

Business East.

ONTARIO.

A. S. Scott, general store, Cottam, has sold out.

G. B. Bradley, florist, Toronto, has assigned in trust.

A. J. Hart, grocer, Westport, has assigned in trust.

L. H. Dickson, harness maker, Rodney, has sold out.

S. S. Arnold, general store, Louisville, has sold out.

F. Kennedy, jeweler, Toronto, has closed up business.

M. C. Carey & Co., grocers, Sarnia, stock sold at 83c on the \$.

Geo. Lipsett, hotelkeeper, Haliburton, has sold out to J. Gould.

J. W. Foster, fancy goods, St. Thomas, stock sold at 43c on the \$.

S. J. Sager, grocer and baker, Dresden, style now Sager & Hazzard.

J. W. Sutherland, general store, Katrie, has assigned in trust.

Alex. McMullin, general store, Dickinson's Landing, has assigned.

Alex. Reid, general store, Fort Francis, has sold out to Ed. G. Scott.

M. Blackstock, general store, Thornton, has sold out to J. F. Calbert.

G. L. Williams, dealer in shoes, Galt, has admitted J. A. Ohlmann as partner.

Wm. Higinbotham, physician and druggist, Omen ee, is giving up business here.

A. E. Wallace & Co., grocers, St. Thomas, have dissolved; style now Wallace & Butler.

J. & P. Buckley, dealers in groceries and wood, Sarnia, have dissolved; John Buckley continues.

Duncan McDougall, boots and shoes, Forrest, style now McDougall & Seaton, and business boots and shoes and groceries.

QUEBEC.

C. A. McDonald & Co., marble works, Montreal, have dissolved.

W. A. J. Whiteford, stationer, Montreal, has assigned in trust.

Fiset & Wilson, hardware merchants, St. Jerome, have assigned in trust.

Montreal Trade Notes.

DRY GOODS.

The past week has been extremely quiet in general dry goods, and no change is expected until travellers start with fall samples. A few failures in the interior are reported; but remittances on the whole are fair. The cotton mills are fairly busy, some of them being well booked ahead with orders.

STRAWBERRIES.

The receipts of strawberries were very heavy on Tuesday and Wednesday, amounting to about 100,000 quarts, but the demand not being equal thereto, prices suddenly dropped to 5c @ 6c per quart, at which figures quite a number of buyers stepped in and took considerable stock off the market for preserves. The market however was so glutted with soft berries that receivers sold them to peddlers at 4c @ 4½c per quart.

BUTTER.

Suppliers are liberal, but buyers and sellers are too far apart in their views to admit of business on an extensive scale. We learn of a sale which we understand is for export account and is equal to 17c here. For choice June creamery shippers here would pay that figure but they claim that holders will not sell for any such price. The arrivals of Eastern Townships butter are by no means of fine quality, which proves that farmers are storing the June make. Western butter however is very fine and some lots are certainly ahead of Townships. Several car loads of Western have been bought for the Lower Provinces during the past few days at 13 to 13½c, one car at the latter figures being very fine. In fact the principal movement has been in Western.

CHEESE.

During the past week there has been quite a "boom" in cheese, prices having advanced ½ to ¾c, with some heavy buying in the country. Goods shipped by this week's steamers cost about 7½ to 8c f.o.b. for finest. Latest sales were made at 7½c, and we quote finest 7½ to 8c. The recent spurt was no doubt due to the increased demand in Great Britain combined with smaller shipments from this side compared with those of the year previous. It is very certain that the make is exceptionally fine never better and at prices cannot be called dear. The Liverpool cable has mounted to 40s.—*Trade Bulletin.*

Foreign Seamen in British Ships.

From the report contributed by one of the assistant secretaries of the British Board of Trade and published as a parliamentary paper, on the supply of British seamen and the employment of foreigners on board British merchant ships, it seems that originally British ships had to be manned and owned by Englishmen. Subsequently this rule was relaxed so as to require only three-quarters of the crew to be English, and finally it was provided that foreigners serving on board British ships became legally, after a time, British seamen. It seems that, despite the English effort to promote apprenticeship, the percentage of foreign seamen employed has steadily increased during the latter part of the century. From 1851 to 1853 the proportion of foreigners employed was four per cent. Since 1853 it has steadily increased, until in 1885 the per centage is said to have risen to 14. It appears that the foreign subjects principally employed in British ships are Scandinavians, and next Germans.

Canadian Tobacco.

We think that undue preference has been given plug tobacco made from foreign leaf, over that manufactured from Canadian leaf. Whilst the foreign article is undoubtedly the finer of the two, there is a peculiar flavor to the Canadian product, which consumers say they prefer to any other brand. A great prejudice has hitherto existed against Canadian tobacco, owing to the fact that it has been used in its crude state as prepared by the growers without being properly manufactured, but since it has undergone the regular manufacturing process

it compares very favorably with brands made from imported leaf, and the prospects are good for an increased trade in the home product. Canadian farmers are also paying more attention to the cultivation of tobacco, and the proper curing of the leaf, giving it a much better marketable quality than it possessed a few years ago. With care on the part of growers, and the application of the right system of manufacture, there is no reason why Canadian tobacco should not rank as a first class article in the markets of the world.—*Trade Bulletin.*

Recent Legal Decisions.

DEBTOR—ASSIGNMENT FOR CREDITORS—HOMESTEAD.—According to the decision of the Kentucky Court of Appeals in the case of Hasty's Heirs vs. Berry, where a debtor reserves the right of homestead in a deed of trust for the benefit of creditors, a creditor who accepts the provisions of the deed by sharing in the distribution under it cannot afterwards subject the homestead to the payment of the balance of his debt.

LIABILITY OF SURETIES—BOND OF AGENT.—Where it was the business of an agent of a sewing machine company to sell and leave machines the Supreme Court of Indiana held (*Weed Sewing Machine Company vs. Winchell*) that the sureties on the agent's bond were not liable for the price of machines sold to the agent or for the payment of notes taken by the company from the agent in payment of his debt to them, and further that the failure of the agent to pay the notes was not a breach of the bond.

ASSIGNMENT FOR CREDITORS—CONTINUING BUSINESS.—A deed in trust for the benefit of creditors, made in 1879, and conveying a stock of merchandise and a growing crop, contained a recital to the effect that the maker wished the business to be carried on by the trustee until 1882, authorized the trustee to buy new goods for the purpose of replenishing the stock, and provided that he should retain the maker to assist him in the business, subject to his authority. The Supreme Court of Tennessee held, (*Lowenstein et al. vs. Love et al.*) that the deed was void on its face.

INSURANCE POLICY—MEANING OF "VACANT OR UNOCCUPIED."—In an insurance policy lately construed by the Supreme Court of Iowa there was a provision exempting the insurance company from liability of any loss or damage arising while the premises should be vacant or unoccupied. The building insured was a dwelling house and had been leased to a tenant who had moved out three months before the building was destroyed by a tornado. He had, however, left some articles of furniture in the house. The Court (*Sexton vs. The Hawkeye Insurance Company*) gave judgment for the insurance company, holding that the house was "vacant or unoccupied" within the terms of the policy.

Seamless shoes are a novelty that will soon be placed on the market, in low-cut, halmorals, button and other styles. Samples are now being exhibited in Boston, crimped on a new device, which are absolutely seamless.