

Huddersfield.

The home trade has been rather brisker of late, so that manufacturers here have been favoured with larger orders from Manchester, London, Glasgow, and other centres. Of course there is the usual competition, which keeps prices down to a lower level than would otherwise be the case. Producers say there is hardly any margin for themselves, but complaints of this kind are prevalent in every branch. Spring orders from the Continent have been satisfactory, but winter purchases are slow. The fall trade for the United States does not open out well, but Canadian orders are more plentiful.

LEEDS.

The demand for spring goods is brisker, buyers who had been in the background having operated during the week. Fine, fancy woollens for men's wear were well enquired for, some of the goods going to France. Serges and printed meltons have gone off well for the home trade. There is a fair foreign demand for blankets.

ROCHDALE.

The flannel trade is seasonably quiet. In a few weeks we shall be in receipt of fresh orders, and as both raw material and stocks of finished goods are low, hopes are entertained that prices will show a rising tendency. Samples of the new styles that have been produced in fancies are in the hands of buyers.

GLASGOW.

Messrs. Ramsey and Co., in their report dated 24th March, say:—

WOOL.—The Scotch wool market continues steady. The home buyers maintain a consumptive demand, and values are firm without change. Black-faced is being freely taken for export, and the heavy shipments of this class have brought stocks into small compass for the season.

SHEEP SKINS.—The supply has been rather brighter, owing to a falling-off in slaughter for the South, and from a reduction in the value of pelts, with a slight depression on the demand for wool. Prices have shewn more irregularity.

HOSIERY AND LACE.

NOTTINGHAM.

Some branches, such as curtains, vitrage nets, and others, are fairly well employed, but in others the slackness previously reported continues. There is a slight improvement in the Levers trade, and fine Chantillies are in better request. Supplies of cotton millinery laces are excessive in view of the poor demand. The tulip and other designs in better-class Valenciennes keep selling. Common stiff edgings (Valenciennes) are quiet, and prices unsatisfactory. Torchons keep moving, makers-up being large consumers of these cheap goods. Embroidery trimmings are also bought largely by manufacturers of under-clothing here, in Manchester, and elsewhere. Mob caps and aprons are in fair demand.

LEICESTER.

Holders of good wools who were hoping for a brisker trade a short time ago have now had their wishes gratified, for there has been a decided alteration for the better since Monday. Choice descriptions of short staples are in fair demand, and there has been an improvement in respect to other classes of material. We quote:—Deep-stapled fleeces, 23s. to 24s. per tod; superior, 24s. to 25s. per tod; choice, including Shropshire fleeces, 26s. to 27s. per tod; and inferior and faulty lots, 20s. to 21s. Offers for yarns are selling more largely. High numbers have had to be declined owing to their lowness, the uncertainty as to the outcome of the approaching sales rendering spinners cautious. Light hosiery for spring wear would have sold better had it not been for the very cold weather that has prevailed. Fancy goods have been bought largely. Cashmeres, however, are dull and prospects unsatisfactory.

DRY GOODS.

MANCHESTER.

With the approach of Easter there is always a brisker trade in the home-trade houses, and such has been the experience during the past few weeks. It is improbable, however, that the losses experienced during the prevalence of the recent unfavourable weather will have been compensated for by the recent activity. The reduced demand for all classes of laces is a discouraging factor in the situation. There is nothing in the position as it at present appears that would justify one in holding out any prospects of a good lace year. Nevertheless, the ranges shewn are excellent, both in Nottingham and French stuff. Calais makes promise to absorb the attention of buyers at first. The following season may see a run on medium grades, after which common cotton stuff will probably be in

demand. But by that time the sale of high-class lace will have ceased. Prints have been in fair demand, and houses keeping a well-selected stock of good designs should have little, if any, reason to grumble. Flannelette manufacturers are keeping up their returns by cultivating new branches, one of which, we believe, is the imitation of Scotch and Yorkshire tweeds. The flannel trade is slow. Complaints are made that some of the Scotch goods sold in this market shrink to an inordinate extent after washing, and buyers are very much dissatisfied at the circumstance, which has led to some change in the sources of supply with certain firms. Carpets are slow, as is the furnishing trade generally. With Brussels moving off in such a dogging fashion, the rest of the trade does not present a lively appearance. "Taps" for home account have been fairly well bought, but for shipment very little has been doing. With reference to the silk departments pushes are quiet, velvets having taken their place. Crefeld, therefore, benefits from this, as English firms have not been able to obtain a footing in the velvet branch, and the attempt of the principal firm in the country to do so has to some extent been frustrated for a time by the action of its employes.

THE KIDDERMINSTER CARPET TRADE.

During the past week there has not been much apparent change in the condition of the Brussels branch of this industry. Speaking generally, manufacturers refer more cheerfully to the state of things, and there is certainly not so much cause for complaint at the present time. Machinery all round is working more regularly than for some months past, and as the cutting-up season is now in full swing, the demand for goods is extremely spirited and concurrent with the productions. In some instances, owing to this, considerable inconvenience has arisen, as manufacturers have been unable to satisfy the requirements of their customers so quickly as desired, and as the rules of the Weavers' Association now prohibit the running of machinery, even to meet special exigencies, beyond the usual factory hours, they have been unable to seek relief in this direction. Consignments to all parts of the country continue exceedingly heavy and stocks are being rapidly reduced. The shipping trade is also more animated, despatches to Germany, France, and Spain being heavier than for some time past. The Australasian markets, too, are now absorbing a fair quantity of goods and appear to have recovered from the effects of the strikes, which so seriously affected business some months ago.

There is no change to report in the wool market. Transactions, although more numerous than they were, are still lighter than usual, and the utmost caution is exercised. Spinners are busier, but very little new business is moving, and prices are barely firm.

