BOOTS AND SHOES.

IMPORTED GOODS.

REPRESENTATIVE of THE REVIEW recently had an opportunity of viewing the new goods being imported from the United States by W. H. Stewart, St. Catherine street, Montreal, and noted very little change in the shapes for either men's or women's wear. The tendency is, however, to wider toes and heavier soles in all boots for outdoor wear. Light brown and orange will largely replace the darker shades of tan. Low-laced shoes in a number of patterns and styles are being shown, and a large sale of this class of footwear is anticipated in patent leather, tan and vici kid.

Ladies' boots and shoes continue to incline towards the mannish last, and the English style is expected to be the best selier during the coming season. The old light-soled, pointed-toed boot has almost disappeared in the United States, and is replaced by a commonsense, comfortable fitting one. Tan in the lighter shades will be much worn by the ladies, and some very attractive samples of this class are now being shown. Vesting tops in checks and brocade continue to be popular, and heavy waterproof boots, to be worn without rubbers, are still in good demand.

The special one-priced shoe seems to be losing ground, and we are informed that several United States manufacturers who have heretofore confined themselves to one line are now altering their plant so as to supply the general demand.

BOOT AND SHOE NOTES.

Mr. Charles F. Smith, of James McCready & Co., is spending a couple of weeks at Atlantic City. He has not been in the best of health for some time past, and is now taking a short rest from the cares of business.

The boot and shoe store of Mr. Z. Pilon, Notre Dame street, Montreal, was burglarized a few nights ago, about \$100 worth of goods being stolen. The burglars broke open the back door, and, without disturbing the stock on the shelves, went to the front window and helped themselves from the goods there displayed.

The Dominion Government has passed an order-in-council, placing on the free list. "Cotton yarn, polished or glazed, when imported by manufacturers of shoe laces for the manufacture of such goods in their own factories."

CHARGING FOR CASES.

Montreal manufacturers of boots and shoes are again making an effort to come to an agreement whereby all will charge for cases instead of giving them free, as is now done by some of the larger firms. The question has been up several times before, but without a satisfactory result. Most of the houses interested have now agreed to charge, and it seems only a question of a few days until this system will be adopted by all.

AN ERA OF HIGHER PRICES.

There is every prospect of a stiff advance in the price of boots and shoes in the near future. All grades of leather, as well as silk and cotton linings, tacks, etc., have advanced fully 10 per cent. during the past two months, and, as indications point to the continuance of these higher prices, manufacturers will be compelled to put their prices up. The retail trade would do well to follow the market closely and provide against the time when they will have to pay higher prices.

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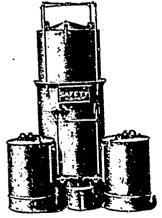
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