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## THE WOOLEN MILL SITUATION.

The situation of the Canadian woolen mills, under the preferential tariff, was briefly defined in last issue. The subject has been discussed a good deal during the past month in the newspapers and among public men, and a few opinions of the press, pro and con, are given elsewhere.

While this issue is going to press, a deputation, representing about 200 Canadian woolen mills, is waiting on the Dominion Government to lay before it the position of the home manufacturers at the present serious crisis. The deputation will represent that some nine months ago, when the Government announced its intention to increase the preference on British goods from 25 per cent. to 33 1-3 per cent., a strong deputation of our woolen manufacturers waited upon it to point out how this change would operate against the woolen industries of this country. They then
emphasized the spirit of lugalty and attachment that was felt equally by every manufacturer towards the Mother Land, and they raised no objection to the Govermment of the Dominion of Canada giving a fair preference to the products of Great Britain, so long as adequate protection was maintained for Canadian industries, and provision made to prevent the importation of German and other foreign goow, through the English channels for the purpose of securing the benefit of the preferential tarif Thes puinted ult, however, that with the resulting low tariff on woolen goods, this industry could not hold its own. At that time it was possible only to express their apprehensions as to what wutld result. Now, however, actual facts, as exhibited by the Government's own returns, show that the importation of woolen goods in the fiscal year ending June 3oth, 1930, and thuse of the three succeeding months are vastly greater than ever before. The extent to which these foreign made goods are obtaining a foothold in our limited Canadian market is alarming, and this, coupled with the dulhess prevailing in the Canadian woolen industry, indicates that under present conditions a great number of our woolen industries are doomed to isaster in the very immediate future.

The woolen manufacturers are now preparing statements that will prove the existence of these conditions, and they suggest a moderate increase in the tariff, so as to place the woolen manufaturers on a more favorable basis, and so preserve to Canada one of her most important indlustrics, in which is innested some $\$ 15,000,000$ of capital, employing 12,000 persons, and supporting at least 60,000 people.

As pointed out in this journal at the time the preferential tariff was made, a great injustice was done to the Canadian woolen and vther textile manufacturers in that all our mills were equipped with machinery on which a ligh rate of duty was paid, thus greatly increasing the cost of equipment, while at the same time no home industry was protected by the duties thus exacted since, for years past, no concern in Canada makes heavy textile machinery, such as looms and spinning machinery. The only concern to-day making this class of machinery is the Northrop Loom Co., of Valleyfield, started a year or two ago, and which makes a special type of loom for cotton mills only.
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## THE CHEMISTRY OF PAPER MAKING

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The manufacture of paper is Jargely a mechanical process. The foundation material is cellulose which is derived from various sources and is provided by nature in a state of greater or less purity. Cotton fiber is almost pure cellulose though slightly modified on the omside and having a protecting film of wax and oily matter. The fibres consist of a single cell, for the most part between one and two inches in length and about 1 - 2000 inch in diameter. Linen fiber is not so pure cellulose as cotton but is stronger and lias greater lustre.

In cotton and linen thread the fibers are twisted together in the direction of their length, and cloth is woven flom threads which run in two directions. But in paper, the fibers should lie in all directions forming a felt, the length of fiber not being so important a matter as in thread and cloth. Hence when paper is manufactured from rags these must be torn and divided in such a way as to isolate the individual fibers. The mechanical treatment is however not usually sufficient. Rags are often dirty and must be cleaned. This is done to a certain extent by beating, but afterwards the rags are boiled for several hours with soda or lime. This treatment, moreover, removes size and attacks colouring matter which is thus more easily bleached. The anount of caustic soda is from five to ten per cent. of the weight of the rags, the pressure under which the boiling takes place is two or three atmospheres. Too great pressure would fix the dirt in the rags instead of removing it. For delicate fibers some manufacturers prefer lime, as being less injurious to the fibers, but a larger proportion of lime than is actually necessary to reduce the stock must be used and the excess must be washed out. Furthermore, lime is liable to contain small gritty particles which are apt to become fixed in the fibers.

Since the length of fiber is not so important in paper as in cloth, celiulose, which is not suitable for the latter may be employed in the former, and though cotton and linen rags furnish the best paper other raw material is largely used. Before the year 1837 there was in Britain an excise duty on paper of 3d. a pound and the demand for paper could be easily supplied by the use of rags. In that year the duty was reduced to $1 \frac{1}{2} d$. and the demand increased. When in 186I the duty was abolished altogether, the demand for paper became still greater and other raw materials came into requisition, for example straw, esparto
or Spanish grass, and. most important in this country, wood pulp.

A very coarse paper may be made by simply grinding wood to a pulp, but the cellulose is mixed with intercellutar tissue such as lignin and resinous matters which turn brown: on exposure to light. "Mechanical pulp" is not suitable for the finer qualities of paper fur which "chemical pulp" may be used. Chemical pulp is usually made by the action of soda or calcium bisulphite upon wood which has first been cut into boards, and, after being freed from knots, is broken or cut into small chips.

It may readily be imagined that many other chemicals have been used for the purpose. In most cases the action has consisted in hydrolysis or an addition of water, more or less aided by secondary reactions. In 1866 a process involving the use of water alone at a temperature of $150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ( $302^{\circ}$ Fahr.) was made use of. A brown pulp is obtained containing $70 \%$ of the original wood but there is an accumulation of matters of an aldehydic nature and there is a reversal of the reaction the wood being dehydrated by the high ten?perature. The addition of hydrochloric acid was tried for some time in Switzerland, and coarse packing paper was made, but the process was open to the same objection as with water alone. In 1852, the action of nitric acid was tried, also in 1862. Here the hydrolysis was aided by the oxidising action of the acid and a yield of puop of $40 \%$ was obtained. But it is difficult to get large vessels to withstand the action of the acids and nitric acid is liable to yield explosion compounds.

Caustic soda was first used in 1853 and for some years continued to be the most suitable reagent discovered. There have been many patents and many slight variations in detail but the process practically consists in boiling the wood at a temperature $150^{\circ}$ to $180^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ( $302^{\circ}$ to $356^{\circ}$ Fahr.) the pressure being about go pounds. The solution contains $10 \%$ to $20 \%$ caustic soda and the boiling is continued from eight to twelve hours. In some cases there is an alternation of treatment with soda and with chlorine, the soda in the later treatments being dilute. In the treatment with soda, the oxidation goes farther than with water or hydrochloric acid; for, instead of aldehydes, acids are produced and these uniting with soda form salts. The actor: is complicated as is shown by the number of bi-products.

In 1866 Tilghmann made ase, though not very success. fully, of sulphurot: acid as a digester of wood, but obtained better results with acid sulphites. In 1882, Pictet also made use of sulphurous acid and apparently with some success. The sulphurous acid is largely recovered by being allowed to blow off from the digester into cold water where it is absorbed. As the sulphurous acid is little changed in the digester, its better action than that of hydrochloric acid is probably to be attributed to unstable compounds being formed under pressure and decomposed when the pressure is removed. About $40 \%$ of the wood is changed into a soluble modification and the brownish pulp which is left gives on bleaching a pure cellulose.

The rise of acid sulphites has an advantage over sulphurous acid alone. Calcium bisulphite is the most common reagent because usually the cheapest, but the presence of
magnesia is no disadvantage, hence magnesian limestone may be used in the preparation of the bisulphite. Limestone in a tower is subjected to the combined action of water and of sulphur dooxide, the gas being introduced at the bottom of the tower and melting a stream of water which trickles down over the limestone. The action of the bisulphites is very similar to that of the acid, but the organic aldehyde and acids produced, unite either with the sulphite itseli or with its basic part. Secondary reactions by which tarry products are formed, when the acid alone is used, are not produced when the bisulphite is employed, probably because of the firm compounds formed by the union of bisulphite with aldehydes. The pulp has a brownish to creamy shade, not being so dark as when sulphurous acid is used. A larger amount of bleach is however required than one might expect from the light colour, $15 \%$ to $30 \%$ of bleaching powder being required. The bleaching causes little loss of cellulose the amount of which obtamed is nearly if not quite half of the quantity of the orignal wood. The formation of the aldehgde bisulphite compounds helps in the hydrolysis of the lignocellulose which is one of the chief constituents of wood requiring decomposition. Since the soda and the bisulphite processes are the mam competitors it is well to consider the relative advantages and disadvantages. The object aimed at is the loosening of the fibres from the encrusting material, including resin. Boiling with etther soda or suiphite does this, but the resin is saponfied by soda and is easily washed away. Though continued washing of the sulphite pulp with hot water, especially if containing hydrochloric acid, removes resin, the pulp darkens somewhat, and in some cases (doubtless where a special bleaching is omitted) a ittle bisulphite is added after the washing to improve the color. The improvement is, however, temporary, the paper is weakened, and soon becomes yellow. Digestion with soda gives a softer and more opaque pulp, but at the high temperature and great pressure necessary, partual dehydration of the wood takes place causing something sumilar to charring, and so producing a brown color. The cellulose itself is also attacked, and thus the fibre is weakened. The yield of pulp is considerably less, being in the case of white pine approxi mately $33 \%$ of the original wood, while treatment with bi-sulphte gives $45 \%$ to $50 \%$.

There is an economy in the soda process, in that the soda can be easily recovered the solution being evaporated to dryness, and the residue roasted, thus forming carbonate. When heat for evaporation is easily obtainable the cost of recovery is small. The bi-products of the bisulphite treatment have so far formed no industrial application notwithstanding the fact that they contain non-cellulose materials in an almost unchanged condition. Which process may be most suitable, sometimes depends upon local conditions; the sulphite process is what is to be employed in the large mills at Sault Ste. Marie. Sulphite prevents oxidation, a feature of the soda treatment which diminishes the effect.

In the making of paper, boiled rags, grass, straw or wood, or a mixture of these materials, is thoroughly
broken up into the small fibres in a "beating engine " or "hollander," in which also the bleaching is frequently carried out, though a separate vessel, the "potcher" is sometimes used. Bleaching powder is the nost common re-agent, the addition of alum to which is an advantage, preserving the fibres, probably because of less violent action.

The electrolysis of magnesium chloride solution is also employed. The solution contains 5 per cent. or less of magnesium chloride. By its electrolysis hyppochlorous acid is produced at the positive pole and beaches the material. The bleaching is more rapid than with bleaching powder, causes less loss in the substance bleached for the degree of whiteness obtained and requires less available chlorine.

When the bleaching is completed the bleach must be washed out or neutralized by an "antichlor" of which sodium hyposulphite (heosulphiute) is the most common. Bleaching by chlorine in water or by hypochlorous acid, is practically a case of oxidation and the antichlor is a reducing agent.

Cellulose is the main constituent of paper. but pure cellulose forms a felt that is too open, and would allow ink to spread. Hence some substance is adjed to fill up the interspaces and to give the paper a firmer textl.e. This process is called loading. The loading material is often kaolin, but for the better qualites calcium sulphate (pearl hardening) barium sulphate and agalite (a form of magnesium silicate) are used. The loading is from $3 \%$ to $20 \%$, or in some cases even as nuch as $40 \%$. The loading must be in a fine state of division, and must not be allowed to settle to the botom. Special care must be taken with barium sulphate, owing to its great specific gravity. The loading is added in the beating engine, where also so ne colouring matter is frequently put in. Bleaching gives a slightly yellow tint to the stuff, and to counterace this shade ultramarine is commonly employed. For making col,ured papers aniline dyes are largely employed, though mineral colouring matters are also used. Starch is added to pulp, so that in the later stages it may give the paper a hardness and glaze that would not otherwise be attainable.

Sometimes size is also added in the beating engine, though sometimes it is applied later to the paper when formed. The object of size is to fill the pores even more completely than is done by the loading, and a material is chosen which has the power of resisting the action of water to at least a certain extent.

