

### AMONG THE WHOLESALEERS.

**J**OHN Macdonald & Co. are showing a nice range of chenille and lace curtains, and all shades in 72-inch pinao felts. These latter are exceptionally beautiful goods. Their anxouye, andalusians, fingerings and Canadian yarns have opened up exceptionally well this season and are meeting with very good sales. They are showing novelties in astrachans, moss and ruche trimmings; also gilt, silver and jet trimmings. A shipment of cream silk handkerchiefs is to hand. Among other shipments are repeats for neckwear, umbrellas, men's cardigans, top shirts, half-hose, harvest mits and overalls. The stock has never been better assorted in these lines than at the present time. Their stock of silks and ribbons is well assorted also, at the present time in readiness for the millinery trade. All widths, colors, qualities, etc., are shown. They are showing special drives in cashmere hosiery and a line of colored ribbons.

Samson, Kennedy & Co. are showing a splendid line of neckwear in four-hand, knots, and novelties in flat shapes. The leading things are darks in spots, brocades and bengallines. Their rubber goods are well-assorted in all lines. McIntosh's goods are carried in full range in both ladies' and men's wear. Their stock of white shirts, laundered and unlaundered, is complete, and the quality at ordinary prices is excellent. In umbrellas they are showing some special features. A special line is a 24 1 2 inch paragon frame and a fine gloria cloth. Their stock of ladies' hygiene vests and lambs' wool Scotch underwear is complete and worthy of attention.

Wyld, Grasett & Darling have a complete stock of all-wool blankets, unions in whites and greys; all of these being of good quality and in the best Canadian makes. In waterproof goods they are showing an extensive line in rubber and tweed men's coats and ladies' circulars. Their stock is well assorted. In dress goods and cloakings they are showing some very nobby things and good value in all lines.

Gordon, MacKay & Co. are very busy sending out flannels, such as union greys, standard wool, St. Hyacinthe, Trent, Valley, navys and militarys, wool druggets, flannel sheetings, and white and scarlet saxonys. In yarns they are showing a large range of domestic manufactured in fingerings and saxonies.

The house of Samson, Kennedy & Co. is filled with seasonable goods at present, and never was business so prosperous with this firm. Every line of domestic and foreign manufacture is carefully studied, and the best has been secured. Every department contains many new varieties well worthy of attention. In ribbons, faille, moire, double satin and baby ribbons are shown at very fair prices. A large stock of Windsor ties is seen, and the fall demand for these goods has been anticipated. They are shown in polka dots, shots, royal twills, surahs and pongees. In frillings, the ostrich and chiffons are the leading lines.

Caldecott, Burton & Spence have opened up heavy shipments of hosiery and underwear. Cashmere hose is being more generally sold than formerly, especially in ladies' plain and childrens' ribbed. Black is the only color sold for fall and winter trade. A large quan-

tity of cloakings are to hand. Beaver cloths are selling well in cheaper grades; chevots are selling well, especially in diagonals, while fancy camel-hair cloths are a novelty, and astrachan curls in blacks, greys and browns are in good demand. Oak screen frames and oak encasels are a new thing and give promise of a strong demand.

Wyld, Grasett & Darling are showing a full range of flannels, with special devices in flannelettes. They have a special line of all wool grey flannel which they are selling at 17 1-2c. Their range of light colored dress goods is quite complete and moving freely. They are showing some special value in colored kid gloves with two push fasteners and spearpoint backs. They gloves are also shown in black and white goods in different qualities. Their stock of driving gloves is well assorted in imitation of real buck. These are desirable goods.

John Macdonald & Co. have two ranges of grey flannel, for which they are having a strong demand, as well as a run on the Campbellford. Their lines of tapestries and Brussels are selling strongly and the goods are turning out well. They are just receiving a large shipment of new jet trimmings for the autumn trade.

