

NEW NECKWEAR.

THE Flowing End Derby or Four-in-hand will undoubtedly lead the market during the next six months. It has been leading the United States market for a year, and is only now forcing itself into the Canadian market. The Canadian trade may be slow to take it, but nevertheless it will be the rage

for spring. The wholesalers will all carry various styles and makes of this tie, and the dealer will find no lack of offerings.

But the trade will no doubt be pleased to learn that E. & S. Currie of this city are preparing a beautiful range of these goods. The accompanying cuts show their style tied and untied. It is shown in shot cords in green, heliotrope, blue and brown, with small spots of good contrasting colors; also in a full range of brocaded satins. They will have a range which will not be blessed with that word which seems to charm so many small merchants—"imported"—but it will be designated as the product of a Canadian manufactory, and will stand on its merits as such. Canadian woolens, knit underwear and cottons were once despised by those who wanted to be

"importers," but that day has gone. It has also nearly gone for union and all-wool carpets. It will soon go for certain kinds of neckwear.

This firm will also show a range of patterns in the new graduated derby, with a three-inch end, but with a gradual taper, so that a very small knot is made when tied.

They report a continued brisk demand for their natural, hand-tied, club house bow.

GENERAL FURNISHINGS.

THE general retail furnishing trade has been brisk this month, but would have been much better had the weather been colder. The prospect for the tailoring trade is excellent if the weather comes in cold, and at present the cooling process has begun. As regards the wholesale trade, tailors' trimmings have been fairly active; overcoatings have been sold in large quantities; fall suitings have had an enormous run in certain classes. Neckwear and linen goods have been somewhat quieter, although many back orders have been filled. Gloves of all kinds, lined and unlined, have moved rapidly, and wholesalers' stocks have been placed under such a brisk demand that many repeats have been sent to the factories. Men's underwear has been shipped out in quantities, but the volume of new orders has not been very large.

Wyld, Grassett & Darling have an excellent range of cheviot suitings and find a fair demand for their varieties. They were

fortunately well prepared for the great demand which has sprung up for this class of goods.

W. R. Brock & Co. report an active demand for all classes of woolens. Letter orders have been exceptionally good and letter orders have been exceptionally satisfactory. In overcoatings, beavers, meltons, friezes, serges, and six-quarter tweeds have all received considerable attention. In their Canadian woolen department ulsters and friezes are leading, and their stock is complete. The sale of these goods has been large, and several repeats have been necessary.

Gordon, Mackay & Co.'s small ware department is doing a steady trade in winter neckwear and underwear. They have some taking lines.

The shirt, collar and cuff employees of Troy, N.Y., are signing a petition to be sent to the Committee on Ways and Means at Washington, praying to have the tariff on these articles remain as it is. The concluding paragraph to the petition says. "We respectfully ask your sympathy and aid that our wages may not be reduced by increasing competition with the lower paid employees of European manufacturers."

Fall goods in all kinds of men's apparel are now being displayed in the retailers' windows. Light weights are relegated to back shelves and store-rooms.

A novelty of German manufacture in a New York window is a cane and a dressing case combined. The stick is of hollowed malacca, from which a brass tube may be drawn which contains a series of little boxes, in which are neatly tucked away such things as shaving soap, razor, narrow brushes, nail scissors, comb, button hook, and a stick of wax for the moustache. The cane looks natural and is not of unusual size. It should be added that there is a corkscrew attached to the deer bone handle.

Plain black half-hose, which have had an unprecedented run, are on the wane, and the sale for plain drab, slate and the different shades of tan and light brown is increasing, which most hosiery dealers hail with evident satisfaction, as it means, they claim, an increased hosiery business. Stripes are in better demand also, particularly in grounds of drab, slate and light brown, having hair line and cluster stripes of red, pale blue and gold, also black and navy ground with fine hair line stripes of white. All these combinations are shown in lamb's wool merino and cotton except the plain grounds which cannot be made in merino and come out mottled.



Flowing-end Derby—Untied.



Flowing-end Derby—Tied.