When size is added in the beating engine the material used is resin soap obtained by the action of soda on resin. Alum is afterwards added. If the sizing process is postponed till the pulp is manufactured into paper the material used is gelatine. But the chemistry of sizing is too complicated to be discussed at the end of an article. The pulp having been prepared it must be properly strained and supplied regularly to the frames of wire gavie, on which it is deposited, and on which the fibres are felted together, whence the paper is passed between piess rolls, drying cylinders and calender rolls to compact, dry and polish the paper,

This pait of the process his, however, latle of a chemical nature in it.

- We would call the attention of the binder twine factory boomsters to the parallel drawn in another column with the history of cotton mill 1 rounsi...: in the cighties. The remarks of the Cordage 1 rade Journal quoted in this issue, are also apropos.


## BURNING OF THE ARMY AND NAVY CLOTHING STORES.

A disastrous fire broke out in the Army and Navy clothing stores at 129 to 135 King street east, Coronto, on February 1, which might have caused a terrible loss of life. Luckily it was the dinner hour, and the employees were just returning to werk, but some 30 men and women were at lunch at the top of the building, and on the alarm reaching them all but about a dozen rushed through the smoke and felt their way down the stairways and escaped. Those who were left on the second floor groped their way to the front windows, which they broke, and leaped into the fire nets held by the firemen to catch them. There wroe ten women and two men who jumped from tidr second floor windows as fast as the firemen could catch them; the girls displayed admirable courage in jumping, and only one of them Ada Morton, was scrionsly injured, by striking a sign as she fell. Richard Neville was also severely injured, breaking his leg in two places. The fire gutted the ground floor of the premises, but was confined to the building. The stock in the Army and Navy stores was destroyed. The stock was owned by Robert Mackay, for whom W. A. Thompson (formerly of the John Eaton Co., whose premises were burnt four or five years ago, giving rise to a series of law suits between the lank and insurance companies), acted as manager. The tenants on the upper floors were: B. Pollakoff, on the first foor, clething contractor; George R. Mackic, clothing contractor for L.ailey, Watson \& Co., on the second flor; W. R. Johnston \& Co., on the second floor, and Albert Pennylegion, clothing conthactor, on the third floor. The eastern half of the building is owned by the Thompson cstate, but the Bank of Toronto is in fessession as mortgagec. and it is to the bank that the insurance pelicies are payable. The western half of the building is owned by the estate of the late Chief Justice Moss. Chief Thompson gave his estimate of the loss at $\$ 15,000$. All the insurance crmpanies carrying risks on the stock had served notice last month on the policy-holders of their intention to cancel their policies. The fire occurred 24 hours before the expiration of the notice.

## GERMAN WOOL TRADE.

Gustav Ehell \& Co.. the wool merchants of Berlin. send us their annual review of the wool trade of 1900 from a German standpoint. After speaking of the remarkable decline in values last year. they say: The resolution to drop the sixth series of London sales, and to hold the fifth in Octolier only resulted in fostponing the eventual shaping of prices. As such artificial means. as a rule. only tend to create a transient effect, and lead to increased weakness afterwards. so in the present case the prevalent distrust became more aceentuated. With business completely at a standstill, dealers. combers and spincers broke down in France. Germany and Austria. partly due likewise to abortive speculations in the futures markets, and it was enly throuch the intervention of the banks that a general catastronhe was averted.

England had imported but sparingly during the time of the
rise so that when the fith series of London sales opened with a further reduction of 15 per cent, and the Contmental mdastry had esen been compelled to throw wool upon the market in corder to raise money, the lenglish trade began to cover their mat urgent requirements. Its own maded strength, however, did not suttice to absorb the available quatity of 360,000 bales, and large withdrawals became the order of the day. Nothing can characterize better the period mentioned than the circumstance that at the beginang of the new season prices ruled lower in Australia than London parity, quite contrary to the practice bitherto observed. When in following the lead of the cclomes the basis of sales- talues in London gate way again up) to 5 per cent., German and French buyers at last plucked up courage in face of the low level of prices and rapidly diminishing stocks. Ther commenced buying in London, thoing slowly, but cominued to do so more frecly at the November sales in Antwerp. The worst seemed to have been surmomited. Business soon dipplayed greater activity and as an increased demand leads to higher prices, wool and top towads the end of the year were sometimes tramsacted at an advance of more than 10 per cent. as compared with the days of the greatest depression.

Anerica appeared only ocensionally as a buyer during the year under review; as regards the future wool ought also to benefit by the general favorable state of trade there, although it wond appear that on the other side of the ocean eves far more than in the indus, ial countries of Furope the high prices of merinos have led to the employment of coarser material and sulstitutes.

Crossbreds in greater demand than during the previous twelvemonth. have this year accompanied the fall to a less cestent, as they partook to a minor degree of the rise of the year before. Whereas merinos ane fo per cent. cheaper than they were a twelvemouth ago, fite croisbreds have receded only up to 35 per cemt., medium, and coarse up to 25 per cent. A stop is thas put to their more extensive employment by merinos again offering greater advantages, a circumstance which should also make itself felt in regard to cotton and other substitutes, these having maintained an unusually high level of prices.

Taken altogether, the fall in wool has been occasioned through eauses and effects which are to be sought for less in. its statistical position than in consequences of a precipitate rise, so that by their removal the articie ought againe to recover. At any rate, the production of wool has continued to decrease, and as regards the distribution of stocks there is. as against a visible accumulation in first hands, a pereeptible deficiency in second and third hands-a situation the exact opposite of the previnus year! Clothing mulls who have during the best part of the twelvemonth been satisfactorily supplied with orders. have been constantly in the market since the beginning of autumn. On the other hand the worsted yarn industry is still in sufficienty employed. having likewise been greatly weakened fimancially, and at the clese of the year is again existing the often resretted disproportion between prices of top and yarn and their cost of production from the raw wool bought simultanconsly. Mcamwhife the stock of combing varn is visibly diminishing in emsequence of the largely reduced productions of the combing mills, ne result of which will be a certain firmneses in the whoie of thes branch. If then all those concerned will only draw the lesson from the experiences of the last two years that $n \mathrm{n}$ permanent improvement in business can take place by forcing prices or by means of mere speculation, and will allow legitimate requirements to make themselves felt. ernfidence will again take root, stncks which appear low for a mermal state of employment will pass into consumption. and the article from the fact that production and concumption will again dietate prices, will obtain renewed vigor.

The importation of wool into Germany in 1900 showed an obvious falling off as compared with the preceding year. According to statistics more than half of the raw wool imperted passed the fromier between Jammary and March, that is to say that it had been bought in the colonies and at the River Plate at the dearest period, an eloquent commentary upon the cnormons losses German wool importers, dealers and manuacturers have had to bear.

The worsted yarn branch in Germany suffered to a greater extent than cloth manufacturers, the latter having been very satisfactorily employed during the last semester, for a great deal on contracts for the army. The sale of fabrics to the home trade, which had largely provided itself a twelvemonth ago became dull. On the other hand the exportation of woolen yarns and goods amounts approximately to the same figures as in the previous year, a fact all the more pleasant to record under the caisting trying circumstances.

The import of Cape wool into Germany amounted to:

|  | 1900. | 1899. | 1898. | 1897. | 1890 |
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| Bales $\ldots \ldots$. | 80,000 | 155,000 | 137,000 | 118,000 | 129,000 |
|  | 1895. | 189.4 | 1893. | 1892. | 1891. |
| Bales $\ldots \ldots$. | 104,000 | 97,000 | 103,000 | 85,000 | 99000 |

The diminished importation of Cape wool into Germany may be accounted for as well by the general state of trade as by the war in South Africa. The quantity not shipped is estimated to be 70,000 bales, partly held up. country from want of transpat, and partly warehoused at the ports in hope of obtaining better prices later on. The production may be short altogether by about 50,000 bales owing to the war; the quality of the wool, however, has not suffered. Over 30,000 bales of Transvaal and Freestate wools-being comprised in the above named quanti-ties-were shipped via the neutral port of Lorenzo-Marques as consigments to continental firms of which about 4,000 bales were put up for public sale in Hamburg in the month of September finding a ready sale.

Imports into Germany and exports, taken from the Imperial Board of Trade returns, viz.:

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| 1900. | 1899. | 1898. |
| Wool $\}$ grease and flecewashed...1,205,500 $\left.\begin{array}{l}1,612,800 \\ \text { scoured and cleaned. ..... } 115.700 \\ 163,700\end{array}\right\} 1,768,100$ |  |  |
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|  |  |  |
| Shoddy ............. . . . . . . . . . . 114, 200 | 134,600 | 118,800 |
| Tota!. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1,495,400 | 1,911,100 | 1,886,900 |
| Exports- |  |  |
| Wiool ${ }^{\text {grease and fleecewashed... 41,400 }}$ | 53,400 |  |
| \}scoured and cleancd. ..... 37,400 | 37,000 |  |
| Shoddy ........... ............. 143,100 | 151,200 | 149,400 |
| Total . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 221,900 | 241,600 | 238,100 |
| Lxcess of imports over exports. .1,273.500 | 1,669,500 | 1,649,000 |
| German production . . . . . . . . . . . . . 225,000 | 225,000 | 225,000 |
| Left for consumption in the German Empire $\qquad$ | 1,894,500 | 1,874,000 |

## WOOLEN YARN AND WOOLEN goods.

Imports-



The ahove figures represent hundreds of kilograms. A hundred kilos is about 220 lbs .

## THE WOOLEN MILLS AND THE TARIFF.

The following statement has been issued by the woolen manufacturers' section of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, relating to the preferential tariff:

1st.-There is perhaps no manufacturing industry in Canada that has such a wide distribution, and is so common to all the different parts of the country as the woolen manufacturing industry

Almost every town or village has its woolen mill, taking the raw product direct from the farmer and converting it into some form of manufactured article for general usc. Consequently the prosperity of this industry affects directly every class in Canada.

2nd.-The development of this industry in Canada has. however, been attended with the greatest difficulties. A comparison of the following items shows the conditions under which woolen manufacturers in Canada are placed as compared with mills in England.
(a) A woolen mill in Canada will cost from 40 to 50 per cent. more then one of the same capacity will in England. This is caused in part by the duties paid upon machinery (of which little has been imported under the preferential tariff, and hence has paid a duty of 30 to 35 per cent.), and also by the freight and packing expenses, (to per cent. on machinery). The difference in this original outlay is a most important item.
(b) On the raw material, wool, as part of this is imported. a Canadian has to pay the freight. insurance and exchange, placing him at a disadvantage of from $3^{1} / 2$ to 4 per cent., also ant important item.
(c) Fuel is fully 50 per cent. cheaper in England; while owing to the milder climate at least 20 per cent. less is required.
(d) Wages are fully 40 to 60 per cent. higher in Canada than in England, while the difference as compared with Germany is still greater owing to the longer hours of labor in these countries.
(e) In England the average rate of interest is about $3^{1 / 2}$ per cent. as compared with 6 per cent. in Canada. This is a material ifem as it must be calculated as a fixed charge on the plant as well as on the working capital.
(f) A careful calculation of the differences arising in these points will show that the cost of production of woolen goods in Canada is of necessity from 30 to 33 per cent. higher than with British mills.

3rd.-British manufacturers continue to make large quantities of woolen goods for the United States, but on account of the high duty that has been in force since 1896 ( 100 to 200 per cent.) they can only export those lines that are in the height of fashion. When any line becomes unsaleable in that market through change of style. it is sold at a sacrifice to Canadian dealers, this country being the only one suitable for such goods.

In addition to this, meny lines manufactured as above are retained in bond by United States merchants in New York, and if found unsalcoble in the United States are sold into Canada in bord at a sacrifice, and then only pay duty according to the
invoice price, and so not proportionate to their value. This nay not be according to law, but it is the actual condition.

