

Business East.

ONTARIO.

C. J. Armstrong, hardware, Aurora, has given up business.

Jas. McCabe, hotel, Barrie, has moved to Collingwood.

F. R. Ball's sawmill, Hawtrey, has been destroyed by fire.

Mrs. S. Barker, dry goods, Toronto, has gone out of business.

W. H. Hill, general store, Beachville, is reported away.

Wm. Urquhart, general store, Dunvegan, has assigned in trust.

Mrs. M. E. Diamond, Grocer, Napanee, has removed to Peterboro.

George A. Wells, dry goods, Lindsay, is about closing out there.

F. Dover, hardware, Haliburton, is about closing out his business there.

Calder & Munroe, furniture, Brantford, have sold their stock by auction and the place is closed.

Avery & Campbell, general store, Middlemis, have dissolved. The business will be continued by Campbell & McLachlin.

A recent fire in Brussels burned out the following business men:—Struthers & Powell, general store; H. Dennis, harness; W. Ainley, furniture; A. Veale, spring beds; W. Brass-hill, butche; W. Nithingale & Co., dry goods; Mrs. W. Long, furniture.

QUEBEC.

Varin & Bastien, contractors, Montreal, have dissolved.

C. H. Mutter, grocer, Sherbrooke, has sold out to McDonald Bros.

Côte & Co., leather dealers, St. Hyacinthe, are about assigning in trust.

Marshall & Henry, general store, Huntingdon, are about dissolving.

Jos. F. Morrisette, books, Montreal, is advertised to be sold out by the bailiff.

Reid & Rish, lumber and general store, South Stukely, are selling-off the stock and contemplating dissolving.

Dixon, Sons, & Hay, general merchants, Montreal, have dissolved. M. Hay, retiring. The business will be continued by J. A. Dixon, under the style of Dixon, Sons & Co.

NOVA SCOTIA.

David Falconer, flour merchant, Halifax, has assigned.

Edward T. Messenger, general store, Wilmot, has assigned in trust.

J. H. Nisbet, grocer, Halifax has compromised with his creditors.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

M. Blackhall, livery, St. John, has assigned.

Jas. DeLmond, grocer, Chatham, has been sold out by the sheriff.

W. B. Howard, general store, Chatham, is offering to compromise with his creditors at 25c on the dollar.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Henry Coombs, general store, Charlottetown, has failed.

General Notes.

The iron and steel bridges under contract for the C.P.R. aggregate 7,000,000 pounds in weight.

The lumber production of Minneapolis mills for the past three years was as follows:—1881, 230,403,800 feet; 1882, 312,239,800 feet; 1883, to Nov. 1, 302,131,300 feet.

Last year Arizona produced over 17,000,000 pounds of copper. The increase this year so far has been 38 per cent. The output this year will probably be not less than 25,000,000 pounds.

The rye crop of Europe in 1883, based on the report of an average crop by the Vienna Congress is 838,240,370 bushels. The average crop for the past seven years has been 1,032,985,345 bushels.

To remove screws which were originally driven into wood with a hammer, or which have rusted in, heat any piece of iron and hold it on the head of the screw a few minutes, when extraction will be found easy.

The first shipment of Oregon wheat east by the lakes was recently from Duluth, Minn. It consisted of 12,000 bus., shipped on the Quebec, which cleared for Sarnia. It will be reshipped from Montreal for Liverpool.

The late harvest in Italy, according to official announcement is rated at ninety-three per cent. of an average crop. The yield in Sardinia is better than elsewhere, being rated there at 114 per cent. The total crop of wheat and other milling grain amounts to about 127,000,000 bus.

DURING the present season the Erie Canal has transported about 36,000,000 bushels of grain and seed, 55,000,000 feet of lumber, 50,000,000 staves, 36,000,000 tons of coal, and millions of pounds of merchandise. With these figures in view it can scarcely be claimed that canals are out of date.

