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SHODDY IN BRITISH AND AMERICAN WOOLLENS

By Alfred Mansell, Shrewsbury. The article "Why is Wool so Cheap?" previously alluded to, further states that shoddy is the great feature in the trade of one of the leading towns of the Heavy Woollen District of Yorkshire, and it is well known that the mills do turn out an enormous weight of goods, the material being composed mostly of shoddy, cotton and the like. Sixteenpence to eighteenpence per yd (broad width), is the price of these so called woollen goods, and plenty of attractive fabrics are made at less.

It is also stated that Scotch manufacturers of tweeds who hitherto used no shoddy, have had to resort to its use in order to compete with the composition of similar articles largely composed of shoddy produced in several Yorkshire towns and elsewhere. The manufacture of artificial wools—and it is somewhat difficult to understand the designation—is said to be a large industry supplying manufacturers with a cheap substitute for the real article.

In speaking of the trade of another town in the Heavy Woollen district, the Yorkshire Observer says it is noted for its classical cloths, cheap dress meltons, dyed in classical shades, which find their chief markets in Greece and the Levantine ports. It all goes well there is a great future for these goods. The tweeds and serges produced here are in great favor with wholesale clothiers, and combined with an export demand, a steady trade results the whole year round. Into the composition of the higher grades a percentage of wool enters, but it is small. The cheap costumes which adorn the windows of many mantle shops are made in this locality. Tweeds and mantle cloths from 1s. 3d. per yd. from another important branch, and are made largely throughout this neighborhood. Speaking of military and police clothes, "strength being the test", there is little room for mungo or shoddy, and even the tender wool caused by the Australian drought is not admissible.

A well-known Yorkshire firm replying to an enquiry on the subject states—"There is so much mixing done now-a-days to bring goods in at such low prices, that it takes a very good man to tell what there is in some of the manufactured articles. In the Yorkshire Post's annual trade review of December 14th, 1901, a 54 in. cloth is spoken of which sells at 1s. 1d. per yd. which is composed of all shoddy, but is classed as woollen goods. The Hon. Geo. W. Wallace, Sante Fe, New Mexico, in an able article on "Substitutes for Wool", recites a statement by a commission house in the trade that 90 per cent of woollen goods contain cotton, and that in 45 per cent the proportion of cotton is 1/3; and when in addition to this cotton, the stuff which masquerades under a score of aliases, such as shoddy, mungo, wastes, flocks, loon flyings, wool extracts, noils, wool stock, manufactured wool jute yarn, &c., the wonder is not that the sales of wool fall off so largely, but that any wool is used at all.

I thoroughly agree with his deduction, and also in his statement that the adulterated cloth has neither the wear or the warmth of honest woollen goods. Mr. Wallace continues by stating that an expert witness before the Ways and Means Committee of the Fifty-fourth Congress, testified that the first class large worsted mills of the United States had put in the French and German process by which short-wool-fibres could be used. This is a fact which speaks for itself. Quoting further from the same source, an English correspondent of an American paper writes:—"I give designs and particulars for two of the most excellent cloths. The worsted panting will make a cloth particularly adapted to the American taste, and it can be made very well on a cotton backed cloth and mungo filling." Again a trade journal in a technical article says:—"The proper finishing of low-grade face goods requires great skill and care, as generally such goods contain a large percentage of cotton in both warp and filling, the amount of wool being only sufficient to form a face to cover the cotton, and it is seldom of the best quality.

Quoting Mr. Mulhuser, the greatest manufacturer of shoddies in the United States, Mr. Wallace gives the annual consumption of shoddy in the United States at 40 million pounds, displacing 120 million pounds of wool. The National Live Stock Association of America puts the figures for 1900 as follows:—"and this I presume refers to the U. S. only"—Shoddy used in 1900—74 million pounds displacing 222 million pounds of wool, or equal to 72 per cent of all the wool in the United States that year. In other words it displaced wool equal in quantity to that clipped from 42,990,000 out of the 61,415,000 sheep owned in the United States. Therefore but for this shoddy there would have been used 222 million more pounds of wool.

shoddy in the United States is shown by the following figures:—In 1860 thirty establishments had an annual output of a value of \$400,000; in 1890 the census showed ninety-four establishments and a products valued at \$9,208,011.