4th.-The enormons reduction in ocean ireight rates and the rag id delivery of goods make it now possible for goods to be laid down from Liverpool in car trade centres at greatly reduced prices, and the increased cable facilities affording a despateh that was formerly impossible, has eliminated a great portion of the former protection which acerued to Camadian manufacturers.
sth-finother condition that the Canadian manufacturer has to face is the practice, which has now become common with many English manufacturers, of filling with chemicals woolen goods, with the object of giving them false weight and firm fecl.

Reference bo the Ieading textile journals of Great Britain and the United States indicates to what extent this practice has oltained among English manufacturers.

6th.-Further, there is good ground for belief that a large qיantity of woolen goods made in Germany, Belgitum and France, are being sent through English channels and receiving the besefit of the preferential tariff and competing most seriously with Canadian goods.
gth-These conditions make it imperative that woolen mantsfacturers must have a net protection of at least 30 per cent. to enable them to enmpete with forcign mills. Since the recluction of the duty by the preference given to Great Britain, the imperta have increased at an alarming rate so that for $\$ 100$ of wrolen goods imported in 1807 there were $\$ 1.41 .90$ imported in the fiseal vear ending June 30th. 1000. and $\$ 5.50$ in the three months of July. August and Scptember of 1900, which at the same rate for the whole of the present fiscal year would mean all importation of $\$ 206$. This was for three months following July rat when the increase in the preferential to $33^{\frac{1}{1} / 1}$ ner cent. came into force. Details of this are shown in Table III.

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## DAVID GESSNER'S "NEW CENTURY PRESS."

## an interesting tald on cloth presses.

Twenty-two years ago the writer began to introduce into the United States his father's, Ernest Gessner's, double bed retary press. It was the first original double-bed machine ever scen or used here. To-day hunilreds of these sid style Gessner machines are still running su cessfully in this country and Canada, giving good satisfaction. Had it not been the welldesigned machine it was from the beginning, its popularity would not have endured after the incoming, later on, of other n.akers of rotary presses, who copied the double-bed system. but fail 1 to produce anything better.

Good machine though the old-style Gessner press was, it contained certain fanlts. Chief among these was the impossibility of breaking contact between cylinder and bed plates when the pressure was removed. the bed plates still lying up against the cylinder even after a releasing of the pressure fiad been effected, thereby causing press marks whenever the machine had to be stopped.

It likewise was impossibie to take out the bed plate lining or jacket, or to insest a new one, without fiemer ering the
machine to a considerable extent. A dismantling of it was required also when the cylinder needed to be taken out. These oserations had to be followed every time by a readjusianent of the pressure at the sides because, in dismantling the machine, the nuts which screw on to the ends of the coiled steel springs on top of the uprights of the old style Gessner press, had to be invariably removed, as hat the springs themselves. Consequently after the machine was pilt together again. and the springs and these nuts were replaced and cloth was introduced. the press had to be regularly evened un again at the sides by a readjustment of the nuts at both ends, which involved more or less tinkering.
mony. The former coiled steel springs on top of the uprights have been superseded in the now machune by powerful pressure arms, hanmered hard and straigit out of a hugh-grade steel, and having simply a downward bend or horte at the front. When removing the detachable pins wheh unte thene pressure arms with the screw connections on top of the rear uprights, the serew comections reman mudinturbed, and the pressiare atms can be turned uperard and aside and out of the way of the sylinder when lifting the salle from between the bed plates. which are mounted, as formerly. in the uproghts. Connecting links pivoted inside the upriglts, and slackled to awivel heads revolubly mounted inside the main frames a little below the


Fig. 1.-Undik Paessure.

Another difficulty met with when pressing goods requiring a very hard pressing, was the too easy yielding of these coiled steel springs, so that it became necessary sometimes to replace them by straight bars, which, on the other hand, proved too ligid. All these objections have been completely removed in the machine illustrated to-day. Here a few turns of the hand wheel suffice to instantly throw off the bed plates for several inches from the cylinder, thus not only breaking contact whenever the pressure is removed, but giving a sweeping view of the pressing surfaces, and allowing ample room for taking out or inserting at any time a pair of jackets without any further cere-
cylinder bearings, permit - tilting backward of the uprights. - The length of these connecting links is so proportioned that when the uprights tilt back their full limit the uprights are held far enough apart by these connections to create ample room between the beds for the upward removal of the cylinder between them. No bracing up of the uprights is, therefore, required during this procedure or danger connected with ft , as is the case in the old style Gessner presses. The only one thing necessary for the removal of the cylinder is a disconnection of the unions of its steam piping, and a removal of the caps that hold down its bearings. The horns of the pressure
arms where they are proted to the toggles of the power shat upon the from uprights, render them yelding to a certan extent; however, they are plenty stiff enough to make the lughest pressure ever demanded of the mathine at all times an absolutely ponitive one.

To mone the toseses tha are keyed to the power shaft from the position hown in Fig. i. for prensure, imto that hown in Fig. 2, for no pressure, or vice verna, only a few turns of the berge hand whed are regured, which is connected! with the onggle haft by compmond, kearing. so proportooned that no
are shachled to the straight ends of the pressure arms by detachable pans, can be lenghened or shortened at will by turning a lithe hand whed at the end of the worm shat which engager with worm wheds serewed to thene connections. Thens, the: degree of presure exerted by the preature arms may be increased or deereaced ad bibitum. Turning the barge hand whe at the fromt uprights causes the togele shat on top of it to revolve until its toggles conneting with the horm of the preante arms are carred a trate over the centre, has locking the beds firmly akamat the cyhuder as shown in Fig. 1. Or.


Fig. 2.- Pressire lievoved. -
effort is requiral to effect cither the prompt puting on or irstanmaneons saking off of the pressure. The throwing open of the pressing suriaces in this mamer never in any wise interferes with the steam connechoms of the bed phater. These connections are made of patent ficxible metallic tuhing, coming and going casily with every movement of the uprights. and never causing troubl by leaking.

All inlets and outets of the stean connections for the bed plates and cylinder heing confined to ome end. they are casily gotten at all times without conflicting in anywise with other parts of the machine when applying wrenel oir pine tongs.

The serew ennnectinas on inp ai the rear uprights, which
if this same land wheel be turned the other way (sec lig. 2), the toggle shaft reverses umtil the toggles assume the reverse position. which causes the uprights and heds to fall away irom the cylinder.

This falling away of the uprights when the pressure is remoted canses the same ope: space letween the front bed and the cylinder as between the rear bed. because the lengith of the cennecting links between the uprights and the swivel heads inside the main frame is the same at both uprights. so that a mashing away of one is accompanied by an equal pushing away of the other upright at the same time. Hence, the beds always move simatancously and alike. Turning the small hand
wheel upon the end of the main slaft at the rear upright to one side or the other, shortens or lengthens, as already stated, the screw connection of the pressure arms, hence increases or decreases the pressurc. As this worm shat, however, consists of two separate valves that ane connected only by a sliding coupling, or clutch, a separation of this clutch permits, therefore, an independent turning of the worm at either end of the machine whereby the screw connection of each rear upright can each be lengthened or shortened indenendently of the other, while the screw connections can be moved in unison when the two halves of the worm shaft are locked together by the clutch.

This saves not only the bother of hunting up a wrench every time an adjustment of the pressure at the sides is deemed advisable, but it enables the operator to make a much niecr and more accurate adjustment, for by simply counting the number of the turns of the worm that he may elect to make (which means one tooth of the worm wheel to every turn of the worm), he knows precisely what he is doing.

A dial with numbers, facing both toward the front and the rear of tae machine, records the changes made in the pressure by the operator. The beds of this machine are steam ground. that is to say, after planing, steam is placed inside of them of the same pressure as used subsequently in pressing at the mili, and while thus heated. all uneven swelling of the iron is cut out, uritil the pressing surfaces become absolutely truc. The same thing is done with the eylinder.

Thus, and thas only, periectly correct pressing surfaces can be had in any rotary press, and such could not be claimed for the old style Gessner press any more than for other machines following torday in its wake. Should, in time, the middle of the beds become sprung by excessive trussing at the back, my patent double acting truss screws permit a pulling back of the centre as readily as they allow its pushing forward. which is another feature lacking in other machines of this kind. old or new.

The brushes of this machine can be turned erd over end in their bearings to prevent one-sided wear of the bristles, and both of them can be reversed also as regards the direction of their speed, that is to say. the face or back of the goods can be brushed in either direction. The belt which drives them is selfadjustable. kecping always uniformly tight.

The height of the new machine has heen reduced somewhat when compared with tie old style Gessner press, but it is much more powerfully gearede and buitt heavier throughout. All pe:rs are cut from solid blanks, the pinions being cut from far stecl. The bearings are bushed with phosphor bronze, including the cylinder hearings, and all bushings are standard size. and made interchangeable. The cylinder bearings are self-oiling. and will require no attention for weeks at a time. No other press on the market is any better appointed in this respect. It ir.sures sound cylinder bearings for many years to come, and prevents all cutting and grinding of the cylinder journals. All other parts, including even the frames, are made interehangeable also, and provided with numbers, so that, in ordering duplicate pats. no lengthy explanations are required. and confusion is avoided. white the workmanship is such that a pericet fit is gurantecd, all of which makes this mathine the most desirable kind of press for mills located at a great distance. It is the c:port machine "par excellence."

No other rotary press was ever made simpler throughout, filled up more carcfully, or put tozether more nicely and accurately than this new improved machine, which I have styicd my "Century press." It will be shipped to any reputable manufacturer who may wish. before purchasing a press. to tr: "The Century" alongside any other make rotary press in the market.
in order to let him determine for himself which is the best 14 nchine.

David Gessmer.
Worcester, Mass. Febrtary 1, 1901.

## THE NEWSPAPER PRESS ON THE SITUATION.

The Canadian woolen industry is a fearful sufferer because oi the tariff preference. Lider the prevots conditions our woolen mansafacturers iound their mdustry fairly well proterted. They were obtaining a reasomable return upon their investments, they were giving occupation to large numbers of cmployess, they were paying good wages to labor, they were surplying consumers with iabrics than which there was none better, and at reasonable prices, and their mills required all the wool Canadian farmers could produce. But the tariff preferense has spoiled all that, and the woolen manufacturers are facing the fact that unless something is done to avert the calamity, they will have to go out of business. Under a thirty per cent. tariff their industry was iniriy prosperons, and if it is to again enjoy that prosperity, either the tariff preference as affecting woolen goods must go, or, if the preference is to be maintained, the duty must 1 e increased to say forty-five per cent.-Canadian Manufacturer.

The report throws a good deal of light upon the question of the feasibility of a mutual preferential arrangement between Great Britain and the cclonies, which in a sort of formal way the association approved. Here are men who clearly think that a reduction of one-third on the general tariff is quite enough, and ought to be safe-guarded in various ways. What hould they say to the removal of the entire duty, without which the question of a reciprocal preference wrould not even be considered? It is in main to say that free trade is not essential to such an arrangement, but that by some commercial miracle a plan could be conceived which would please everyhody. When a public man in Great Britain says that the free importation oi British goods into Canada would be an essential part of any plan of mutual preferential trade he is aot merely irsisting on a theory. Ife means that there must be an assurance that Pritish goods wiil be imported into Canada in far larger quantities than at present: and this, again. means the displacement. not only of American. bat of Canadian grods. The ittontion of a mutual preference is to cubstitutc. in a certain c.atent. colonial or Imperim trate ior forcign trade. It is useless to enter upon the concideration of the subiect with a haty notion that we can keep a cortain trade for the Canadian manuficturer, and hand over the same trade to the British manufac-turer.-Toronto Glole.

