

Business East.**ONTARIO.**

John Oulcott, hotel, Eglinton, is dead.
 R. O'Neil, hotel, London, is out of business.
 F. W. Radcliff, jobber, Toronto, has assigned.
 Hicks & Co., hotel, Colborne, damaged by fire.
 A. G. Bedford, grocer, Chatham, is selling out.
 J. Coxworth, hotelkeeper, Hensall, has sold out.
 Chris. McKenzie, grocer, Petrolia, has sold out.
 C. W. Rescoby, baker, Georgetown, has assigned.
 A. G. Crysdale, confectioner, Toronto, has assigned.
 Adam Ballantine, general store, Arthur, has assigned.
 Tobias Culp, fruit grower, Tp. Louth, has assigned.
 Rabson Bros., dist. mill, Waterdown, have assigned.
 Hy. Robison, confectioner, Ridgetown, has sold out.
 Neil McCoy, grocer, Chatham, is out of business.
 Korman Brewing Co., Toronto, partially burned out.
 Harkness & Co., drugs, London, G. W. Harkness is dead.
 W. J. Wright, implement agent, Greenock, has assigned.
 A. M. Anderson, general store, Williamsford, has sold out.
 Snider & Hamilton, livery, etc., Toronto, have dissolved.
 Crandall Bros., general store, Colborne, was damaged by fire.
 J. D. Armstrong, drugs, Toronto, was sold out by the sheriff.
 Wm. Thompson & Co., wholesale hardware, Toronto, have dissolved.
 F. Cooper, gents' furnishings, Toronto, has had his stock damaged by fire.
 Chatham Watch, Clock and Jewelry Co., Chatham, are closing out their business.

QUEBEC.

Jos. Hatch, hotel, Montreal, has assigned.
 S. Veronneau, general store, Valcourt, has assigned.
 Drapeau, Savignac & Co., plumbers, Montreal have dissolved.

NOVA SCOTIA.

John Eab, groceries, etc., Halifax, is dead.
 W. Wallace, tailor, Wolfville, has assigned.
 William Miller, tinware, Halifax, has sold out.
 T. P. Connors & Co., tailors, Halifax, have dissolved.

Michael McPherson, general store, Springhill, has assigned.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Chas. McManus, hotel, Buctouche, has assigned.
 F. H. Searle, general storekeeper, Chatham, is away.
 J. L. Stevens, confectioner, Muncion, has assigned.
 J. J. Noonan, men's furnishings, Chatham, has assigned.
 H. S. Copp, saw mill—West'd Co., Brooklyn, burned out.
 G. V. Hammond, general store and lumber, St. Leonards, has assigned.

Coffee.

Coffee is threatened with a rival. In the island of Reunion is a plant known as the wild

orange, which produces a fruit green at first, afterwards bluish, and veiging into purple as it ripens. This has been tested and found to make a beverage in every way equal to coffee, and at a much lower price. The product is called "Mussaenda," and can be used alone or mixed with pure coffee. It is announced that 24,000 acres of this plant are now being cultivated. It is most likely, however, that chicory more than coffee will suffer from the introduction of "Mussaenda." *Ex.*

Chemicals and Dyestuffs.

Quotations at Montreal for these commodities were given as follows last week:—

Bleaching powder	\$0 00	(a) \$2 25
Bicarb soda	1 75	(a) 1 90
Sal soda	0 95	(a) 1 00
Caustic soda	2 00	(a) 2 25
Soda ash	1 30	(a) 1 50
Chlorate potash	0 22	(a) 0 25
Alum	1 50	(a) 1 75
Copperas	0 80	(a) 0 90
Sulphur flour	2 25	(a) 2 50
Sulphur roll	1 90	(a) 2 00
Sulphate of copper	6 75	(a) 7 00
White sugar of lead	0 08	(a) 0 12
Brown sugar of lead	0 07	(a) 0 10
Bich. potash	0 09½	(a) 0 10
Bich. soda	0 07½	(a) 0 08
Logwood, per 100 lbs	2 00	(a) 2 25
Sumac, Sicilian	65 00	(a) 75 00
Pruss potash, yellow	0 22	(a) 0 25
Cutch	0 07½	(a) 0 08½
Gambier	0 06½	(a) 0 07½
Madras indigo	0 60	(a) 0 80

Grain and Milling

Lake freights on wheat from Chicago to Buffalo last week were quoted at about 2½ cts., corn 2½ cents.

D. Bawlf, grain dealer, Winnipeg, has purchased the retail grain and feed business of N. Bawlf, also of Winnipeg.

No grain charters have yet been made at Duluth this season. Opening charters will be at about 3½c. Not much wheat is expected to be shipped before June 1.

Ritchie & Newcomb will make over the stone grist mill at Gladstone, Man., to a roller mill, with a capacity of 50 barrels. They are being aided in the undertaking by private subscriptions.

It is reported that another hitch has arisen in the title of the property whereon Hastings Bros. & Co. intend building their mill at Port Arthur. A squatter is on the ground and refuses to vacate.

Edmonton Bulletin.—The Sturgeon river grist and saw mill, belonging to the Roman Catholic mission at St. Albert, northern Alberta, was burned on March 21th. The fire started on the north side of the river, burning 1:00 saw logs which had been brought out from the Egg lake timber limit during the winter. It then crossed the river to the mill, which it destroyed with the contents and about 300,000 feet of sawn lumber. The outbuildings of the mill were also destroyed, the dwelling house alone escaping. A quantity of grain and flour in the grist mill and the saws, planer, edger,

etc., in the saw mill, were destroyed. The loss is variously estimated at \$20,000 to \$40,000. It is not likely that the mill will be rebuilt.

Dr. Harrison, banker, of Neepawa, Man., has made a proposition to build a flour mill at that place. According to the Neepawa Register, he offers to build a mill of 125 barrels capacity, with storage attached, for a loan of \$10,000; half the amount to be repaid in five years and the balance in ten years without interest. The amount to be secured to the municipalities by a first mortgage on the property and by an assignment to them of an insurance policy for the amount.

E. P. Allis, whose death was announced in THE COMMERCIAL last week, was well known, at least by reputation, especially to millers. He embarked in the foundry business in Milwaukee in 1861, on a small scale, and has been most successful in building up an immense concern, which now employs 2,000 men. The output of the establishment last year was valued at \$3,000,000. Flour and saw mill machinery are the special features of the works. The business will be carried on by his sons and others. Mr. Allis carried life insurance policies to the amount of \$461,000, upon which the annual premiums amounted \$35,000.

THE Western Traveller is the latest thing in the journalistic line for Manitoba. The Traveller will be distributed free on all trains on the main line and branches of the C. P. R., daily, and it will not be published as a regular journal, at a fixed subscription rate. It is therefore a new departure in journalism here. Though circulated free, the first issue of the paper, which appeared last week, contained a liberal amount of interesting reading matter. The advertising columns were also well represented. The Traveller is in good hands, and will no doubt succeed. The head office of the paper is at 471 Main Street, Winnipeg.

Two brothers named Stewart were made to pay \$130 extra freight on a car which arrived recently at Neepawa, Man.. It was billed as emigrants' effects but contained some new articles. It is known to be quite a common practice for immigrants from the east to bring new goods with them for sale here this is not strictly in accordance with the regulations, as they get a lower rate on immigrants' effects than on general merchandise. A good many new settlers bring goods for sale along with their effects, with the idea that they can sell the goods at a profit here, and thus help to pay expenses. However it is not always an easy matter to dispose of the goods here at a profit, and sometimes settlers have netted a loss on goods brought in.

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