

## Among the Mills

The Streetsville woolen mill is still shut down

The Montreal Cotton Co. have advanced their linings from five to ten per cent.

G. Anderson & Co., of Toronto, wholesale dealers in hats and caps, have assigned. It is thought that the assets will be equal to the liabilities.

The Globe Rubber Co., of Quebec, has been awarded \$101 and costs, the extent of their suit against L. B. Montgomery & Co., Toronto, for goods sold.

Mr. Sheriff, of Lomas & Son, Sherbrooke, Que., has been making a tour in the lower provinces during the time the mill was closed down on account of the water

The Wallaceburg Flax Company have now over \$10,000 worth of unthreshed flax stocked up in their yards, and more coming in. The work of manufacturing it will be begun in a short time.

The wall-paper factory of Watson, Foster & Co., Montreal, was damaged to the extent of \$10,000 by fire a few days ago. Fortunately the stock was unhurt, and the firm are able to fill orders

The Grant Tanning Company, Woodstock, Ont., are applying for incorporation with a capital stock of \$90,000. They will acquire the business of J. & T. Grant, and will manufacture leather, felt goods, etc.

The affairs of the Worsted & Braid Co. of Toronto Junction, referred to last month, have not been settled, but the factory is being operated, meantime, under the administration of Mr. Clarkson, with Mr. Sykes as superintendent.

The Mica Boiler Covering Company of Toronto are offering to manufacturers and the trade a new idea in boiler covering, which is highly spoken of by very competent engineering authorities. Those interested should investigate the question at the company's offices, No. 2 Bay street.

One of the most interesting exhibits of the Machinery Hall, at the Toronto Exhibition this month, was a brussels carpet loom shown in operation by Talbot, Cockroft & Harvey, carpet manufacturers, of Elora, Ont. The loom was generally surrounded by an admiring crowd. This firm contemplate making Wilton carpets also.

The Calvert-Wilson Wool Co., composed of J. S. Wilson and C. E. Calvert, have started in business in Toronto as brokers in foreign and domestic wools, cotton and ramie. With regard to the last named, they inform us that they are prepared to furnish ramie noils in any quantity, and at prices favorable to the introduction of this new and important fibre into Canada

Two accidents of a similar nature occurred in the Canada Cotton Mill at Cornwall a few days ago. While P. Dudlin was assisting in putting on a new roof he fell through an open trap door, alighting on the looms. Several ribs were broken, and he was badly shaken. A few days after S. Cairns also fell through a trap door and had his thigh broken. Both men are doing well.

Application for incorporation has been made by the Gower Rope and Belting Company (Limited), with a total capital of \$20,000 and headquarters at the city of St. Catharines, Ont., to manufacture rope and belting, tan leather, etc. The names of the applicants for incorporation are J. W. Coy, manufacturer, H. Ellis, mechanical superintendent, H. Flumerfelt, tanner, and F. A. Coy, all of St. Catharines, and L. C. Raymond, Barrister, of Welland

The tenders for the leasing or sale of the Ontario Government's binder twine factory at the Central Prison, Toronto, were considered this month by the cabinet. Two tenders were received, but on examination it was found that both differed in several matters of detail from the terms of the proposed contract as set out by the Government. They were both rejected, and the parties who had tendered were notified that the necessary alterations in the forms of their tenders must be made, and were given until a certain hour

to put in tenders in an amended form. This was accordingly done, and these two offers were considered by the Government. It is reported that a lease of the factory will be made to John Hallam, wool merchant, Toronto, who was one of the tenderers, and who has been selling agent for the factory during the time it was operated by the Government.

The Winnipeg *Nor'-Wester* says. The money received for Manitoba's flax produce this year will form a more important item in the revenue of the farmers than ever before in the history of the province. In the course of a conversation with a gentleman interested in the flax trade he stated that the quantity exported would amount to fully one million and a quarter bushels. Of this nearly one million bushels would be taken by John Livingstone, of Baden, Ont., who turns it into oil cake for the European markets. Mr. Livingstone's agent in this country is P. Erbach, of Greta. Besides this there will be a local consumption of from 60,000 to 90,000 bushels. Prices for flax will be considerably lower than last year, when it was worth \$1.25 a bushel. It is expected that the market will open this season at about 65 cents.

The electric storm which passed over central Ontario, on the 11th inst., was very severe at Almonte. For a time the sky was almost continuously aflame with lightning, and the crashing of the thunder hardly ceased during the violence of the storm. Rain came down in sheets and some hail fell also, while the wind uprooted trees, broke down fences, unroofed barns and smashed windows. The most serious damage took place on the premises of the Almonte Knitting Co., where the force of the wind was such that it tore the roof clean off a good portion of the warehouse and office, the iron and sheathing being torn away from the rafters. It fell between the two buildings, and Henry Gray, watchman, had a narrow escape from being struck. The rain poured in on a large stock of finished goods stored in the warehouse. George W. Ward, superintendent, estimates the total damage at not less than \$1,000.

A telegram from Ottawa, published in a Winnipeg paper recently, reads as follows: "The Deputy Minister of Agriculture has just returned from Manitoba and the Territories, and will report on the great prospect of profit to settlers in flax crops. It can be sowed at the first ploughing of the prairie, and is worth a dollar to a dollar and a quarter a bushel. The average this year is twenty-two bushels per acre." If the Deputy Minister has been correctly reported, he has been badly misinformed. The official average of flax this year in Manitoba is placed at fifteen bushels per acre, and the usual average yield is less than has been estimated for this year. The price stated is also much too high, the usual range being about 75c. per bushel, though last year's prices touched as high as \$1.25. No doubt flax could be grown to advantage on a larger scale in Manitoba, but its susceptibility to damage from late spring frosts renders it necessary that flax growing should be adopted with caution, while every farmer might grow some flax, no one should make it a leading or principal crop.—*Winnipeg Commercial*.

### RECENT CANADIAN PATENTS.

#### OF INTEREST TO TEXTILE TRADES

E. H. Lobdell and A. J. Acker, both of Mecosta, Mich., have patented a sack having handles at its sides and corners for the greater convenience in carrying.

J. Bennor, Macon, Georgia, has patented a process for making a fashioned stocking in which the upper or wide portion of the leg is connected to the narrow part at the ankle by an intermediate portion, the seams of which run laterally. This will give the hose a much improved appearance.

M. Stockmeier and C. A. Bronaugh, both of Los Gatos, Cal., have invented a combined parasol and fan. The material of the parasol is so arranged that it may be drawn into the shape of a fan by the assistance of sliding stem and elastic ribs.

L. Schreier, Oneida, N. Y., has invented a system of marking patterns on fabrics. The system consists of a marking board having colored pigment on its surface, and a spur wheel which passes over and transfers the pattern to the material to be colored.