It is not too mach to say that, as a party, the Liberals, from the days of Baldwin and Fincks, had always leaned to free trade. Under the circumstances in which manufacturers existed in 1896. the Government apparently believed, and acted accordingly, that to reverse the whole policy of protection, at a single stroke. would give rise to great 'oss among the protected class. and that some indulsence to them was in order under the peculiar circumstances. But in according that indulpence, they armed themselves with a check which a preference in favor of British, as axainst inrcign grods, afforded. Last session this policy was emphasized by an addition to the amount of the prefercuce. Now one class of manufacturers is inclined to seck the modification of that policy in their own favor. Such is the attitude of two parties comprising one section of the manufacturers enjoying protection in the admitted cevent of 17 per cent., and the men in whose hands the full pelitical power of the country has been committed. The majority at the back of the Government renders them absolutely supreme; the Opposition not laving the least prospect of being
able to overcome that supremacy. We prefer to let the facts sycak for themselves, without offermg any opmon as to how the appeal of the woolen manofacturers will be met. It may be taken for gramed that if the wooken men could sueceed their course would be followed by many other interesteMonetary Times.

Mutual preferential trade within the limpire has not yet been adopted, and until it is adopted our polfer mons be based on conditions as we find them The question to be setted at the present moment is whether the mills for manainaturing the weolen goods used by Camadians should be located in Camada or Great Britan. We say without hesitation they houht be located in Canada. A wooien mill in Canada ought to be inn as valuable an Imperial asset as a wooken mill located in Iancashire. From an Imperial point of vew Camada has just an much right to look after its interests as hav Great britain the reght to look after its imterests. Until Great Britain is ready to adopt inter-Imperial preferential trade we are not called upon to consider whether that principle would be ineonsistem with the principle of protection io Camadian industries or not. The Canadian woolen manufacturers are asking for an increase of duty under existing conditions, not under conditions which do not exist.-Toronto World.

The Ottawa Free Press says it is the general impression d:at the Government is not going in for any revision oi customs tariff this session. Letters are pouring in, however, from a varicty of interests calling for more favorable tariff consideration.

Sells Commercial Intelligence calls attention to the means resorted to in Germany to enter the manuinctures of that country as those of Great Britain in order to secure the benefits afiorded under the Canadian British preferential tariff. Accordto The Frankfurter Zeitung, a large mamber of German goods are sent to this country to be made up as British goods. and then despatched to Canada to take adrantage of the preferential tariff. If this be true it is ligh time that the Canadian customs took special precautions to guard themselves against an impudent imposition. According to our contemporary a case in point was recently brought of light: Some German dress material had been made ap as British in Englind. and duly foand its way to Canala as British made. and discovery of the fraud oceurred only because the British interinctiary had not done his work thoroughly, and allowed some old German newspapers to remain between the indes ni the material. Di course as we all know, contom houses are like acts of Parliament in one renpect. viz.. people som find how to drive coaches and four through them. hat it is marticularly hard on Canada if much of this kind oi thing occurs.-The Shareholder, Miontreal.

## TORONTO ROARD OE TRADE AND THE PREFERENTIAL TARIFF.

The president of the Torontn Roard of Trade in his ammal address thus referred to the operations of the preferential toriff: This country, however. in the mater of Germany, is able in ictaliate by shutting out German products. German goods erme into this country on equal terms with those of any forcign countre. Our total imports from Germany lact year ammented to $\$ .382 .000$ : nur exports only totalled $\$ 2.220 .000$. of which \$1.120.000 represented the value of fondetuffe iwn-thirds of which ennsisted of Indian corn from the I'nited States, which merely passed through Carada in transit. At one time we exported catte to Gcrmany, but we are not able to do so now under the tariff. It would seem that we have the mateer in our own hands. and as our imports from Germany are so large in comparison with our exports to that enuntry, we should be able, even withont reference to the Imperial authorities, to stop
this discrimination. No matoon having any respect for itself would continue to submit to such an injustice, without in some fractical way showing its deapproval. I vemure to thimk that if Germany discriminated in her tariff against the United States in like manner, that it would not contmue for a longer perod than the time it wonld take for the Unted States Government to pass a retaliatory law. Under the United States tariff ncarly double the rate of duty is exacted on importations from Germany, than those which are levied by Camada; morcover our mports from Germany are steadily increasing, yet the products of the C'inted States have fair treatment by Germany, and we are diseriminated against, doubters on account of the recognized easy going methods of the British people. in rewpet to trade matters when dealing with foreign countrice

## WM. PARKS AND SONS COTTON MILLS.

At a mecting of the sockhoblers wi the New Brunswick Cotton Mill: (W'm. Parks \& Sol. I.td.). hehi in St. John. January 3at. the directors submitted a report slawing the conditicns of the liabilities and asect: to be as follows:
h.IBBIDITIES.

Mertgage and interest ...................................... $\$ 138,000$ Bills payable and open account. partly secured by stock
of cotton in process and supplies, ctc. . .......... . . 75.000
J'axes and water assessment ......................... . . . . . . 2,000
\$215,000
sssers.
L.nd. building and marhinery in mill of the company $\$ 609,726$ Sicek in process and suppliss...... ................... to,000
$\$ 6,8.726$
The directors' report. as giten the St. John Telegraph. atributed the cause of the present differilly to the fact that the company cond not secure its supply of colton in the summer of 1800 . when material was at a low price. If a sufficiem suf ply had been oltained as it was decided indicious to do at the time the mills' profits in the last is months would have been $\$ 100,000$ more than they were. and the financial postion woufd have been good. In consequence of the failure 10 get a supply the mills had to pay from $2^{1 \frac{1}{2}}$ cents to 5 cents a pound on the "aterial and compete with other companies who purchased on the opportuace oceasion and made latge profits.

The morigage was placed in Jamiary. son3. for $\$ 200.000$ at seven per cent., with a bomas of \$id.j64.70. Daring the first year $\$ 40.000$ was paid off. and $\$ 30.00$ in each of the sucecedine years, cutting the loan to $\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{t}, 30 \mathrm{~mm} \text {. The money ralized by the }}$ inorteage did not enable the onmpany to pay off all its indebter. ness, and left a deficiency of working capital. Owing to Mesers. Jores and Turnbull commencing foreclocure procecdings to have the mortgage paid off, the Rank of New Bruncwiek declined in adeance further funds to operate the factories.

The directors added that the business was in a healthy state so far as qualine of gonds and iransactions with customers were ennecrned. Customers were satisfied and bought freely. The sales during the first half ni last year were $\$ 50.000$ higher than in previous perint: of the same duration. No losees were incurred by bad dehts it the last year. In order to have something definite to place before the mesting the dircetors obtained frem Jones and Turnbull an option upon their mortgage, providing for the aceeptance of a new one of simomos on the property for five years. A committee was appninterl in eonsider ways and means to raise moncy on pay off tion liahilitice. Adjournmect: was then marie until the anmual mecting. which will br held February 19. Meanwhile the mills are still closed.

Since writing the above a despatch has been received by The Mail and Empire, stating that the committee reported at the anmal meeting just held that it was fuund impossible to raise the necessary cash to pay of the liabilities. The mecting adjourned ior two weeks' further consideration.

## BINDER TWINE BOOM.

The big dividend declared latst year by the Farmers' Binder Twine Co., of Brantord, has generated a regular craze for new binder twine factories. . Th the meeting held the other day to organize the binder twine factory at Chatham, Ont., mentioned elsewhere, one of the promoters gave the following glowing pieture of the trade: "This company is being formed for the purpose of securing a share in the highly remunerative trade in binder twine. It is a well hown fact that enormous profits have been made by existing companies in this business, and the demand is steadily increasing. Folly sixty per cent. of the birder twine used in Canada is imported from the U'nited States, the product of one of the strongest combines in existence. Now, there is no reason why Canadian farmers should import over half their binder twine and send huge protits across the line to fatten a combine, when they can share in the profts by becoming stochholders in a factory owned and controlled by themselves. That the American combines do not adversely affict profits of Canadian fizetorics is proven by the fact that the Farmers' Binder Twine Co., of Brantord, in 1808 , paid a 60 fer cent dividend: in 1800 . 100 per cemt. dividend, and in 1900 , a dividend of 90 per cent This proves also the increasing demand for binder twine. and the corresponding profits. It is believed there is more binder twine used in the counties of Kient, Lambton and Essex than any similar area in Canada, and it is only reasonable to expect that an immediate market can be found at our doors for the output of the factory."

The chairman then introduced Mr. Henderson, another oi the promoters of the company. Alr. Henderson said, "that should a binder wine factory be established here, the counties of Essex, Kent and Lambton would easily use the entire product of a threcton plamt. The Brantord inctory had declared an annual dividend of to per cemt. for the dirst five years it had been established. In 1808 it had paid 60 per cent.; in 1899 , 100 pet cent., and in 1000,00 per cent. If it were possible to get the farmers to take loold, there would be no difficulty in establishing a binder twine factory in Chathom. Then the men who owned the factory were the men who used the twine, and every stockholder would be an adiertising agent ior the factory:"

This reminds one iorcibly of the boom times in the cotton n-anuacturing trade. The dividends carned by some of the cetton mills between $1 \mathrm{SO}_{3} \mathrm{~S}$ and 1 ISSo led a great many people having spare cash to invest it in new mills, and in three or four more years the manufacturng capacity of the Camadian cotion mills was doubled. A trade depression then occurred, and bankruptey stared mors than hali of them in the face. Their only way out of the "hole" was the amalganation of these mills into two strong corporations, who were able to carry them by reducing the cost of manasement and operation, and by diversifying the products of a number of the mills at a considerable further nuthay for new machinery. Fien then it took ten years of steady effort, and clase econony liefore the cotton mills were again on their feet. We don't suppose, however. that this reminise nee will make muel impression on the farmer manufacturers of binder twine, who have such confidence in their ability as advertising agents.

Roht. Dunlop, for some time loom fixer in Thoburn's woolen mills, Icft Tuesday night for West Superior, where he has secured a similar position.-Almonte Gazelte.

## THE SILK INDUSTRY.

In a recent lecture on this subject in London, A. E. Garrett, IF.R.G.S., said that England might still be considered to be the first manufacturing country in cottons and woolens, but England was nowhere so far as silk was concerned. He woufd show by fugures that the great proportion of silk goods which were used in England was imported from France. Of course, it was not alwass like that. There was another pomt in whin the manufacture of silk goods differed entirely from the two prewous manufactures he had dealt with. As his andence knew, woolen and cotton fibers were very short, and they had to undergo a process of spinuing to form the yarn.

Now silk was a contmuous fiber, and ordinary stik, that was the fine kind of silk from the cocoons, had to undergo a totally different process from spiming. There was, he, knew, spun silk. but that was only from the waste or short lengths of silk. Continuing, Mr. Garrett said that silk was obtained from that remarkable envelope which many kinds of caterpillars weaved round themselves preparatory to the change from the caterpillar into the chrysalis state. That envelope, which was more especially obtained from domesticated worms, was termed the cocoon. The Bombsx mori, or mulberry worm, was the most important, and was the only domesticated species. It dated back, among the Chinese, some 2,000 or 3,000 years B.C. The great bulk of the silk of commerce came from the cocoons of the Bombyx mori. Mr. Garrett procecded to detail the conditions necessary for :"cressful .ilk culure, and gave a highly interesting account oi the ess, worm, cocoon, and moth stages. He said that doo lbs. of cocoun yiched about 9 lbs. of raw silk.

