

sales of blankets made by the larger mills for North-west trade, or to the C. P. R. authorities, but wholesale dealers find their movement slow. And, on the other hand, some of the smaller mills sell their product in whole or in part direct to farmers' wives, which does not tend to relieve the shop-keeper's overstock. Nor has the recent failure of a manufacturers' agent helped the position in this department. The production of the blanket factories of Ontario as shown in the annexed list, is close upon 100,000 pairs per annum; value, say \$300,000. Probably another 100,000 pairs of colored wool or colored "shoddy" blankets are made, at Weston, Lambton Mills, &c., whose value may be placed at \$160,000 to \$200,000 more, and at least \$100,000 worth is imported.

ONTARIO BLANKET MILLS.	Capacity.
*Leadlay & Barber Toronto	20,000 "
Cornwall Woollen Co., Cornwall	20,000 "
Walker & Cunningham, Alliston	4,000 pairs.
George Upton, "	4,000 "
Slingsby & Sons, Brantford	16,000 "
W. Kitchen, Cannington	16,000 "
Stevenson & Graham, Orangeville	12,000 "
Atkinson & Walsham, Bolton	4,000 "
Hugh & Kauffmann, Plattville	2,000 "

Total.....98,000 pairs.

\*This estimate includes the factory of Mr. McIntosh, Woodbridge.

As to our knitted goods whose product was so sharply increased, the efforts to curtail manufacture have had some effect. We hear, for example of four mills at Paris, Strathroy and Hespler, whose united capacity is twenty-two sets, which are running but ten or eleven sets. But the works are still in excess, and there is little or no buoyancy in the trade. Yarns, as well as druggets share in the over-production, for the make in Canada of both common and fingering yarn has been greatly enlarged.

It may be interesting to see what relation our imports of woollen manufactures bear to the domestic production of them. According to an estimate made in this journal, the value of the product of Ontario and Quebec woollen mills in 1880, was about seven millions of dollars. The imports of woollen goods for that year were \$6,420,980, making together thirteen and a half millions. Taking a later period for comparison we find the value of woollens imported into Ontario and Quebec during the fiscal year 1883:

Article.	Pounds.	Value.
Blankets	814,675	\$ 100,901
Tweeds, Cassimeres & cloths	4,759,524	3,472,653
Winceys	20,638	19,204
Flannels	452,198	345,256
Hosiery, shirts drawers	887,661	523,246
Shawls		198,265
Yarn	225,079	178,057
Wool or worsted		
Manufactures	2,132,354	2,146,128
Carpets, 2 or 3 ply	105,706	59,517
	9,397,835	\$7,043,227

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The Canadian product for 1883 is estimated to be less than it was three years before, so that between eleven and twelve millions of dollars is the probable value of woollen goods imported and made last year.

The increased aggregate output of small mills, making the coarser grades of tweed and stuffs, is an element which disturbs calculation as to the requirements of the market, and threatens, in some lines, to over-fill it. And we hear of some recent clearing-out sales of good tweeds at prices which would not help the spirits of a manufacturer. But this sort of thing can hardly be avoided even in an ordinary season. Conference and a spirit of accommodation will be more helpful to our manufacturers than any attempt to forestall one another, which is a ticklish business in a limited market. This, however, remains to be said of Canadian textiles, cotton or woollen, that, as a whole, they are honest goods, of undeniably good value at present prices, and that, in finish and wear they challenge competition with the products of any country.

—A company in Connecticut manufactures nearly all the liquorice used in the United States—17,000,000 pounds a year. Confectionery and medicines take about 1,500,000 pounds, and the remainder goes into tobacco.

—The association of candy manufacturers lately formed in Chicago, passed a resolution that any manufacturer found adulterating candy with terra alba or any mineral substance, shall be expelled from the association.

—The number of vessels in the British trade employed in 1883 was 18,912 employing 200,727 hands against 18,966 in 1882, and 19,811 in 1881. Total number of vessels registered in the United Kingdom was 24,147 in 1883; 24,163 in 1882; and 24,272 in 1881, while the total built was 1,174 in 1893; 972 in 1882; and 845 in 1881. The number being built is thus shown to be yearly declining.

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