Messrs. James Humphries and Sons, Brussels and Wilton carpet manufacturers, inform their customers that they have converted their business into a limited company. The circular states that the change has been made solely to facilitate family arrangements, and that the management remains as heretofore.

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NEW COMPANIES.

GEORGE BANHAM AND CO., LIMITED.

Registered by Chester and Co., 36, Bedford-row, with a capital of £5,000 in £10 shares. Object, to acquire the business of a woven hair and cotton-machine belting, etc., manufacturer, now carried on by George Banham and Charles Kay Sagar, at Wheathill Works, Brougham-street, Salford, in accordance with an agreement made between G. Banham and C. K. Sagar of the one part, and Richard White, on behalf of the company, of the other part. There shall be not less than three nor more than seven directors. The first are G. Banham, C. K. Sagar, and Richard White. Qualification, £50. Remuneration to be determined in general meeting.

THE NEW HOWE MACHINE COMPANY.

Registered with a capital of £60,000 in 600 £100 shares. Object, to adopt a minute of agreement and sale with reference to the purchase of the factory in Bridgeton, Glasgow, occupied by the Howe Machine Company, with the machinery, plant, etc., and all material in the factory, except the stock of completed cycles and machines, together with the trade marks and goodwill of the business; and for an assignment of the right and user of the company's name and patents; to manufacture and deal in machines for sewing, etc., and

cottons, threads, silks or other materials adapted for such machines; to manufacture and deal in engines, motors, etc., for the production and utilisation of electricity, and to carry on the business of wire-drawers, tube manufacturers, iron foundries, machinists, millwrights, etc. First subscribers:—

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| J. Paterson, manufacturer, 128, Avenue-street, Bridgeton, Glasgow | 1 |
| T. Hill, works manager, 128, Avenue-street .. | 1 |
| W. B. Dick, merchant, 13, Exchange-place, Glasgow | 1 |
| H. Gibb, steamship owner, 109, Hope-street, Glasgow | 1 |
| W. T. Lithgow, shipbuilder, Drum-street, Langbank, Renfrewshire | 1 |
| H. Birkmyre, manufacturer, Springbank, Port Glasgow | 1 |
| D. Inglis, solicitor, 145, St. Vincent-street, Glasgow | 1 |
- The first directors are Messrs. James Paterson, W. T. Lithgow, Henry Birkmyre, and Hugh Gibb. Mr. James Paterson is managing director.

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PARTNERSHIPS DISSOLVED.

Felstead and Hunt, St. Paul's Churchyard, London, warehousemen.
Kronig and Co., Marsden-street, Manchester, merchants, etc.
Whitaker, Robinson, and Co., Holme Top Mill, Little Horton, Bradford, commission weavers.
H. and J. Abrahams, Greenfield-street, Commercial-road, London, woollen cloth dealers.
Lancashire Shuttle Tip Company, Broadfield, Heywood, Lancashire, shuttle tip manufacturers.

ADJUDICATIONS.

Joseph Collins, lately St. John's-road, Huddersfield, cotton spinner.
Joseph Southall, Stamford Place, Foley Park, Kidderminster, weaver.
David Morton, Carlton-road, Nottingham, bleacher.
William D. Harry, Lower-road, Depiford, floor cloth manufacturer.
Owen Shaw, trading as L. P. Shaw and Co., and as the London and Paris Millinery Co., Huddersfield, woollen manufacturer, etc.
John Fisher, Malgate, Leeds, weaver and commission spinner.
Henry Pearson, Vernon-road and Arnold-lane, Basford, bleacher and dyer.

RECEIVING ORDERS.

John Pickles, Carlinghow, Batley, cotton dealer.
Joseph Southall, Foley Park, near Kidderminster, weaver.
John Herivel, Cheapside, London, silk manufacturer.
John Carr, Albert Mills, Dewsbury Moor, woollen manufacturer.
Owen Shaw, Turnbridge, Huddersfield, woollen manufacturer.
Henry Pearson, Vernon-road, Nottingham, bleacher.
Edward Wareham and Joseph Hargreaves, Adelaide-street, Daubhill, Bolton, cotton cloth manufacturers.
James Whitaker, Princess-street, Manchester, cotton cloth manufacturer.

NOTICE OF DIVIDEND.

R. Goldseller, trading as the Star Rubber and Brattice Cloth Company, Bridge Mills, Rochdale-road, Manchester, and residing at 63, Bury New Road, Higher Broughton, india-rubber and brattice cloth manufacturer; 1s. 1½d. second and final.

SCOTCH SEQUESTRATIONS.

John Milligan and Co., merchants, Oswald-street, Glasgow.
John M'Gibbon, flock manufacturer, Holmfild, Kirkintilloch.

Patents.

SPECIFICATIONS PUBLISHED.

1890.

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| 3,639. ELSEY and KIRK. Lace fabrics. 11d. |
| 4,051. HARRISON. Knitting machines. 11d. |
| 4,081. BROOKS and EDGE. Carding engine flats. 11d. |
| 4,082. BROOKS and EDGE. Carding engines. 11d. |
| 4,923. DIXON. Self-acting mules. 8d. |
| 5,887. GOLDING. Spinning, etc., fibres. 2s. 9d. |
| 6,067. KERSHAW. Self-acting mules. 6d. |
| 6,154. CROKER. Cleaning cotton seed, etc. 11d. |
| 6,155. CROKER. Cleaning cotton seed, etc. 8d. |
| 6,258. KIRK and LEE. Finishing woven fabrics. 8d. |
| 6,351. SLOAN. Hackling machines, etc. 8d. |
| 6,368. CROKER. Cleaning cotton seed, etc. 8d. |