The Chicago *Journal of Commerce* in its last review says: There is little or nothing to refer to as indicating any particular change in the business skies. The same cautious hand-to-mouth policy prevails. A great variety of straws continue to indicate the fitful changes in the wind, but there is nothing to indicate any settled recovery.

The postal money order business of the United States, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1883, exhibits a total of all kinds issued during the year of 9,273,882, of an aggregate value of \$125,047,238. The increase in the value of the domestic orders issued over those issued during the preceding fiscal year was \$3,955,980, or 3.46 per cent.

The total lumber cut of Duluth mills amount to about 175,000,000 feet with some 50,000,000 feet of logs hung up in the streams. The lumbermen are somewhat reticent concerning their intended log cut, but the visible preparations indicate that the coming crop will greatly exceed last years. It will have to be unless some of the mills lay idle next season.

The American *Manufacturer* says: In Boston steel nails are quoted \$1.00 per keg higher than iron nails. Patent iron steel nails are quoted same as iron nails. It is now certain that the iron nail will within a year have active competition. It remains to be seen whether it will

be routed as completely as was the iron nail; or, indeed, whether it will be routed at all.

Belgium is credited with being the most productive in agriculture of any country in the world. The average yield of wheat is 27.9 bus.; rye, 25.4; oats, 42.4; barley, 35.1; buckwheat, 24.9; potatoes, 194 bus. per acre. It will be seen that in most of these the average is more than twice that of Michigan. The population of this little area is 5,713,913.

A MONTHLY line of steamers has lately been established, and is running between Trieste, Austria, and Brazil, touching at the South American ports of Pernambuco, Bahia, Rio de Janeiro, and Santos, and at the European ports of Cadiz, Gibraltar, Naples and Palermo. The products of Austro Hungarian flour mills are among the leading articles shipped by this line to South America. A steamer leaves Trieste on the 10th of each month.

AN exchange says there is on exhibition at San Luis Obispo an ear of corn grown in the exact form of the hand of a child, showing the wrist, hand, hand, thumb and fingers, all perfect except the little finger, which is double. It is covered with small grains of corn to near the tips of the fingers, which are bare prongs of cob, giving the appearance of a hand clad with a mitt. In total length it is 5½ inches, and 3 inches broad across the palm.

THE Grand Trunk have just introduced on their road a new engine which the company claim is the best locomotive in America. It was built in Portland, Maine. The cylinders are 22 inches in diameter, the driving wheels 7 feet, and the engine weighs 60 tons. On the trial trip last Monday it made the run between Hamilton and Paris, up the heavy grade near Copetown, with fourteen cars, at the rate of 45 miles an hour. With the same number of cars two engines are required to pull a train up this grade. The engineer is confident that this locomotive has the speed of a mile in considerably less than a minute.

Foreign Wheat and Flour Markets.

The export demand for flour in Boston is rather better with some large sales reported. Domestic inquiry for patents is good, and there is a better tone all around. Quotations: Patents, \$7.20; straights, \$6.40@6.70; \$6.40@6.70; first bakers', \$3.70@5.90; red dog, \$2.50@2.75, in bags.

Latest Glasgow advices say there is no quotable alteration in prices, but the demand continues very slow for all classes. Buyers only operate sparingly, and confine their attention mostly to lots on spot, or near at hand. The weather has been wet and boisterous the past few days, but as harvest is now completed, no damage will result. Imports this week are considerably heavier, viz.: From U. S. and Canada, 23,916 280 lbs. bags; Continental, etc., 11,430 280 lbs. bags; while our exports amounted to 14,946 280 lbs. bags. Quotations: patents, \$7.29 per bbl.; straights, \$6.72; first bakers', \$5.96; second bakers', \$4.20; best low grades, \$3.53; red dog, \$3.10.

The New York *Produce Exchange Reporter*, in a table showing the fluctuations of flour from day to day last week, reports a net decline of