The total production of silk irom the silkworm in China was estimated to be more than wice as mueh as that of all the countrics in Furope, and of that quantity more than two-thirds was for export purposes. There was a large amount of silk also ottained in China-roughly, about a quarter of the whole pro-duction-from varions other moths. and from the wild silkworm. About one-eleventh of the total export of silk from China was classed under the head of wild and coarse silk. During the last year or two there had been some very alarming statements made ecspecting the production and recling of silk in China. The Commissioner of Customs for Shanghai made some statements in his report on the trade oi that port during 1898 , in which he called attention to three things in respect to the silkworm rearing industry: (1) The inferiority of the cocoons in China for that year; (2) the spread oi disease amongst the worms; and (3) the general lowering oi the vitality of the produce. Ten years ago, when the guestion of Chinese silk culture was taken up, many of the sill-growing districts were frec from disense, but in consequence of the neglect of the warning then git: in, the disease had so extended that it was now stated there was not a single district in China where silk culure was carricd on quite free frem the disease. The commissioner at that time stated that the Chinese should be taught how to select the healthy eggs. Two of the viceroys were now establishing proper farms for the culture of the silkworm, and were introducing experts in order to train the Chinese in the selection of healthy eggs. Japan supplied from onc-third to a half as much raw silk as China did. In India the mulberry was chiefly cultivated in Bengal, but it had not obtained such importance as in China or Japan. Much silk in India was obtained from wild moths, winich were found chicfly in Assam. we Central Provinces, and in the western part of Bengal. The silk produced by those wild worms was gencrilly all included in the name of Tussar. The true Tussar ficce goods were those Chinese goods which were made in the provinces of Sasechwan and Shantung.

Italy furnisited threc-quarecrs of the total of the raw silk produced in Europe, the chicf silk rearing regions of that coun-
try being the great plain lying to the north, where the majority of the trees were mullerry. In France the industry was chiefly carried on in the southern part, in the valley of the Rhone. France, however, had sutiered very much from the disease of the silkworms since 1856 to $18 j 6$. In the latter year M. Pasteur was arpointed to enquire into the matter, and he discovered that, by the aid of a microscope, the moths that laid the healthy eggy could easily be pieked out. A year or two ago some silkworms were imported into Bulgaria. The results of last year's experiments were now published, and seemed to be of a very satisfactory nature. Bulgarin. Which had a suitable climate, might therefore, in the near future, be looked upon as a silk-producing country.

The silk fiber being continuous, there was no need to spin it, but the trte silk yarn was made by a process called throw$\mathrm{a} \cdot \mathrm{g}$, which consisted in giving the fibers a slight twist so as to enable them to bind better with each other. The special fabrics made from silk included satins and velvets.

In reeling or throwing of the silk, Italy stood first among Luropean countries, Lyons since 1808 beinir beaten. In 1898 Milan produced recled and thrown sith to the extent of 16,643 40 lbs ; Lyons produced $14.247,500 \mathrm{llbs}$. The Lyons dealers attributed that change to the new means of transportation, and to the French daty on raw silk Years ago, before the balance of the trade began to be turned to the side of Milan, the great bulk of transportation from the East was in the hands of the English and the French, which made Marseilles the principal stopping point in the Mediterrancan. The German line, which now did a great deal of business between the Peninsula and the East, made Genoa its principal stopping place in the Mediterranean, and as a consequence the large guantity of raw silk from the Eas was brought to Milan, where it was thrown; then, by means of the Gotha Tumuel, it was sent to Switzerland, Germany and other places.

About in, 0 J bales of raw silk were annually landed at Genoa, which were formerly put down at Marseilles. France, which manufactured more silk goods than any other country it. Europe, produced about three times as much as Germany. which stood next in importance. The centre of the industry in France was Lyons. At that place there was now a school for teaching the manufacture of silk, and young men came there from all commries to learn to make the silk goods. All kinds of silks, velvets. plain and figured goods were made by the learners under the superintendence of skilled workmen with the most improved machinery: The cost of education was £ 33 per yoar for Frenchmen, and $£_{j 0}$ for foreigners. In the municipal school at $I_{\text {-jons any }}$ bog, 15 years of age, with residential qualifiation, cond learn the practice and theory of silk weaving. oseigning and making paticras for 7s. 6d. The course of study in that instance cxtended over ten months. The night course, for those employed during the day, extended over three yeare. Each learner was required to keep a carefully written diary of lis work, with abstracts of lectures, etc.

The output of Lyons in ISO4 was to the value of $379,000.000$ francs; in 189S, $415,000,000$ francs; in $1899,451,000,000$ francs. The increase had been very slow indeed up to 1808 , as it must be remembered that in that gear there was a great increase in the price of raw silk. The proportion of raw silk raised in France had been steadily diminishing since 1871 , when it was 37 per cent. of the world's output, to 1899 , when it was only 9 pr cent.

The pereentage received in the Lyons Conditioning House frem different producing countries in i 899 was as follows:

P:edmont ....................... 1.74 per cent.
Italy (cxcluding Picdmont) ..... S. 72 per cent.
Bengal

1. 7 per cerrt.
 -The total receipts for 1899 reached $£ 16,512,712$.

There were several reasons for believing that France would always possess a large silk industry, and that it would centre in Lyons, for no matter how the progress of invention might lower the cost of production, the French peasantry could always make silk economically, and the industry would be able to compete with steam. They had the advantage over other nations in the creation of artistic designs, a fine design costing from 50 per cent. to 75 per cent. less in France than in any other country. About the begiming of the present century the industry in Lyons received a great stimulus by the introducticn of the Jacquard loom ior the weaving of figured patterns. Silks of inferior quality had been more sought after, and Germany and Switzerland speedily adapted themselves to meet the wants of that case. The French industry at first suffered in competition, but it was now adapting tself for the new trade.

Sixty years ago our importation of raw and thrown silks amounted to +.000 lbs . At that time $180,000 \mathrm{men}$, women and children were employed in the trade at an average wage of 8 s . a week. The sale of goods produced in England amounted to £ $10,500,000$; the importation of silk goods in volume were al:out $3,00,000$ lbs. The export of manufactured goods was $\mathfrak{£} 963,000$, and the revenue obtained in taxes on silk was $£ 250$,wo. With a population of $25,00,000$, the average silk consumption per head was 8 s . $6 d$. In 1898 we imported $£ 20,000,000$, from France and other countries of manufactured goods, duty frce, and of the raw material we imported less than $£ 1,000,000$ warth. In 1898 we imported forcign goods to the value of 10s. 6 d . per head, and the value of British goods was only is. 6 d . pet head, so that during the past sixty years the industry had dwindled away-a state of affairs due to (i) not being able to produce raw material; (2) the opening of the Sucz Canal, since which England had been less and less a market for Eastern goods; and (3) in 1860, the abolition of duty on imported silk goods. There was a superiority in Continental manufactures, esfecially in dycing and finishing silk goods, and the process known as weighting. Pure silk was rapable of absorbing a surprising amount of salts of iron a:d tin, while still retaning a silky appearance. The spinning of waste silk had been growing in England, chicfly in the counties of Lancashire and lorkshire.

## PIEA FOR PROTECTION TO CARPET INDUSTRY.

## Second Artictae ay Scrutator.

Before touching on the cost of yarn, which is the raw material of a carpet, it may be well to compare the cost of building, cost of machinery: labor, mill expenses, rate of interest, and advantages in $f$ eight rates, etc., Great Britain has, with the:c in Canada. This will show in a clear way the relations or rather values of the two countries in a manufacturing sense:
In Canada cost of building in excess of G.B................ $60 \%$
In Canada cost of plant and machinery in excess of G.B. $.40 \%$
In Canada rate of interest in excess of G. B............... $21 / 2 \%$
In Canada cost of freight in excess of G. B................. $5 \%$
In Canada cost of fucl in excess of G. B...................... $80 \%$
In Canada cost of labor proportion in excess of G.B.....15\%
In Canada cost of mill running in excess of G. B.......... $4 \%$
It gives an insight to the problem of suitability of manuracture to a country. The same inequalitics existed fifty yean ago in the United States when carpet manufacturing was com-
menced in Philadelphia and other centres. Is to the necersity of bringing certain inlluences on bear to make a uecess commercially of what may not be naturally so intended, it may be bermitted to point to the brie Canal and the consideration now being given to make Montreal a seaport.

If then the whole mation admits that it is advisable the people should bear a very heavy tax that vessels belonging to other comeries shall have a safe chamel to an unnatural port. and which do not employ Canadian labor, it is a strong reason why an industry which does employ both Canadian capital and labor should be protected by kecping out of this coumtry mamafuctures which can be mad: in this country, and in which the irternal competition will suarantee the consumer the lowest price. lt is no argument that becanse the Canadian mantfacturer can sell as cheaply as the foreign mannacturer that that is a reason why the duty shand be remowed. No; it is becanse he can run his whole plant that he can do so, having the entire market. Nor, if a manufacturer exports and sells in a foreign anarket at less price than in his own country is it a reason why he should be compelled to surrender part of the market in his awn country to the foreigner.

Many reasous can be offered in evidence of this, and one as an example will suffice as an explanation. Take the wholesale trade to whom the Canadian manuacturer expects to use the bulk of the mills output. Here in Canada the mannfacturer has to buy sample trunks, pay baggage excess, salesinan's wages, and his travelling evpenses to show the samples at the warehonse. whereas the buyer goes from Canada to the mills in Europe at the expense of his firm, and thus sases the manufacturer 3 to $3 \%$ at least.

To surrender to an argument that under such circumstances Canadians should give up all idea of manufacturing would be an admission that the world has not progressed through the most difficult and trying obstacles. The foregoing clearly indicates that to foster mamuacturing in Camada is a duty of those who have been elected to wateh the best interests of the country, and consider the conditions existing in comparison with the countries from which the competition to our industry comes.

The carpet industry is one of those industries, which have been established in this country for years, and in which large capital is invested, and many people employed. It has a very ufhill battle for an existence, for many reasons, not the least being the prejudice (which happily is growing less by the merit of Canadian manufacturers), oi Canadian people for articles of Canadian mamiacture. Another reason is the difficulty of procuring proper yarns and help. In other countrics there are schools to teach the process of textile manuiacture and of dyeing methods. Difficulties are not placed in the way of procuring new designs, which from the point of art should be given a great latitude. To emphasize the argument for an increase in duty on carpets or a reduction of the tariff on yarns, there is here submitted a comparative statement of two irstances; one the Canadian manufacturer, who imports the yarn to make the earpet. and the imported yarn in the carpet made in Great Britain. A roll of 100 yards of all-wool ingrain carpet fimished, weighing :30 llos:

In Canada-

Duty, $30 \%$................................................... $\$ 302$

no lbs. wool yarn, i2c............................................ i4 28
Duty, $30 \%$. ................... .............................. ${ }^{\$} 52$
Preference, $33^{7 / 3 \%}$....................................... 2 S $_{4}$
155 lbs. frcight, 1 /4c............................................. I 94
\$34 00
Imported-
36 lbs. $2 / 44 \mathrm{~s}$. worsted, 28 c .....  $\$ 1008$
D:ty, $35 \%$ ..... \$3 52
Preference, $33^{12} \% \%$ ..... 17
235
IIG lbs. wool yatn, 12 c ..... 1428Duty, 35\%
499
Preference $33^{1: i c \%}$ ..... 66
130 lbs.. 2e ..... 333 ..... 260
$\$ 3264$

Consistency demands that no reduction should be asked for on yarns. The Camadian spinner is entitled to the protection of his industry, as well as any other manufacturer, but the foregoing evidence clearly shows that the difference in the protection is $16 \%$ in favor of the yarn manufacturer. The percentage of labor in the production of yarn of course varies with the grade of yarn made, but as it is the carpet trade that is being disct:sed the reference is made to yarns for this industry, and as the example is being given on an ingrain carpet, then ingrain carpet yarn is understood.