F. W. HODSON, Live Stock Commissioner, Glenelg Council.

The council met August 9th. All the members present. The leave in the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Communications read as follows: From the Municipal ward account, from county clerk Rutledge; County rate, from Gibson; Gibson account for shingles; from Wm. Irwin account for printing; from several Pathmasters, certificates for gravel.

Arrowsmith—Davis—that the following amounts be paid: The Municipal Ward account for stationery \$4.35; Wm. Irwin of the "Chronicle" for Printing 200 copies of Voters' Lists, for 1902, \$86.18. Carried.

McMillan—McLinnis—that the O. S. General and Marine Hospital be paid \$20 on account of keep of Elizabeth Wise up to 3rd of August.—Carried.

Arrowsmith—McMillan—that there is in his report of the finances of this Township the Special Auditor reported as follows: As will be seen by statements the total receipts for the term audited were \$120,618.70 while the total payments were \$118,680.99 leaving a balance of \$1,937.71 due by your Treasurer which amount he has paid over to your present Treasurer Mr. Daniel Edge.

He it therefore resolved that talking into consideration the long and faithful services of Mr. James Edge as a Municipal Officer, and having faithfully accounted for all the moneys placed in his hands for safe keeping, He and his Sureties be now relieved and freed from any further responsibility for any interest as suggested by the Municipal Special Auditor, and that the reverend Mr. Arrowsmith, Mr. McMillan and the clerk be a Committee to suggest the shape of any further recognition of his services may take.

John Wisner, 2 beats \$4.35; Thos. Nichol, 2 beats \$7.00; John McPherson, \$3.40; Joseph Firth, \$3.25; Thos. McGirr, 2 beats \$3.96; Jas. Malone, \$1.40; W. J. Ector, \$2.40; D. McCaskell, \$3.60; Alfred Hicks, \$1.00; Robert Edge, \$1.00; John McArthur, \$1.00 John Ryan, \$4.00.—Carried.

Davis—McMillan—that the following amounts be paid. Express charges, 70c; charges on Voters' Lists by stage, 10c; 2 gallons of coal oil 50 cents; 2 lamp glasses, 16 cents; postage for clerk, \$5.50; salary for clerk, \$10.—Carried.

McMillan—Arrowsmith—that the commissions for the different wards be paid, commissions as follows: Peter McLinnis \$4.00; Geo. Arrowsmith, \$5.00 and J. A. McMillan, \$5.00.—Carried. The Council adjourned to Sept. 20, at 10 a. m. J. S. BLACK, clerk.

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Hopeville. James Deans has given up house keeping here and gone west to Manitoba. His residence known as Castle Finch, is rented and taken up by Mr. and Mrs. Croakery.

On the move. D. K. McArthur and Wm. McLean who is sick have gone to Buffalo, where Mr. McLean will enter a hospital if not any better. Mrs. Burnett and son, of Durham, have been visiting friends through Proton.

Isaiah W. McArdle visited his parents here last Sunday. W. W. Hall, is on the sick list, but getting better.

Andrew Riddell met with an accident in the saw mill by getting his hand cut.

PRICEVILLE. Last Sunday Rev Mr Matheson and Rev Mr Thom, of Flesherton, exchanged pulpits.

Our young teacher Mr Eastman is getting along well so far and is a gentleman by all appearance. He is the son of a Mesford clergyman. Mrs Alex McPherson left last week on an excursion to Oak River, Manitoba, to see her sister Mrs James Black of that place.

The contract for repairing damages done to the Presbyterian church spire by lightning on July 23rd last was let to Chas Watson for the sum of \$250. work to be completed by the 15th Sept. Messrs Dan McDougall and Arch McConig, representatives for the company, let the contract.

Commissioner Danevo McLean, Benetton, paid Priceville a visit last Monday. The executors of the estate of the late Alex McPherson sold the farm to a cattle dealer from Waterloo for the sum of \$3150.

