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Editorial.

Some of our mills are running over-time, and others report that their orders now in hand will keep them steadily employed for the next two months. The wholesale dry goods trade is experiencing much more than usual activity at this season, and says that the retail men are not only ordering freely, but are meeting their liabilities more promptly than at any time in the past five years. The reasons are apparently that after a protracted period during which continuous efforts were made to keep stocks as low as possible, while continuing to meet the demands

of trade the public finds its income enlarging, and at once enlarged trading results. The present year promises to be a most profitable one for the farmers, and so the improvement is seen to have a real basis. The dairy products of Canada have gone forward to Europe in much greater quantities than hitherto and prices have been higher. The grain crop promises to be of enormous proportions, and lessened production in many competing fields ensures our grains bringing higher prices than for some years past. Times are improving.

Klondike Clothes.

The Klondike gold craze has stimulated certain sections of the textile trades.

Some of the woolen mills in the States of Washington and California have been running night and day on blankets and cloth that go to make up the outfits of departing miners. In British Columbia the clothing houses are busy fitting out exploring parties, and in Ottawa, James W. Woods, clothing manufacturer, has been commissioned to supply the outgoing detachment of mounted police with complete outfits of an interesting description. There are about 90 suits, consisting of hat, coat, trowsers, socks, moccasins and mitts. The coats are made from a stout brown duck cut in pea jacket style, with spring fastening buttons like those used on men's gloves. This coat is lined with thick old fashioned gray etoffe, made by woolen mills of the Ottawa valley, some having a collar of corduroy and others a wide collar of etoffe. The sleeves are provided inside with a knitted wristband, which, while not showing beyond the edge of the sleeve closes gently on the wearer's wrist and keeps out the "cauld, cauld blast." This is an idea that might well be adopted on ordinary winter coats of civilian cut. The trowsers are of the same brown duck, made by the Montreal Cotton Co., and lined with the same thick etoffe as used in the coat. The socks are the thick, coarse knitted socks usually worn by lumbermen, and the moccasins are the heavy elk or beef moccasins familiar to the lumber camp and backwoods. The hand covering consists of double mitts—that is, a thick pair of knitted mitts, over which may be worn a pair of stout leather mitts when required. The cap is a cloth one with a peak. Though the order was filled on an emergency we understand that Mr. Woods supplied the outfit at the ordinary trade prices, a fact deserving mention.

Weeding Out.

During the past month a single street in Montreal—St. Helen street—has witnessed the failure of three wholesale