

Mr. Wilson has spent the most of his life in a cotton mill, beginning to work when he was eight years of age. For forty-six years he was a cotton mill manager, and for thirty-five years manager of one mill. He shows with pardonable pride a very handsome clock, presented to him by Turnstell Bros., Newton Mill, Burnley, England, "as a mark of affection and esteem," on his leaving the employ of that company after a period of thirty-five years as manager. This was in June, 1884, the year he came to Canada. As he has seen nearly the whole development of the cotton milling business, he is up to date in everything, is a thorough mechanic, and knows everything about a mill from a steam engine to a spindle. While employed in the old country his services were in great demand as a valuator, and he was usually engaged two days a week in that work. Mr. John Foote, latterly manager of a mill at St. Anne's, Que., succeeds Mr. Wilson in Kingston.

The Dominion Blanket and Fibre Co., Montreal, is in difficulties. The liabilities are \$305,000, including stocks, bonds and debts. It is said the assets will hardly be enough to pay the privileged claims of \$10,000, which are salary and bank paper. The fine new mill of the company was recently built in Beauharnois, Que. The company was chartered in 1892, with an authorized capital of \$250,000, of which \$125,000 was subscribed. The mill property of the company was calculated to cost about \$80,000, but it really absorbed more than the subscribed capital. A considerable sum was lately advanced by one of the directors, but no amicable arrangement could be arrived at as to the management of affairs, and after extended bickerings among the directors, bonds were issued last year at a pretty low figure to pay off the mortgagee, and an extension of the general liabilities was negotiated. The original shareholders see their investment of \$150,000 completely wiped out; but an effort will be made to form a new company on condition that the old stockholders abandon their claim, accepting a small amount of stock, or other consideration, in the new concern. The bondholders consider themselves secure by mortgage on the property and plant, but there is a question as to their claim upon the machinery, which cost \$75,000, and is said to be worth about \$40,000. The mill is running meanwhile to work up stock and fill current orders.

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EXPORTS OF TEXTILES—GREAT BRITAIN TO CANADA.

The following are the values, in sterling money, of the exports of wool and textile fabrics from Great Britain to Canada, for August and the eight months ending August of this year and last.

	Month of August.		Eight months ended August.	
	1894.	1895.	1894.	1895.
Raw wool	£ 2,139	£ 543	£ 6,578	£ 5,326
Cotton piece-goods	32,851	37,687	310,595	327,165
Jute piece-goods	7,260	8,626	65,723	67,182
Linen piece-goods	10,183	14,260	82,241	104,259
Silk, lace	2,470	1,936	26,919	19,802
" articles partly of	6,996	6,975	29,759	28,226
Woolen fabrics	47,407	45,568	204,808	171,616
Worsted fabrics	55,703	77,718	359,743	401,605
Carpets	13,351	17,775	132,828	132,138
Apparel and slops	44,785	56,706	197,383	238,722
Haberdashery	15,855	25,060	116,193	106,863

E. M. GIBB, of the well known tailoring firm of Gibb & Co., Montreal, died suddenly on his way to the office on the morning of the 11th of Oct. The firm of which he and his brother Alexander were for many years the head, was founded in the last century.

CHEMICALS AND DYESTUFFS.

The market shows signs of improvement, but up to the present no marked changes in prices have been observed. Sal soda has advanced from 67½ to 70c.; this is the second advance in sal soda during the last month. Manufacturers are now getting in their winter orders. The following are current quotations in Montreal:

Bleaching powder	\$ 2 15	to \$ 2 30
Bicarb soda	2 25	" 2 35
Sal soda	0 70	" 0 75
Carbolic acid, 1 lb. bottles	0 25	" 0 30
Caustic soda, 60°	1 90	" 2 00
Caustic soda, 70°	2 25	" 2 35
Chlorate of potash	0 15	" 0 20
Alum	1 40	" 1 50
Copperas	0 70	" 0 75
Sulphur flour	1 50	" 1 75
Sulphur roll	1 50	" 1 75
Sulphate of copper	4 00	" 5 00
White sugar of lead	0 07½	" 0 08½
Bich. potash	0 10	" 0 12
Sumac, Sicily, per ton	65 00	" 70 00
Soda ash, 48° to 58°	1 25	" 1 50
Chip logwood	2 00	" 2 10
Castor oil	0 06½	" 0 07
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