Mrs Jennie Cameron, of Buffalo, is spending a few months with her sister Mrs John McInnes, Durham Road, Glenelg. We are pleased to notice the names of Misses Gertie Nichol and Maggie McDonald amongst the successful ones at the late examination at Flesherton at the Public School Leaving. Both young ladies are from Priceville School.

The Misses Burners, of Toronto, are the guests of Mrs Donald Stewart, South Line, Artemesia, at present. Hector McDonald and mother, of Walkerton, visited friends in this part for a few days lately.

Mrs Hector McLean, of town line Artemesia and Glenelg was under the Dr's care for a few days lately but is getting better again. Jas McDonald (red Jim) and his brother Alex have been away to Bruce for the last few weeks.

Mrs (Rev) McLeod, of this place, was the guest of Mrs Arch McConig one day lately. Mrs Robert Watson (daughter of late Inspector Ferguson) and two boys of Shelburne visited their friends for a few days last week in this town.

Mr J P Bant, undertaker, visited friends at Woodbridge last week. Dr Atkinson received a grand set of bagpipes direct from Glasgow, Scotland, cost \$100. Priceville is now well supplied with bagpipes having no less than three of them. Miss Jennie McArthur left for Buffalo a week ago. She will be greatly missed in the Presbyterian choir as she was always found in her place while here. The Misses Maggie and Mary Simpson are spending a few months with their mother in this town.

Mull Corner. Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Clark returned to their home in Meaford, after spending a few days with the former's parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. D. McKinnon and son, of Toronto, visited with Mr. Alex. McCormack Friday last. Mr. McLean and sons of Sullivan, visited the McLean families this week. Miss S. Peterbow is home on a visit. Mr. D. McQuarrie, Sr., visited his daughter Mrs. Livingston, Gascoot, Monday and Tuesday of last week.

Mr. Beaton and his cousins of Bunnessan visited with Mr. McNally the beginning of the week.

Mr. A. and Miss K. Brown, of Crawford, visited at Mr. Arch. McCormack's also at Mr. McNally's last week.

Mr. James Peterbow is home from Durham. Miss Flo. McCormack visited a few days with Welbeck friends.

Mr. Alex. and Miss K. McCormack, visited Durham friends Tuesday evening.

Trade was dull and prices for cattle lower; exporters were 25c, and butchers cattle 25 to 50c per cwt. The local demand just now for butchers' meat is a light one. The enquiry for export cattle here this morning was nothing like as active as it has been lately, and prices weakened. Good to choice export cattle sold slowly at from \$5.25 to \$5.75, and only in a few cases was \$6 per cwt. paid. Light shipping cattle are worth from \$4.25 to \$5 per cwt.

The butcher trade in cattle was dull, and sales of anything but the small quantity of good cattle here were slow. Good to choice butchery cattle are quoted at from \$4.50 to \$5 per cwt., the latter figure being the outside price. Medium cattle was about 50c. per cwt. off, and common stuff sold for anything it would fetch. Good feeders are worth from \$4 to \$5 per cwt. and sell well. Stockers are quoted at from \$3 to \$3.75 per cwt., and are in fair demand. Good bulls are worth from \$4 to \$4.50 per cwt. Milch cows are worth from \$25 to \$45 each; a few choice cows are wanted. Export ewes are worth from \$3.40 to \$3.50 per cwt. Lambs sold at from \$4 to \$4.40 per cwt. Cull'd sheep sell at from \$2 to \$3 each. Bucks are worth from \$2.50 to \$2.75 per cwt. Calves are quoted at from \$2 to \$10 each, or from \$ to 5c per lb. Hogs are unchanged.

The top prices for choice hogs is \$7.37 per cwt., and light and fat hogs are quoted at \$7 to \$7.12 per cwt. New Blacksmith Shop. The undersigned begs to announce to the people of Durham and neighborhood that he has opened up business in the OLD FOUNDRY at the bridge, where he is prepared to do all kinds of General Blacksmith Work, making a specialty of HORSE SHOEING. A cordial invitation is extended to all old customers. Lame and interfering horses treated carefully. NO CURE—NO PAY. JOHN COLLINS, (Formerly of Orchardville.)

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