

Trade AND Notes.

KEEN's brewery at Port Huron, Mich., was destroyed by fire on the 16th inst. Loss \$200,000; insurance \$35,000.

W. LACROIX, formerly of the Imperial Hotel, Liverpool, died very suddenly last week at the age of forty-four. Deceased had left a wife and family.

A TRANSFER of the license of the Grand Hotel, Windsor, Ont., has been signed on the ground that the former proprietor left some unpaid debts.

It is reported from Quebec that during the past fortnight there has been an almost unprecedented rush of travel in that direction, all the hotels being crowded.

"Woods' Hotel," one of the few remaining buildings of London that are associated closely with Charles Dickens, is about to be demolished. In one suite of rooms in the building Dickens passed through some of the many vicissitudes of his life.

The New York License Commissioners have finally decided to grant a license to Duke's Hotel at Hunter Bay. Mr. C. Noble was the lucky applicant; but upon receiving his license Mr. Noble at once transferred it to Mr. H. L. Spencer, formerly of the Avondale Hotel, Toronto.

CHARLES O. SELF, hotelkeeper, Fort William, has assigned to Charles W. Jarvis. Self was previously a bartender at Fort Arthur, but started business on his own account in October, 1890, in partnership with Ed. Smith. They continued together until October, 1892, when Smith retired, Self continuing alone.

The directors of the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, have elected Mr. Charles Garth, comptroller, to succeed the late Duncan McIntyre. Mr. J. F. Davies was elected vice-president, and Mr. H. Joseph was elected as a member of the Executive. Mr. Joseph's place on the Board was filled by the election of Mr. John Cassels.

Mr. GEORGE STANLEY has entered into an agreement with the authorities of the city of Guelph, whereby he undertakes to construct and operate an electric street railway there in consideration of a thirty year franchise. The construction of the rail will be completed as early next year as possible after the necessary legislative action has been secured.

At the annual meeting of the Walkerville Brewing Company, John Bott was appointed business manager in place of J. Langton, who resigned that position until recently. Mr. Langton intends to go into business in Detroit. E. W. Davidson was elected secretary. It was decided to make various improvements which will require an expenditure of \$25,000.

It is stated on good authority that a joint-stock brewing company, with a capital stock of \$100,000 is being formed in thirty. Thirty thousand dollars of stock has been subscribed. Mr. Geo. Schmiedel, formerly with the Grant-Lattridge Brewing Company, is the leading spirit in the scheme. The new company, it is said, has secured a site for an immense new brewery on the bay front, not far from the Grand Trunk Railway line.—Hamilton Times.

A DISPATCH dated Springfield, Ill., August 17th, states that the International Tanning Co., Chicago, with capital stock of \$2,000,000 was incorporated on the 16th. The company has been organized to control through Europe a new process in the manufacture of fermented liquors, beers, vinegars, yeast and other domestic substances. About three months ago, the United States whiskey trust adopted the process and purchased the exclusive right for its use in the manufacture of its product in that country.

A HORSE pile weighing forty-four pounds

and measuring nearly five feet in length, was lately caught by a hotel proprietor at Dahlhausen on the Ruhr, Germany. Attached to its tail by means of copper wire was a metal plate, on which the following lines were engraved:—

Little fish, so plump and round,
Where next year shall you be found?
May your name, and mine, be late,
Give us tidings of your fate.

I LIKE to sit and think and fish,
And fish and sit and think,
And think and fish and sit and think,
I had another drink.

A FEW days ago a list was published at London of all persons in the district who are addicted to, and who, by a legal enactment of the 29th January, 1842, are not allowed to be served with spirituous liquors. The publication of this list naturally creates a certain degree of excitement among the population; and great was their surprise when, on this occasion, one of the inhabitants called at the police office and demanded that his name should be added to the list, as he was "a top-er himself." The application of the "forget-one" was rejected for the time being.—Kölnische Zeitung.

FROD. GARNER, evidently went to the wrong place to study monkey language. He should go to China, where Prof. Hiram Gregory, of New York, says there exists in a mountain region a tribe of monkeys that make pottery for their own use, and then make wine to put in their pottery. The Chinese mountaineers of the human variety say that their brute brethren make the wine from berries in the summer, and store it for use in winter when the water is frozen. Of course monkeys so accomplished as these should have a richer language than the Gorillas and chimpanzees of Africa.—Springfield Republican.

THE precautions to be observed on the part of the retailer include: the keeping of sufficient stock to suffice for a week's consumption only; and mounting the bottles in an inclined position with the cork downwards, so as to be covered by the liquid, at a constant temperature not exceeding 45° F., ice and daylight being avoided. In serving the beer to the customer the bottle should be carried upright without shaking, and the contents decanted, without interruption, into a clean glass, thus avoiding the disturbance of any sediment and consequent muddying of the beer.—The Brewer and Malster.

WHEN you ask the peasant boy whom you meet after your dip what is the name of the river, and what is the Gaelic for water, the river, he says, is called Eek, and the Gaelic for water is uige. "Uige!" you say, "that sounds very much like whiskey"; and so it is unquestionably, as the schoolmaster may tell you.—"gebeatha, the full Gaelic for the stream, drink of the mountain, being nothing more nor less than a compound of uige (water) and beatha (life), evidently the Latin vita—can de vie, as the French call it. But what is uige, which appears also in the name of more than one Scottish river? The Eek is simply uige, the water, the oldest form of the Latin aqua.—Blackwood's Magazine.

OUT of forty-four transfers dealt with in a recent issue, "eleven," says a correspondent, "were transferred to ladies, and that," he adds, "is 25 per cent. of the whole." Just so. But the prevalence of ladies in the trade is nothing new. They flourished at the time Shakespeare was a man about town; and long ere he had come to adorn literature bookshelves had smiled on Chaucer. Possibly, if we cared to peer through the twilight of fable we should find that the lady whose cakes were spoiled by friendly hostess of the period who, finding the fugitive prince had not the wherewithal to purchase a horn or mug of ale, had agreed to give him one in

return for services rendered.—Licensing World.

MR. ALBERT MIDDLETON, formerly of the Russell House, Yonge Street, Toronto, has purchased the Cataract House, at Cataract, on the line of the Owen Sound branch of the C.P.R., and will enter into possession this week. Mr. Middleton is a young man and this is his first business venture on his own account. When his father was proprietor of the Russell the son did much by his keen business foresight, his gentility and his courteous attention to the wants of patrons to make that famous hostelry the success that it undoubtedly was. He now goes to a beautiful situation in a "give him community and the same qualities to give him success in Toronto will be done." exerted when exercised in his personal shaft. He carries with him the best wishes of a very large circle of acquaintances who will watch with pleasure what they are assured will be a prosperous business career.

ANOTHER landmark is about to disappear in Paris. After Bignon, Tortoni, and other fashionable resorts, it is now the turn of the Cafe d'Orsay to be numbered among the glories of the past. Under the Second Empire it was unrivaled. The famous Cent-Gardes and the Dragons of the Empress were quartered in the neighboring barracks, and were wont to patronize the cafe, which in the afternoon was crowded with officers in brilliant uniforms. Many are the stories told of the adventures which occurred there in the piping times of peace. In the salons on the first floor might have been seen some of the most beautiful courtisans of Paris. Ladies of rank, too, occasionally went there to keep an appointment. One of these fair sinners was caught there by her husband, and had to escape in the disguise of a cook. With the fall of the Empire, the cafe began to decline; other catering establishments spring up, and during the past few years it lived only on its name, which was ultimately forgotten.—London Globe.

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