There is a better demand for heavier fabrics, and makers of Axminster and Wilton carpets find more encouragement for their machinery than for some years past. Prices, too, are rising, and heavy consignments of these goods are now being made.

The wool market is hardly so satisfactory a condition, and prices for most sorts are decidedly easier than they were even a week ago. This has had an adverse effect upon worsted yarns, which show indications of the situation from 1s. 4d. to 1s. 8d. per lb, but this has not led to many transactions, as manufacturers are reticent, and exhibit little inclination to purchase, nor is it expected that they will until some settlement as regards the future outlook of the industry is arrived at.

Cloth at the advanced rates quoted a few weeks ago, but it is hardly likely that any further advance will take place at present, although some manufacturers are exercising caution to look for forward delivery.

Jute yarns are quiet, and spinners are seeking contracts at slightly reduced rates, but there is not much new business doing.

IRISH TEXTILE TRADE NOTES.

For the season of the year, flax continues to come into the local markets in fair quantities. Prices, however, they were constant, and it is evident that even taking the very poor quality of the bulk of the flax offering into account, the yarn market is exceedingly dull. Very fine yarns are being quoted at exceptionally low prices, and in no end of the trade is there business passing of sufficient extent to test prices. Tow yarns are fairly firm, and a moderate amount of business is being done, though manufacturers still continue to buy only for the supply of immediate wants. The chemical goods are also in fair supply, and the price of per cent. is not much disturbed.

HOW WILLIAM MORRIS BECAME A SOCIALIST.

Mr. William Morris has been telling some of his friends how it was that he became a socialist. He was a student in the South African mines, and while there he was impressed with the large amount of suffering endured by the miners. He returned and began to study the conditions under which the miners were working, and he was amazed at the low wages paid to them. He then became a socialist and worked for the improvement of the miners' conditions.

NOTICES OF DIVIDENDS.

A. Foster, Prospect Place, and Victoria Mills, Low Moor, near Bradford, manufacturer of fancy silk dresses, 4s. first.

S. and R. Scholes, Middleton, silk manufacturers.

PATENTS.

SPECIFICATIONS PUBLISHED.

12,965. September 8, 1888. Spinning, C. H. H. HAM, Rochtelstrasse, Chemnitz, Germany. "Ring frame."—The spindles are placed in a ring, which is used to spin the yarn, and the yarn is coiled on the ring. The size of the ring is varied to suit the yarn being spun.

12,777. September 4, 1888. Knitting machines, G. STRONG, Jamaica Street, Glasgow, Scotland. An electric stop-motion is described.

12,755. September 4, 1888. Twining machines, H. H. LACE, Southamp ton Buildings, London. (G. F. Morey, Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A.) Arrangements are described for threading two continuous lines of thread, which hold the eyes or spindles between them, and suitable bars or struts, and for arranging them upon spindles or spindles on the outer grooves of such. The spindles are arranged in a circle, and the threads are passed through the same, which is driven by a motor, and the yoke is raised and lowered to control the space.

12,704. September 4, 1888. Twining machines, W. J. MURDOCH, Stanley-lane-end, near Walsall. Twine is twisted by one machine. The yarns for the twine are supplied from bobbins, and passed to a key, by a carrying wheel attached to a horizontal shaft below the yarns pass through a series of gears and are twisted together by the key. The yoke is moved to adjust the twist, and the yoke is arranged on the side, and the twist is regulated by adjusting the yoke.

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2,116. Bradshaw, Tapes, brass, etc. 5d. Swindon, Edward and Holy. 1d.

5,638. Harles West, London, 6d.

5,638. Hoyle and Holme. Combining machines, 6d. Hoyle and Holme, 6d. In the United States, 6d.

5,752. Jones, New York. Dyestuffs and chemicals, 6d.

5,692. Horse and Hooley. Winding yarn, 6d. Horse and Hooley, 6d. In the United States, 6d.

5,722. Loomes, 6d.

6,090. Loomes, 6d.

2,116. Bradshaw, Tapes, brass, etc. 5d.

9,917. Clay, Spinning, etc., machinery, 6d.

20,030. Pashley. Freeing wool from grease, 6d.

30,079. Browning. Spinning, 6d.

29,111. Lake (Chase). Cotton-gins, 6d.

346. Rayer and Stannard. Self-acting mules, 6d.

2,116. Bradshaw, Tapes, brass, etc. 5d.

1,894. Ashworth. Carding-engines, 6d.

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