The cost of labor on, this yarn is about $3 \%$. The cost of labot on the earpet is about $30 \%$. The class of labor-with the eaception of a few ioremen-on the yarn is mostly small boys and girls: on the carpet not $5 \%$ is unskilled labor.

The decluction from the foregoing arguments then are two-fold. That the crepet industry requires an advantage of at loast $35 \%$ before it is on a level to compete with the foreigner, and should have at least to $\%$ protection over that, thus making the duty $45 \%$. The yarn manuacturer has now a net duty of $20 \%$, which in proportion to the labor on his finished product is ample.

## Textile ${ }^{\circ}$ Design

## WOOLEN SUITING.



Complete Weave.
Repeat $16 \times 16$.

Warp-4,200 ends, 16 harness straight draw.
Reed-15×4 $4=70$ inches wide in the loom.
Dress-
1 end black and khaki, 3 i/4 run woolen.
7 ends back, $3^{1 / 4}$ run woolen.
8 ends in repeat.
Filling- 60 picks per inch, arranged thus:
1 pick black and red, $31 / 1$ run woolen.
1 pick dark green, $3^{3 / 4}$ run woolen.
I pick khaki, $3^{1 / 4}$ run woolen.
I pick dark green, $3^{1 / 4}$ run woolen.
I pick khaki, $3^{1 / 4}$ run woolen.
1 pick dark green, $3^{1 / 3}$ run woolen.
I pick khaki. $3^{1 / 4}$ run woolen.
I pick dark green. $3^{3 / 1}$ run woolen.

## - S picks repeat.

Finish-s 6 inches wide.-From The Textile Record, Philadelphia.

## CANADIAN FAILURES IN TEXTILE FABRICS.

The following is R. G Dun \& Co.'s report of the failures in certain branches of the textile trades for 1900, compared with 1809 and 189S:


## SPOTS IN PIECE-DYED GOODS.

Yellowish spots in black-dyed piece-goods can arise from various causes (says a writer in the "Farber Zeitung"). I have known of their being caused by card wire getting into the yarn. The wire became wet in the weaving and falling processes, and the rust frem the wire caused spots on the fiber. The wire itself, however, was shaken out of the cloth in the giggug, and this made it very difficult to discover the cause of the spots. At ancther time small oil spots appeared on the goods, caused no one knew how. Oil dropped on the cloth often contains a small quantity of iron, causiag bad spots in the goods, which cannot be entircly removed, while they easily escape notice in the white goods.

But I wish to speak now of some yellowish green spots that at one time apieared in black pieces, and could not be removed by any known means. Not the slightest trace of them appeared in the goods before dyeing; from this it was assumed that the spots were caused in the dyeing process They were seattered through the cloth, and had the shade of the prepared goods It was imagined that they were caused by resin or gum which had got into the cloth in the course of manufacture, but this seemed improbable. This suspicion, however, was completely verifed. The tartar used in dyeing the goods had been packed in barrels that had previously contained resin, and small particles of this iesin became mixed with the tartar. Not one dyer had ever thought of this cause, although his work was threatened with dangers from all sides. Spots caused in this way are not susceptible to the action of boiling or of the logwood, and preserve the appearance of the undyed cloth. Aiter the discovery of the cause the tartar was first dissolved in cold water and filtered beiore using, which remedied the trouble ecmpletely.

## THE CHROME MORDANTING OF WOOL.

by ceorge if. hurst, in the dyer and calico printer.
(Concluded from last issuc).
Lactic acid, which is offered to the wool dyer in the form of a brownish liquid, containing from 40 to 50 per cent. of the active agent, has of late been used in the mordanting of wool. By using from 2 to 3 per cent. of bichromate of potash, and 3 to

5 per cent. of lactic acid, one can get an equally good and level, but somewhat strong and less green; mordanting of the wool as with the same quantity of bichromate of potash and using tartar or argols. It is a considerable improvement to use a little sulphuric acid in combination with: the lactic acid. Thus for dark shades there can be used 2 per cent. bichromate ot potash, 3 per cent. lactic acid, and i per cent. sulphuric acid.

The goods are entered into this bath at about $90^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$., the temperature is slowly raised to the boil, and the working continued for half an hour, then an examination of the goods is made; if they have not acquired a green color $1 / 4$ per cent. more sulphuric acid may be added and the mordanting contimued at the boil for a quarter to half an hour longer. The werking of this mordant is rather quicker than with bichromate and tartar, therefore it is desirable to start at a low heat, not to add too much sulphuric acid, and to raise slowly to the boil, otherwise the mordanting may come up uneven.

It has been reconmended to add a per cent. of ammonmm sulphate instead of the sulphuric acid at the start. The use of this salt retards the mordanting effect of the lactic acid, and so icrds to lead to greater levelness of dyemg. Towards the end of the operation $1 / 2$ per cent. of sulphuric acid may be added to complete the exhaustion of the bath. Certainly it may be said of lactic acid, it is one of the best of the chrome-mordanting asents.

Under the name of lactolin, the acid lactate of potassium is offered to wool dyers in the form of a liquid containing 50 per cent. of the substance. This may be used with or without sulphuric acid. The proportions are the same as for lactic acid, and the advantage of lactolin over the latter body is said to be that it produces more level shades, as its action on the bichromate is slower. When lactolin is used alone the mordanting bath is not completely exhausted of chrome, it may be ictained, and for each succeeding lot of wool about four-fifths of the orginal quantuties can be taken. If from $1 / 2$ to 1 per cent. of sulphuric acid is added to the bath then the exhaustion is more complete, and the mordanted wool can be dyed in fuller shades.

Messrs. Kalle and Co. have introduced for the mordanting of wool a liqued product which they have named Lignorosin. This product is obtaned in the treatment of wood with sulphite liquors for the manufacture of wood pulp. Its composition 15 not fully known, but it will contain the lignin and resinous constituents of the wool along with a little lime and some alkalı. It poseesses strong reducing powers on chromates, and for that reason it can be used in mordanting of wool. For pale colors it is recommended to use ry/2 per cent. bichromate of potash, 3 per cent. lignorosin, and $1 / 2$ per cent. sulphuric acid; for dark shades, 3 per cent. bichromate of potash, $4^{1 / 2}$ per cent. lignorosin and $I 1 / 2$ per cent. sulphuric acid. The working is carsied on at the boil for $1^{1 / 2}, ~ h o u r s$. The bichromate is fairly well reduced. and the wool takes a light brownish color. This mordanting material may be used with all mordant colors.

Fluoride of chrome has been used for the mordanting of wool, and it has been found very uscful in connection with the dyeing of Alizarine cyanine. When it is used the mordanting bath is made from 4 per cent. of the fluoride and 2 per cent. of oxalic acid. The wool may be entered into the bath at a temperature of $100^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$., the heat slowly raised to the boil, and the work carried on at that heat for $1 \frac{1}{2}$ to 2 hours. It is somewhat expensive. which is a drawback to its use, then it tends to impart a harsh feel to the wool, and. listly, it cannot be worked in copper vessels. Chromium fluoride has found some application in the after-chroming p.ocess of dycing wool with such dyes as Diamine Fast Red, Anthracene Yellow, etc., where it pessesses many advantages over bichromate of potash.

Bisulphite of chrome is well worth attention as a mordant-
ing agent for wool for producing the green non-oxidizing mur dant. It is sold as a green liquid, or can be readhy prepared by mixing a strong hot solution of chrome alum whth bisulphute of soda; on cooling, sulphate of soda and potash crystallises unt. and can be separated. The clear solution is then ready for use. From 5 to 10 per cent. is required, and no other substance need be added to the mordanting bath. The wool is evenly mordanted.

Attention may be directed to the possibility of mordanting the wool with bichromate and sulphuric acid in the usual way, and then passing the chromed wool through a boiling bath of bisulphate of soda; the chromic acid on the wool is thereby reduced to the green nonoxidizing mordant. The disadvantage of this process is that it entails a double working, and so is 1ather expensive.

## Among the M ills

Co-operation is one of the guiding principles of industry to-day It applles to newspapors as to overything olse. Take o ahare In "The Canadian Journal of Fabrics" by contributing ocea. sionally such ltems as may come to your lnowledge, an" recelve an dividend an improved paper.
The Imperial Cotton Company, Hamilton, Ont., are expected to commence operations about March ist.

Albert Batty, of Sarnia, is going to Galt as dyer at Newlands \& Co.'s.

The electric plant is being installed by T. B. Caldwell, the new proprictor, into the Mississippi woolen mill, Appleton, Ont
J. T. Wood, manufacturer of hosiery and knitted glove linings, Rockwood, Ont., is now manuiacturing his own yarns, having recently installed a set of cards, and a jack of 240 spindles.

Chas. Clarke, boss finisher in the Canada Woolen Mills, Carleton Place, has gone to Almonte, to be boss finisher in No. I mill. A. MeFadden succeeds Mr. Clarke, at the Canada Woolen Mills.

The Colonial Printing and Bleaching Company, of St. Henri, Que., have decided to erect at Shawemgan Falls, above Threc Rivers, a cotton mill of the capacity of 1,000 looms to supply the cotton cloth necessary for their print works.

It is reported that the Canada Woolen Mills, Ltd., are con sidering the question of having their shoddy department estab lished at Toronto Junction, the vacant Hess furniture factory building being mentioned as a possible site. Meantime smec the destruction of the mill at Lambton Mills thas branch is being put in shape at Hespeler.

The Waterloo Chronicle: Mr. Burrows, of the Breslau Carpet Works is looking for a site, and though other places have offered inducements, he looks on Berlin with favor. The Board of Trade has taken up the matter, and it is not improbable that this plum will be secured for Berlin. Mr. Burrow's reason for leaving Breslau is that labor is scarce there, and if bands weic brought from outside points they could not be accommo dited in the village.

The case of Talbot vs. Dresser has reached its conclusion. the arbitrators to whom it was submitted having rendered tieir decision as follows: "The said Fred. Talbot has no claim whatsoever against the said Warren S. Dresser or the Dominion Brussels Carpet Company, Lid., and the said Fred Talbot is not eutitled to receive anything from the said Warren S. Dresser or the Dominion Brussels Carpet Co., Ltd., on account of the matters in dispute between them. The arbitrators in the case were Messrs. F. P. Buck (chairman), S. W. Jenckes, W. E. Paton, W. R. Webster and D. McManamy, the latter dissenting from the finding of the arbitration board.-Sherbrooke Gazette.

A number ot anll hands trum Lambton Mills, with a yunartuty of machanery, have already been transienred to the Canada Woolen Mall Company's Lpper Mills at llospeter, wheh will scon be in operation th the mamatate of shoddy.

The Evansulle cotton mills, of Evansville, Ind., have placed an order with the $W 1 \mathrm{~min}$. Firth Co., for hard waste break ing up machines. They are of the well-known make of Win Tatham \& Co., of Rochdale, for whom the Win. lirth Co., are sole agents in Canada.

Geo. Rend \& Co., textule machney y dealers, 11 From street east, Toronto, have ssued a very serviceable foot ruler, containing not only inches and fractions of inches, but metric measures, such as decimeters, centmeters and millmeters. It will be very handy ior those in the textile trades who wish to get familiar with the metric system.

There is a rumor that A. W. Brodie, hate of the Brodie mills, Hespeler, contemplates the erection of a worsted mill at Peterboro, with the financial assistance of Senator Cos.

The Almonte Gazelte aibs: We understand that the Can non water power property below the stone britge has been pur chased from the executors of the Cannon estate, and will be used by the Almonte Knitting Co. The purchase price is said to be $\$ 5,000$.

The evidence at the inquest on Huot, the uniortunate man who fell down the elevator shaft at the Montmorency cotton mills a few days ago, showed that he walked into the shaft in the third story, and that he had evidently been conscious after the fall, as, when found, it was clear that he had attempted to stop the flow of blood with shavings, but as there was no one around or within hearing to helf, him, his strength gradually cbbed away, and he was fround iruzen to death next morning where he had fallen.

