

WOOLENS.

THE diploma and medal awarded at the Chicago World's Fair to the exhibit of tweeds and homespuns shown there by the Oxford Manufacturing Co., of Oxford, N. S., express the reasons the judges had for making the award in terms that a Canadian maker should be well pleased to hear. The award said: "Tweeds: for excellent quality and desirable color," and "Homespuns: for excellent quality, color, and durability." When a Canadian mill can show goods in competition with the world, and obtain a verdict like this, the same goods can afford to be pushed on their merits, in this or any other market.

The Perle finish worsted venetians are a feature with the Gault Bros. Co., Ltd.

In suitings for this season great taste has been shown by the mills. John Muldrew & Co. are showing a line of domestic suitings in Scotch effects, which the trade will find of superior value.

A special bargain in 112 and 128 trousering is being shown by the Gault Bros. Co., Ltd., and the trade may, by writing, get samples.

In golf cloakings, John Muldrew & Co. are showing new goods. One line, a dark grey with small shepherd's check reverse, is specially attractive, and the whole range is well worth inspection.

A new range of Irish serge, medium priced, in blacks and blues, has just been secured for this market by John Macdonald & Co. Its name is the Kilkenny, and its weight and finish will be appreciated by the trade.

A handsome range in fancy vestings was seen at John Muldrew & Co's this week. The range includes a number of moderate priced lines, and some fine silk and wool goods. All the patterns are in excellent taste, and would suit any trade.

A Canadian buyer just back from Britain says trade there is good. The firm price of the raw material is offset by the depressed state of the American trade in woolens. Still, English and Scotch makers are not sacrificing their stuff. The domestic demand for all classes of bicycling material is booming.

Costume cloths for ladies are amongst the most fashionable goods this season. Late styles are in subdued tints with a variety of patterns. John Muldrew & Co. pointed out a large range to THE REVIEW, and they include some beautiful patterns in stripes and figured designs, all the latest ideas thoroughly up-to-date, and a credit to our domestic makers.

Shipments of their own celebrated "Crown" beaver for ladies' and men's wear are reported by the Gault Bros. Co., Ltd. They are special agents for the well-known Belwarp serges, and will send samples of these to the trade who desire. The trade are informed that the house is keeping up its range of golf and Columbian costume and mantle cloths.

Large drives in fine worsted pantings, at 25 per cent. under regular prices, and in fancy silesias at correspondingly low

figures, are reported by John Macdonald & Co. this month. A fine range of mantle cloths are being shown—serges, beavers, naps, tweeds, friezes, etc. In men's wear the usual full range of Belwarp serges and worsteds is to be seen. For costume tweeds some very pretty 6-4 goods, Canadian and imported, are in stock, as well as box cloths in all shades for costumes.

Chalcraft, Simpson & Co., whose announcement appears elsewhere, are sending their travelers out this week to the Northwest, British Columbia and the Maritime Provinces with spring goods. This firm make a specialty of superior grades of clothing, and find that good workmanship is appreciated. For spring they are showing all the new patterns in well-finished, saleable stuff.

Messrs. McMaster & Co. exhibit some very nobby effects in suitings, both tweeds and worsteds. Cheviots and vicunas are the leading lines for fine work and are much in demand, as are also meltons and beavers. They show some special values in black venetians and twill worsteds. Their new imports of mantlings, in curls, golfs, beavers and sealettes, are well worthy of inspection and have been largely cut into to supply orders already placed.

Wyld, Grasett & Darling report a good business in Scotch tweeds for suitings. The favorite lines are those with a tinge of green. The new styles are broader in stripe and plaid, yet this is subdued by the coloring, so that even bright effects are quiet in shade and appeal to good taste. Neat effects go well in this market, the over-check being the latest feature. For overcoatings, meltons and beavers best suit the average trade, and the rougher effects go mostly to the fashionable centres.

W. R. Brock & Co. say that tailors are waking up to the new materials. For staple suitings the favorite shades are blacks, blues and then browns. In fancy tweeds the green and green mixed brown are leading, followed by tints of blue and the darker fawns. Vicunas for dress purposes, morning coats and dress suits grow in favor. The firm are showing a nice range of fancy vestings in dark mixtures, neat figures and spots. Corduroys are nearly as popular as ever in plain and silk spots.

MONTREAL HOUSES TAKEN IN.

Several wholesale merchants of Montreal were "worked" for a considerable amount of goods lately. A man entered a house and presented a large order from a well-known country merchant, passing himself off as his brother. Part of each order he took with him, the rest to be sent as freight. Shortly afterwards, wholesale houses received letters from the merchant asking an explanation, as he had never ordered such goods. Then the fraud was discovered. In the meantime, however, the sharper had got away with considerable merchandise.

TORONTO NOTES.

Mr. Drynan, of W. A. Murray & Co., spent ten days in Philadelphia, New York and other American trade centres before the September and Exhibition trade opened.

Mr. H. L. Smythe sails for Great Britain on the 16th, by the Britannic, on his 94th ocean trip. On the same vessel will go Messrs. Geo. Hyslop for H. J. Caulfield & Co., and Geo. Beck for Flett, Lowndes & Co.