Caldecott, Burton & Spence are showing a very choice lot of chenille curtains. These curtains have grown steadily in public favor, and this year some entirely new styles are seen. Ottoman plush for curtain material is also shown. This is sold by measure, and is a very suitable material for curtain drapings.

In fancy stripe shirts and drawers the stock of W. R. Brock & Co. is well assorted, although these goods are scarce on the market at present. Their sale of top-shirts have been greater than at any former season, both in plain and fancy lines. These are all Canadian made and find a ready sale with almost every class of the community.

Gordon, Mackay & Co. have just received a large shipment of buttons, comprising metal, vegetable, ivory, horn, pearls, and pearllets. Designs are new and the range of colorings extensive. They keep in stock the celebrated fil-au-chenois linen thread in all numbers. This is a thread of especial quality, being waxed and ready for use in handsewing. It has given great satisfaction. A full range of plain light and heavy circular pillion cottons is shown, also a large stock of bleached and unbleached sheetings, in Canadian and American manufactured goods, in all widths. Their stock of dress goods is being rapidly moved out.

Caldecott, Burton & Spence show a large stock of cashmere gloves in jersey and gauntlet. Both these styles are selling well. Their "Seamless Fernard" and "Katrina" laced kid gloves are selling well. They are sole agents for these lines and they are well worthy of consideration. They are showing a full line of shot silks in some gorgeous colorings, also some nice lines of feather and astrachan trimmings. Their tweed-effect dress goods are selling well. Their stock of staples is large and well-assorted, and special attention is paid to keeping this class of goods in good selling shape.

Gordon, Mackay & Co. have just received eight ranges of flannelettes in stripes, checks, fancies, spots, etc.,

which are well worthy of special attention. A shipment is just to hand of men's rubber coats in Edinburgh manufactured goods, which are considered to be the best on the market. They are showing a well-assorted range of umbrellas for the fall trade. Light tweed dress goods are shown in great variety and the movement is quite brisk.

### LONDON WOOL SALES.

The third series of the London Colonial wool sales for this year was brought to a close on Wednesday, 13th August, and there will be no more public sales in London until September 13. During the 27 days' sales just concluded there was a daily average offering of 13,619 bales, and, as compared with the closing rates of the April auctions, prices show at the close a trifling decline. All the better class of merino and fine cross-breeds have held firm, and close with no change; while for foreign consumption any of these coming within the range of the demand for the U. S. A. have averaged a slight appreciation. Medium and inferior merinos, and medium, coarse and lower cross-breeds have been neglected, and lost ground since the opening, closing at fully 5 per cent. decline; while good and superior lambs have been readily taken at a slight advance. Scoured merinos, even of the best descriptions, have found an uneven and apathetic demand all through, and must be quoted at the close at 5 per cent. decline. Cape and Natal wools, in by no means heavy supply, well upheld their values all round in the earlier sales, but, losing strength towards the middle of the series, closed at an average decline of 5 per cent. in all classes.—Drapers' Record.

### A WORD FOR PROGRESS.

The St. Thomas Times remarks as follows concerning the early closing movement:—

: The merchant tailors have for the present fallen in line with what has been the custom for a long time among the dry goods merchants of closing at six o'clock. There are various other classes of traders who, if they cannot see their way clear to closing early all the year round, might at least do so during the heated term, and thus give themselves and their employes an opportunity of being out of doors at a time when to do so would be to refresh the body, and fit them better for the duties of the next day. Another suggestion has been made by some of the merchants which, it is believed, would be a good one—namely, to close a whole afternoon, say that of Friday, each week. This is generally the slackest day of the present slack season, and for employers and clerks to get off the afternoon previous to what is the heaviest day's work of the week would be a boon. It is true that Saturday's labor is made unusually heavy by the very late hours to which the stores are kept open on that night, largely through the thoughtlessness of customers, but even with curtailment in that direction a half holiday during August would be acceptable, and none of our merchants would be any the poorer therefor.