The Wm. Firth Co. are receiving many orders for spinning frames. They have recently receined urders from the following mills for the Fall River Machine Co.'s spimming frames, for whom they are agents. Cuisicana Colton Mhlls, Cursicana. Texas; Waxahachie Cotton Mills, Waxahachie. Texas; Alpha Cotton Mills, Jonesville, S.C.; West Huntsville Cotton Mills. Huntsville, Ala ; Josephine Mills, Cedartown, Ga.: Tifton Cotton Mills, Tifton, Ga., and the Millen Cotton Mills. Millen, Ga.

The ammal mecting of the Northrop Loom Company of Canada was held a few days ago in Montreal. The reports for the year were satisfactory. The fullowing directors and officers were elected: A. F. Gault, pestient, George Otis Draper, vicepresident; S. H. Ewing. R. R. Steremson, S. Finley and Edgar McDougall. J. II. McIntosh is secretary. It was decided to cl:ange the name of the company to the Northrop Iron Works, Ltd., of Valleyfield, Que.

A serious conflagration took place at Inglis Falls, three miles south of Owen Sound, on 2Sth January, in which the Inglis woolen mills were totally destroyed. The fire originated in the picker-room and had extended to the wool store-room before it was noticed. There is no fire protection, and in a couple of hours the butding and avatable plant were in ruins. The mill changed hands only a fortmight ago. For many years it was operated by John Bemer \& Son, but passed recently into the hands of David Graham \& Sons, of Inglewood, who , were operating it. The bulding was a large three-story frame structure, with stone basement, and valued at about $\$ 2.500$. Much of the machincry was modern, and the loss on plant is cstimated at $\$ 7.500$. The building and about half of the machinery were the property of Peter Inglis. There is some insurance on both, but the amount is not known. About twenty hands have been thrown out of employment. It is a coincidence that just eleven years ago a woolen mill which stood on the site of the burned structure was also destroyed by fire.

The Upton woolen mill at Nicolston, near Alliston, is closed.

The Chathere lealls Pulp Co., Quebec, has applied ior incorporation; capital, $\$ 200,000$. W. A. Marsh and Hon. L. $P$ Pelletier, both of Quebec, are promoters.

Oswald. . . P'ussitt, superimeshlent of the pulp mill at Chicoutim, says his cumpany are abutt to start another mall, capable of producing (o tuns of pulp a day.

The Nustond Assuchation of Wool Manatacturers of the Linited States has remwed its headquarters from Killy strect to the lissex Building, Athantic avenue, Boston.

Thomas Gibson, one of the founders of the Maitland woolen mull at Wroseter, atso the thax mills at the same place, dred last month at the age of 76 . He held a seat in the Ontario Parliament continuously from 1871 to 1898 .

Jos. Stanles, thtor for Bertha Roberts, a minor, is suing the William Clapperton Company for $\$ 1,(x) 9$ ) for damages for injuries suffered by Miss Roberts in the loss of a finger cut off by machinery while employed in the company's thread wirks.

The Wm J Matheson \& Co., Ltd., Montreal and Nen York, continue to issue their very instructive dye sample books. They now regularly publish besides, a monthly bulletin called "Dyestuffs," comaining notes on dycing processes. We understand it is mailed iree to dyers interested.

Geo. Reid \& Co., 11 Front street east, Turomo, have been oppointed special agents in Canada for the James Smuth Wcolen Machinery Co., ui Philadelphia, an old established firm making all hinds of woolen machinery, including a mum ber of patemed machines and items of mills supphes.

Chief Justice Meredith a few days ago granted an order for the winding up of the Ever Ready Dress Stay Company, of Vindsor. C. C. and H. B. Kippen are the petitioners. They adranced moncy to the company, whose habilties are $\$ 15.000$, and assets $\$ 6,000$. The ciaim of the petitioners is $\$ 10,000$.

Wm. Morrison, superintendent of the Carleton Place branch of the Canada Woolen Mills, Lid., has been transferred to the Hespeler mills, and his brother, Archie M. Morrison, for some time in charge of the machinery repair department of Geo. Reid \& Co.'s establishment, has gone to fill the vacancy at Carlcton Place.

It is reported that Francis Willey \& Co., manufacturers of noils, Bradford, Eng., are arranging for the transfer of their business to the United States. The proposed plant will employ 2,000 hands in the manufacture of wool tops. The reasons given for moving to the United States is that they cannot crmpete with Americans under the present tariff. Geo. Reid \& Co., Toronto, are the Canadian agents for this firm.

The Spanish River Pulp and Paper Company, which has a large concession of pulp land, has now been incorporated. The capital is $\$ 1,500,000$, and the directors include. Angus Mcleod, M.P., oi Bracebridge; Charles McCool, M.P., Ottawa; John R. Barber, M.P.P., Georgetown; W. J. Sheppird, Wanbaushene; Hugh Sutheriand, Toronto; M. J. Dodge. New York; C. Kloepfer, Guelph; William Irwin, Peterboro; James I.. Playiair, Midland: T. H. Sheppard, Orillia, and W. D. I_ummis, Spragge, Ont.
R. Newbold, for many years connected with the knitting mills of Canada. and who for some time has been manufacturing hosiery and mitts in Montrcal, has recently taken into partnership his brother from England. The firm, now styled Newbold Bros., have just completed six months' partnersfiip. and the results lave been very satisfactory. They are arranging for a more extensive development of their business during the current year.

Price Bros. \& Co., Montreal, are organizing a company with $\$ 200,000$ anpital to erect a pulp mill on the River Du Sut, Quebec.

The ambal meetng oi the shatholders ot the Merehants Cotton Company was held Jamaty a a Montreal. The report submitted was cunsidered suont salisactury and the follownes were re-clected oflicers fior the asuang jabr. I'resolent, A. A. Dyer, vice president, Jas. Ciathean, directors, R. B. Angus, J. P. Cleghorn, Jonathan Hodgson, Rehert Machay. II. G. Chenes and W. S Barker, secretary treasurer.

After the death of the 'ate Joln K. Harris, woolen manufacturer, Rockwood, Ont., that business was lurned into a joint stock compans, under the syle of Harris \& Compans. Letd, with Wm. Harris as prosident and supermendem, and Charles Harris, secretary-treasurer. The eapacity of the mill was last year enlarged to two sets of cards, and it broad luoms. and the output of the mill in frieces and homenpuns is now sold through Dignum \& Monypemy, Toronto.

James Tolton, secretary-treasurer of the Walkerton Binder Twine Co., has called a special general meeting of the shareholders for Fels. 22nd, at Walkerton, io confirm a bytaw erabling the directurs to :Jurrun munes on the credit of the company from time to time as they may thonh fit. R. Truax. Walkerton; Andew Waechter, Bram: Adam Sicling, Walkerton; Peter H. MeKenaie, Kinloss, Vemiel E. Stantz, Berlin; W. T. Whail, Goldstonc. Geo. R. Barree. Galt, have been elected directors of this company for 1901.

Richard Westwoud, of Guclph, wishes to establish a carpet factory in Cornwall. He asks the town to give him a site, exemption from taxation, weept shoul taxes, and a loan of $\$ 12,000$, without imerest. in return for which he would guarantee to spend $\$ 10,000$ in wages, the firti sear, and at least $\$ 15,000$ during succeeding years, and to employ forty hands in the sccond year. Mr. Westwood has given up his proposition to start a factory at St. Catharines. The proposed mill would be operated by steam. and have 16 looms; to be ready for work in August. The voting on the bylaw will take place on the gti March.

The Rosamond Woolen Co., Amonte, took a unique method of marking its respect for the deceased Queen. Promptly at 10.30 on the day of the funeral, says The Gazette, the giant engines and all the whirring machinery stood still for five minutes-every wheel. e:ery loom, everything that had been contributing to the busy hum-and the hundreds of operatives remained in a meditative mood. The seene was changed completely and thoroughly in a moment. and in the breathing spell all had tine to ponder on the solemnities that were taking place at Windsor and through the streets of London, as the body of Victoria the Good was being carried to "the lone couch of her everlastiry sleep."

The Sherbrooke Examiner says: There seems to be a good deal of uneasiness among the workmen in a-section of the Dominjon Cotton Company's mill at Magog. and for some days there have been persistent rumors of a strike. A number of men who were connected with the strike last year were notified the other day that their services would be dispensed with. No satisfactory answer was given the men when they asked why they were being discharged. The sympethizers of the men who are under notice to quit, threaten that unless they are re-engaged they will quit work. The cempany, however, state that there is nothing in the report. The men who are under notice. they state, with one or two eaceptions, were not implicated in the recent strike, and thereince the discharge is not for the reason alleged. The employees approached the city council recently and asked that bedy to approach the company with the view of having the treuble adjusted. The council decided to address the company on behalf of the men.

## U.S. SHIRT AND COLLAR COMBINE.

The New York 'lribune says. "The long-talked-of synds. cate of Trojan collar, cuff and shirt wholesale houses is now regarded as a certainty by the manuiaturers concerned. No outside capital will be requined by the combuntion, the name of which will probably be the dmerncatl Collar, Cuff and Shart Company. Witl a icw exceptions, wery well-hnown loouse in the trade having factorics at Iroy will, it is said, be identified with the nes order of things. The interests of those represented in the deal aggregate $\$ 20,000,000$. Instead of having indivjdual oltiecs in the different cities, a single clearing house will be established in eath market covering the general business."

## THE STOPPING LOOM.

The stopping of the weaving for a long enough time to slowly and surely change the shutte, and then the automatically restarting of the loom is a new idea in the textile art. Henry I. Harriman, having conceived this valuable idea immediately began to develop it. An ordmary plan loom was taken, and by degrees equipued with the necessary mechamsms to amply demonstrate the virtue of this new system.

The American Loom Company in behalf of Mr. Harriman has spent much time and talent in perfecting the first crude designs, and to-day offers to the mills a simple, practical, atutonatic loom. After the atomatic motions for changing shuttles and detecting the breakage of warp ends had become thorougfily cffective, a new loom throughout was designed. To do this, ali the looms on the market were carciully studied, and the plain American loom represents what is claimed to be a combination of the best weaving ideas yet developed by all loom builders. Then, too, in building the loom de-novo, the actions of the antomatic mechanisms were constantly kept in mind so

that every part and motion of the loom proper was constructed to be in harmony with the peculiar actions of the automatic pirts. The advice of weavers of long experience, and that of the best of mechanical engineers has been combined to make the Harriman automatic loom scientific in action and strength. A minimum breakage of parts is thus obtained as well as accuracy in the performance of the varions motions.

The action of the Harriman automatic shattle changer is as follows: When the filling breaks or is cxhausted the regular ferk acts to stop the loom as in every plain loom. The fork,
moreover, also intiates the rotation of the "ehange shaft." This change shaft gets its powe from either the loose loom pulley or the can shaft, according to the style of mechamsu used. I triple cam on this shaft through its lesers and contnetions, and while the neaving is stupped, replaces the spent shettle with a new one. The weasolg is then atutuatically testartel, and the change shaft thrown wit ot athon. So simple are the few settings, and so accurate are the motsoms that the mechanism is thoronghly practical for use an ally mill weaving " plain goods."

The warp stop motion has several distanctive features on which the claim of superiority 10 all others is based, mamely, simplicity in drawing in, exceptional ease on the yarn, and lack of delicacy in handling the drop wires when in the loom. There is no danger of injuring the drop wires by the fecter striking them on the that side as the supporting bar is so arranged as to allow the leazt possible strain to be put upon the wire at this time.

