

MEW MANTLE CLOTHS FOR NEXT FALL AND WINTER.



NAPRIL 2nd, the correspondent, of the N. Y. Dry Goods Economist, writing from Berlin, Germany, says. Manufacturers of mantle cloths have now completed their collections of samples of next winter's fabrics. In the last few months single samples of these have been shown, the novelties which were expected to have most merit being made first and submitted for buyers' approval, but collections as a whole were not completed until lately.

Satin and corkscrew doubles are found in all the assortment of samples in the different qualities. They are seen with the ordinary grade of lining as well as with good alpaca back.

Esquimaux, one color or melange, are also represented.

Cords have also been made in black, colors and melanges. These are broad ribbed worsteds.

Cheviot and vigogne doubles are seen in all the collections, but in only few of these are the samples really high grade goods. Cheviot and vigogne doubles, with fine croise-like diagonal stripes are seen. They are also seen in small warp stripes and with shiny designs in balls and dices, although the prevailing opinion is that plain grades will do best.

Foule doubles are a kind of vigogne double and look very much like these only they have a more cloth-like appearance.

Fine, soft camel's hair doubles are also seen. All these are provided with good alpaca back, although all of the goods named are also seen with the commoner, cheaper backs.

Manufacturers are using preferably vigogne yarns. These are wool yarns made of soft material, such as cachemire or camel's hair.

Cheviots and vigognes in heavy goods without lining are also made, mostly in diagonal stripes. These are destined for the American market.

Angoras are new and are made in black, either plain or with wide shorn stripes, also in color melanges.

Himalayas have a softer feel than Angoras. They are seen in color melanges, also in large squares, double face for evening mantles.

Curls in small squares have also been made, chiefly in the better grades. The curls are not laid thickly, being arranged at a distance from each other in broad diagonal stripes.

In cheap worsteds, knotted cheviot like worsted doubles are seen in diagonal stripes and in small and large squares. Mode colored worsted grounds, in small squares, carry fine knotted stripes. Dark worsted grounds are squared with dark blue threads, while mode colored grounds have the squares in brown thread.

Astrachan will again play a good role for trimming. It is met with in all possible qualities, from the cheapest to the best. Short lock grades compete with long locks, the latter being expensive goods. A black astrachan shows open and closed locks alternating.

Several novelties are also out, among which is astrachanized wool plush in tiger skin effect, having mode colored tufts on a dark brown ground.

Himalaya shawls, plain, in squares, and with borders of balls and dices, also with fringes, are shown.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Shuttles and loom wheels of compressed paper are manufactured in Massachusetts.

Cotton plantations are being successfully cultivated in the neighborhood of Jencho in Palestine.

The store of Swift Bros., Watford, Ont., was burglarized on the night of March 20th, and some ready-made clothing carried off. No arrests.

Charles B. Snow, who has been for the past ten years manager of the Ontario Cotton Mills, Hamilton, died on April 15th, in his seventieth year. Previous to going to Hamilton he conducted the Dundas Cotton Mills for several years. He leaves a widow and

three children, Dr. Walter Snow, of New York; Charles Snow, manufacturer, Toronto, and Mrs. Campbell, wife of Prof. Campbell, of the Baptist College, Toronto.

The following fires have to be recorded since our last issue: March 22nd, general store of Depencier Bros., Merrickville, Ont., loss \$3,000, covered by insurance; March 25th, dry goods store of Thomas Brown, Durham, Ont., loss about \$3,600, insurance \$2,400; store of J. J. Denton, merchant tailor and dealer in gents' furnishings, Port Dalhousie, Ont., loss \$2,500, insurance \$1,500; April 4th, hat manufactory of Joseph Godin, Cote St. Paul, near Montreal, loss about \$2,000; April 9th, store of M. Quinn, dealer in gents' furnishings, Toronto, loss estimated at \$16,000, insurance \$11,000.

E. A. Toshack, manager for Western Ontario for George D. Ross & Co., woollen commission merchants and manufacturers' agents, of Montreal, has taken French leave and is now a sojourner in the Land of Liberty. Mr. Toshack had his headquarters in Toronto and for some years back has lived the life of a "high roller." He has left numerous creditors to mourn his abrupt departure. Mr. Ross has appointed Mr. E. J. C. Norrie, of Cantlie & Co., to fill the vacancy. Mr. Norrie has been for several years in the commission business and the firm could not have filled the position to better advantage to themselves and their patrons.

Canadian carpet manufacturers state that trade has been very good all winter in all kinds of carpets. They complain, however, of a feeling of distrust amongst dealers regarding any new styles brought out by them. If new styles are brought out simultaneously in this country and the United States there is at once a quick demand for them in the latter, but here dealers will fight shy of them for one or two years and will not touch them till they hear of them from the States. They say there is no encouragement for them to produce new styles and they fail to see why dealers should not have as much confluence in their manufactures as in those of the American or old country.

Thomas C. Watkins, of Hamilton, Ont., will soon commence the erection of a retail dry goods store which will prove the finest building of the kind in the Dominion. It is modelled after the latest styles of dry goods houses in New York and Brooklyn. It will be four storeys high with a frontage on King street of 62 feet, and on Hughson street of 138 feet. The height from pavement to top of main cornice will be 76 feet; to top of tower spire, 118 feet, and to top of flagstaff, 140 feet. The entire fronts upon both streets will be of cast iron, pressed brick, cut stone, galvanized iron and plate glass, with tower spire covered with red slate. The lower storey will be one immense salesroom, free from all brick walls, and the entire building when completed will have a floor space of 38,000 square feet. It will be steam heated throughout, will have hydraulic goods and passenger elevators, the latest and most approved style of shelving and counters, the most modern cash and parcel delivery, and will be lighted by electric light.

An exchange says: It is always a pleasure to note the success of young Canadians, especially when they succeed in carrying off the palm in competition with other peoples. The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the American Humane Education Society recently offered a prize of \$250 for an essay in favor of vivisection and another prize of \$250 for an essay against the system. Nineteen competitors from England and America entered for the prize, and a committee composed of professors of Harvard University has awarded the principal prize of \$250 for the best essay in favor of vivisection to Mr. John A. MacPhail. Mr. MacPhail, who has been one of the brightest members of the Montreal press for several years, has completed a very successful course at the McGill Medical School. His success in carrying off so important a prize from such a host of formidable competitors has been learned with pride by his many friends, who predict for him a brilliant career in his chosen profession. Mr. MacPhail's prize essay will shortly be published in book form by the American society. Mr. MacPhail is the Montreal correspondent of THE DRY GOODS REVIEW.—ED.)