WOOLLENS AND WORSTEDS.

BRADFORD.

There is no appreciable change in prices, but a steady business is being put through. Some of English wools are low, but the demand is only small. Skins and rolls move off with some frequency, and alpacas in a moderate quantity. Two-fold yarns for home and foreign account are in steady request. Batsey yarns are unchanged, but asylics in the worsted market is likely to change or not. Producers will probably have difficulty in obtaining remunerative prices for some time. The demand for shoddy worstes shows no signs of a revival, but rather a decline, is sufficient to warrant the forecast given above. Novelties are not being shown to any noteworthy extent. Serges and cheviots promise well. New designs and treatments in tweeds may perhaps be sold at better prices. The demand for worsted stockings is still very dull, and the difficulties of manufacturers are rather increased. The attendance on "Change has been an average one.

GLASGOW.

Messrs. Ramsay and Co., in their report dated 20th January, say that: "Wool.—There has been more doing in the Scotch wool market this week, both in white-faced and black-faced wools. Buyers have been operating more freely, and a fair quantity has been taken for export. There is no change in prices, which remain steady at levels quotations. Skirted Supplies.—The supply has been rather short, but mostly of good quality. Competition has not been quite so strong, and the turn of prices is easing."

FLAX AND JUTE.

DUNDEE TRADE REPORT.

Wednesday, January 21st, 1891.

The improved tone of the market continues.

Jute is sold at a rise of 2s. 6d. per ton, and quotations come at even more from Calcutta, with a refusal of bids.

Flax is also rather better in value with a fair enquiry, especially for good brown flax.

Shipping rates are 2s. per pound dollar all over, with a firm market.

Flax yarns in the bleached state are offering, owing to the rise in the prices of cottons. In the green they are firm at a shade, especially the favourite warp spins. Common worstes and veils appear to be eagerly sought and there is an increase in the number of orders booked. These have been principally at late rates, although in one or two instances for special qualities there have been considerable advances in obtaining a slight advance. Manufacturers, however, are still disinclined to look too far ahead, and prefer to take their chances since their own business remains uncertain.

Jute goods remain firm with an advancing tendency, owing to the general railway strike, and there have been a few more contracts in consequence.

Linen goods are very strong, but spinners of these yarns complain bitterly of the competition lined, and they cannot obtain prices at present obtainable. Foreign competition, more especially the Italian, is pressuring the English spinners of these yarns severely.

DUNDEE TRADE REPORT.

Dry Goods.

MANCHESTER.

The home trade is of an average character, but in some branches there is a distinctly marked want of activity and an indiscipline which is somewhat discouraging. The print rooms are now ready for receiving the new season’s goods, and there will be more to say concerning them later on. Laces are quiet. A demand for flannel is being exhibited in some quarters, but no such pressure as has been experienced here and there, such speculations can only be regarded as rash. Commodities are very dear so as distributors appear to be equally as sea as to the outlook for the season, and the views expressed by experts are very divergent. Reports that the cheap cotton trade is to be competed for more keenly by Calais are disbelieved. Nottingham, it is generally admitted, cannot produce a class of goods that can be produced in cheap classes, and the French makers will probably lose money if they try to enter the trade. The branches that are at present cultivable, and which they excel in, are the most remunerative. The depression in the Glasgow trade is perhaps but a slight decline in the business of firms engaged in the sale of silk yarns to Yorkshire manufacturers. American orders on the other hand have increased somewhat late. The inference is obvious. For South American account there is not much doing. Merchants say that their own private accounts are in hand and it is owing to the cable being cut no advices have been received for four days. Commercial and political situation is, however, generally avoided by the West Coast correspondents of Lancashire houses, as messages are "revised" by the party favouring the statement.

A rumour has reached us to the effect that certain important changes are contemplated in the constitution of the firm of Crompton, Crewe, and Co., Limited. Beyond the statement that these changes may mean a separation of the old order of things, which is likely before the recent amalgamation of Horrockses, Miller, and Co., and Crompton and Crewe, and Co., nothing is added.

The linen departments are steady, although the trade passing offers no feature worthy of special remark. Many goods that were urgently required this week have not yet come to hand. Where Complete Specification accompanies Application an asterisk is suffixed.

The names in italics within parentheses are those of Communicators of Inventions.

SPECIFICATIONS PUBLISHED.

1891.

5. DE NIEGO. Knitting machines. 15s.
95. KEEN. Waterproof clothing. 1s. 6d. 10s.
156. TERRY and TERRY. Woolen vest, combinations, etc. 6d.
3,011. KICKERIDGE. Looms. 6d.
3,299. BECKETT. Shearing harness, etc. 6d.
3,300. KEENE. Bleaching, etc., fabric. 3s.
3,028. LAKE (D. Leeward and Co.). Colouring matter.
3,071. KELLER and MARSH. Weaving shuttles. 6d.
3,072. WALKER and PARDIKE. Ring spinning, etc. machines. 8s.
15,171. RUSSELL. False knitting frames. 6d.
16,175. NEWTON (A. Smith and Son). Carpet Curling, etc. 6d.
19,203. WILLIAMS. Ornamenting, etc., of selvedges. 6d.
11,627. RAWECLIFFE and EASTWOOD. Dyeing boxes, etc., from spinning frames. 6d.
ARTICLES OF SPECIFICATIONS.


