. There cannot be the slightest doubt that it has lately exerted a very considerable influence in the direction of causing a marked falling off in the demand for German goods in this country. 'Made in Germany' has never been a popular trade-mark. It has been tolerated, because such toleration is one of our national institutions, and because, despite our trade rivalry, we have always looked upon Germany as a friend. Reverse the conditions, and cause the people of