An effective thread trimmer leaves the shortest filling end when the new shuttle is inserted. It hardly seems possible that so many virtues could be combined m one loom but the expernerce of nearly sixty mills, ip to date, is the warrant for the assertion.

The American Loum Company has a large and handsome plant at Readville, Mass., fully devoted to the manufacture of Harriman Automatic Looms and Harriman Altomatic Mechanisms to be applied to uther mahes of plan looms, new ot old. There is also at the factory a small weave shed, where a number of looms are constantly running on a viriety ot fabries. The "Illustrated Ked Book" tells the story, and for a copy oi this book those interested should write to the American Loom Co., Readville, Mass.

## UNITED STATES COTTON INDUSTRY.

The census returns of 1900 give the following figures showirg the progress of cotton manufacturing in the United States in the past ten ycars:

|  | 1880. | 1900. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of spinning mills | 756 | 903 |
| Cespital invested | \$208,280,346 | \$354,020,843 |
| Value of production | \$198,090,116 | \$267,981,724 |
| Cotton consumed (in 1,400 lbs) | 714,506 | 1,202,524 |
| Number of workers | 174,659 | 221,580 |
| Raw material per worker per lb. | 3,000 | 5,427 |
| Preduction | \$1,090 | \$1,209 |
| Average wages per year | \$240 | \$313 |
| Capital per worker . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | \$I,191 | \$1,598 |
| Value of the year's production per $\$ 1,000$ capital | \$922 | \$756 |

The large weight of raw material got through by the workers, and the small increase of their number, shows the effect of improved machines. The increased use of machines is also obvious from the increased value of output per worker, as well as from the amount of the capital which was necessary to be laid out, before a worker could be employed. The last item in the list shows how prices have gone down with the use of new insentions.

## A CORDAGE JOURNAL'S OPINION.

While there is always room "䜣 the top" in every industry for new men and plants, extreme caution should be observed in entering any business that has an abundance of facilities for supplying the demand. These considcrations should not be crerlooked by those who are organizing farmers' binder twine companies in Canada. Because one company was fortunate
enough to make a large profit in two or three years-largely due to conditions ower which it had no control-is not a guarat tee that new companies, managed, perhaps, by men who are not familiar with pecular i-atures of a most ittricate business, will duplicat: that record or even make four per cent. on the money in ested. Investors will serve their own future financial welfare by scrutinizing closely projects for making binder twine in farmers' five ton mills in Canada. Possibly one or two may make a fair return to the investor, but others will make a heavy loss, especially if 50 or 100 companies are started, as is stated to be the plan of the projector of some recent companies in Canada.

## TEXTILE EXPORTS OF GREAT BRITAIN TO CANADA.

The following are the values in sterling money of the exports from Great Britain to Camada for December, and the year cading 1900 :


When worsted cheviots crease close to the selvedge, or as we gencrally call it, "freczing of the selvedge"-for we have seen pieces curned over in places, all along the listing, and so matted together, that it was very hard to pull them apart-it is usually found that the goods are being fulled in the grease, before being scoured. If the goods are scoured first, they will ge into the fulling mill much softer, and the chances of their cracking or wrinkling will be reduced to a minimum. A neutral scap can then be used, making them felt easier, crease less, and handle much softer when finished. If fulled in the grease, an alkaline soap has to be used to saponify the dirt and grease in the goods; and alkali is a maker of wrinkles, and an enemy to felting and soft handling.

If this is not the cause, if the goods have been scoured before fulling, and they wrinkle, then the trouble may be in the weave of the listing. If the goods are a four or six harness twill, the listing should be the same weave with the twill reversed. If they are through and through goods with no backing, woven as we state, they should give very little trouble in fulling, if scoured first.

Another cause for this trouble may sometimes be found in the quality of the stock. Some stocks are very hard to keep from wrinkling. Often we find that the twist in the yarn causes it; also a two-ple warp with a single filling, or a fabric with a back, that has any kind of a listing other than a basket weave. The only way to prevent creases from any of the last named causes, is to tack the selvedges together in a sewing machine. and run the goods in a fulling mill like a bag. They should be sewed up all the way, with only a space near the seam about nine inches long left open, to let some of the air escape each
time as the seam comes around. If this space is not leit open. the goods will get so full of air, and bag up so much, that they will lift the stop motion up every few minutes, and stop the mill, and should the stop motion fail to work, the pieces would be full of chafe marks and holes. This is a very satisfactory way of fulling goods that are made of coarse stock, or have a complexity of weaves or yarns, as the goods will not run long enough in one position to get a wrinkle in any part. The tacking is best done when the goods are dry, before scouring.-. 'Textile Manufacturers' Journal.

## THE WOOL MARKET.

In the Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton and Winnipeg narkets there is the same story to be told this month"nothing doing." Quotations are nominally as last month. but there are no transactions of sufficient importance to base fresh prices on. Generally speaking the supplics at foreign weol centers are large, and because of this, and the nearness of the new clip there is not likely to be much anination in the wool trade for some little time.

## FABRIC ITEMS.

All the girl employecs in Erb \& Co.'s glove factory at Berlin are out on strike as a protest against charges for power ard machine rental, which they unavailingly requested the management to change.

Some forty girl employees of the Dominion Suspender Cempany, Niagara Falls, have struck work, owing to the management having remodelled the wage schedule. The girls claim that the new scale means wages reduced 25 per cent.

Mr. Trudel, revenue officer, Quebec., has returned from Beauce, where he seized a large quantity of men's suspenders of American manufacture, which had been smuggled over the border. It appears that there is a large contraband traffic in these articles constantly going on.

The charred remains of two men were found in the ruins of Saxe \& Co.'s clothing factory, Montreal, in which the terrible fire of January started. One of the bodies was supposed to be that of M. Rosen, but he afterwards turned up in Guelph. The other body was that of H. Peskin, who worked for Louis Glazier, a clothing contractor, who sublet the top floor of the building from Saxe. There is no explanation forthcoming as to the origin of the fire.
J. H. Hamilton, a well-known dry goods man of Deseronto, and W. R. Bird, for 18 years one of the most successiul tra:elers for William, Greene \& Rome, the collar and cuff mekers of Berlin, Ont., have opened a shirt, collar and cuff fictory at 41 Yonge street, Toronto. The firm will be known as the Hamilton-Bird Co., and are manufacturing the finer grades of goods. The company have their new samples now ready, and will this month lave three travele:s on the road.

The annual meeting of the wholesale dry goods section of the Toronto Board of Trade was heed on February 6, when the fellowing officers were elected: Chairman, W. L. Brock; vicechairman, J. W. Woods; secretary-treasurer, Edgar A. Wills. Executive. John Macdonald, Chas. Reid, C. B. Lowndes, J. D. Ivey. A. W. Allen, Jas. D. Allan, H. J. Caulfield, R. W. Spence and J. W. Woods. The vice-chairman, who is also a member of the council of the board of trade, was requested to bring to the attention of that body the urgent necessity for a Dominion insolvency law.
H. Vineberg \& Co., clothing manufacturers, who are negotiating with the town of St. Louis, state that they employ 200 hands, and paid in wages last year $\$ 79,691.77$ to manufacturirg hands, and $\$ 32,000$ to non producers, such as clerks, travelers, etc.

The Montreal City Council are being asked by the working tailors of that city to compel clothing manufacturers to have clothing made $u$ ithin the limits of the municipality, instead of getting it made by iarmers' daughters and others, thus depriving them of part of their living.

Gongh Bros. dry goods and clothing store in Peterboro, was set on fire on February 9. It was fortunately discovered early near the rear doorway, and $w$ : ' the aid of the chemical ergine was soon extinguished, when it was found that the premises had be .n entered and the cash register tampered with.

The old dry goods firm of McLaren \& Co., of St. Catharines, Ont. (formerly Woodruff \& Co.), have applied for a chater of incorporation as a joint-stock company, the directoes of which will be R. McLaren, A. McLaren, C. O. Bcrrowman, E. Wismer and A. Robertson, all of St. Catharines: capital stock, $\$ 50,000$.
A. A. Valiquette, dry goods merchant, of Notre Dame street, Montreal, has assigned at the demand of Thibandean Bros. \& Co. The liabilitics are about $\$ 10,000$, while the assets consist of the stock in the store, and lot of land at St. Laurent. The principal creditors are Dame M. Buurgoin. \$3,743: J. G. Mackenzie \& Co., note \$2,090; Thibaudeau Bros. \& Co., \$060: S. Greenshields Son \& Co., \$753. and the IW. R. Brock Co.. \$318.

Canadians stood high at the twenty-first anmal mecting of the Custom Cutters Association of America, which was recently held in Cincinmati. Ohio. Henry A. Taylor, of Toronto, was elected president by a large majority. On the executive board are John McI.can, Toronto, and Charles A. Nickel. Hamilton: John Burton, of Toronto, was selected chairman of the Practical Work Committee. Two gold medals were awarded for best made garments.

Owing to the recent fire at the Board of Trade Building. Montreal. the following have changed their address: Wilson Paterson \& Co.. to 30 St . John street: Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association, to 9 Bank of Toronto Building. and .A. H. McKee, to 113 Temple Building. Thos May \& Co. have also moved to temporary premises at 106 NeGill strcct. Montreal, since their fire. Archer Robertson and Robt. Meighen have removed from Board of Trade Building to Merchants' Bank Building, St. James street.

The business formerly carried on in Toronto by M. L.ove. W. H. Smith and C. W. Stephens, under the name of the Canadian Feather and Mattress Company, is being incorporated as a joint-stock company. under the name of the Canadian Feather and Mattress Company. I.td.. with M. Love, W. H. Smith, C. W. Stephens, Lucy Love and Mary E. Smith, all of Toronto, as charter members; capital stock, $\$ 25.000$; head office. Toronto.

## IITERARY MOTES.

The publishers of Crerand's Cloak Journal, 732 Broadway. New York, have isstued a neat pocket directory of the mannfacturers of cloaks, suits, skirts, waists, wrappers, furs and children's wear of the principal cities of the United States. It is $3 \times 5$ inches, and the price is 50 cents.

Sheldon's Buyers' Reference Book for 1901 is issued. This is a standard pocket reference book, published by J. L. Sheldon \& Co., Leonard street, New Jork. and contains the nemes and addresses of mannfacturers, agents and importers in all branches of dry goods and fancy goods. It is bound in cloth, $3 \frac{1}{2} \times 5$ inches, 544 pages.

The 1901 edition of Dockhan's Directory of Textile Manufactures and wholesale dry goods trade of the United States, Canada and Mexico, is a memorial edition celebrating the 18 th issue and the 35 th year of the work, the irontispiece being a very finely engraved portrait of C. A. Dockham, the founder. In this issue is regrinted the list of textile mills which appeared in the first issue of the work in 1866, a comparison of which with those of the present year shows the great progress of American textile industries. It is interesting to note irom the introduction that the census of 1860 gave 5.235 .727 cotton spindles and 3,209 sets of wool cards in the United States. while now there are $22,152,926$ cotion spindles. 8.14t sets of cards, and I .45 I worsted combs. Dockhan's directory gives the eapacity and products of each mill in every branch of the textile trades, with lists of manufacturers' agents, and the wholesale dry goods trade, and the present issue makes a large volume of 664 pages, $7^{1 / 2} \times$ to inches, substantially bound in cioth: price. \$6.

The Newhall Chain Forge \& Iron Co., 26 Cortland street. Now York, have just got out a catalogue, referring to all kinds of conveying machinery, door langers, expansion bolts. etc. These goods are all new in the Canada trade.

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| Alum | 135 |  | 150 |
| Copperas | - 65 | " | 070 |
| Salphur flour | 200 | ${ }^{\prime}$ | 250 |
| Sulphur roll | 200 | $\cdots$ | 300 |
| Sulphate of copper | 600 | - | 625 |
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