

Business East. ONTARIO.

W. C. Dillon, grocer, Forest, has sold out.
 R. Linker, grocer, Kincairdine, has assigned.
 J. F. Wilson, shoes, Newmarket, has sold out.
 Thos. P. Caird, hotelkeeper, Sunderland, has assigned.
 Christopher Fox, grocer, Thamesville, has assigned.
 Campbell & Moore, bakers, Strathroy; have dissolved.
 J. R. Kingsbury, grocer, Toronto; sheriff in possession.
 J. H. Leitch, hotelkeeper, Ridgetown, is out of business.
 W. H. Grant dry goods dealer, Strathroy, has sold out.
 W. J. Hall, dealer in dry goods, Peterboro, has sold out.
 Alonzo Coughell, hotelkeeper, St. Thomas, has sold out.
 Thos. T. Kavanagh, grocer, Mallorytown, has assigned.
 Denis Fox, dealer in dry goods, Belleville, has assigned.
 P. Spragge, hotelkeeper, Guelph, has sold out to T. R. Galea.
 M. Leavens, grocer, Meaford, has sold out to Geo. Jenkins.
 B. Coruell, dealer in dry goods, Rockton, was burned out.
 D. L. Hardy, wholesale confectioner, London, is out of business.
 J. Hogan, hotelkeeper, Guelph; succeeded by J. W. Beechin.
 Wu, Niehaus, dealer in shoes, Berlin, has sold out to his son.
 Mrs. A. McDowell, confectioner, Hamilton; bailiff in possession.
 W. R. Pattison, grocer, Gananoque, has moved to Uxbridge.
 Metropolitan Roller Skating Rink, Toronto, sheriff in possession.
 Wm. Real, cigar manufacturer, Toronto; sheriff in possession.
 Frank Robertson & Co., dealers in Berlin wool Toronto, have dissolved.
 J. S. Dignam, dealer in wholesale crockery, London, is moving to Toronto.
 B. & M. Saunders, tailors, Toronto, have dissolved; B. Saunders continues.
 G. H. Flack, jeweller, St. Thomas; stock advertised for sale by assignee.
 D. R. McGuigan, general storekeeper, Newbury, has moved to Port Alma.
 Andrew Clamahan, sash and door manufacturer, Glencoe, was burned out.
 Lindsay Bros., general storekeepers, Shelburne, called a meeting of creditors.
 Lefevre & Son, hardware merchants, Bothwell; style now C. L. Lefevre & Co.
 Kingsville Woolen Manufacturing Co., Kingsville, have dissolved; E. E. Harris retires.
 R. H. Thonson, tailor, Mount Forest, has admitted John Dana as partner; style now R. H. Thomson & Co.

QUEBEC.

Andre Labrecque, baker, St. Raymond, is dead.
 Samuel Read, dealer in dry goods, Quebec, is dead.

Chas. Cadotte, manufacturer of shoes, Montreal, has assigned.

J. A. Claveau, general storekeeper, Chicoutimi, has assigned.

D. Drolet, dealer in dry goods, Quebec, stock damaged by fire and water.

Claude & Co., builders and contractors, Notre Dame de Grace, have dissolved.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Donald McMillan, general storekeeper, Whyecomahe, has assigned.

Alex. G. Bremner, dealer in confectionery, Halifax; failed and out of business.

Walker & Currie, general storekeepers, Milford, have dissolved; G. W. Walker continues.

Communication.

To THE COMMERCIAL, Winnipeg.

May I be allowed to say a few words on your article on Commerce with the Antipodes, in your issue of the 27th?

The article is based on the report of Mr. Woods, Commissioner to Australia, and he gives some valuable information as to the possibilities of trade from the Pacific Coast to the Dominion. Writing from Australia, he properly confined himself to the opening likely to be in that market. I propose to show where there is a larger. The exports of wheat from the United States amount to 50,000,000 bushels per annum, of which fully a half is shipped from the Pacific coast; and of that half, all but two per cent. is to England. The shipments of flour from the States are, in round numbers, 7½ million barrels per annum, of which 1½ millions are from Pacific ports, over 800,000 bbls going to England from the Pacific Coast, over 300,000 bbls to China, and the bulk of the remainder to British Columbia. It may seem to some that this is a round about way of shipping, but little consideration is wanted to show the advantage of the Pacific route. Grain of this year can be milled and shipped and landed in England by sailing vessel, by the month of May following, before it could leave the port of Montreal, the value can be drawn for and cash back months before the grain could leave Canada by the east. These figures are not of so much importance to the farmers in the immediate neighborhood of Winnipeg, but to those of the farther west they must have a meaning.

When the steamers are running regularly from Vancouver to China, the miller of the west will have an advantage over those of California. The steamers from San Francisco, it is admitted, can no longer be run if Government subsidies are withdrawn from them and liberal subsidies given to the English lines. This alone will be an item in favor of the Canadian producer. Agricultural machinery is shipped from the States and from Canada, but it can be done on a much larger scale, and that can be done best by making on the Pacific coast, where lumber is the best, coal abundant, and where iron can be landed at less than at any inland town in Canada. Iron will be made there to compete with the world in course of time, but for the present it can cheaply be carried from England.

I hope these few considerations may be of interest to the farming classes of the far west and encourage them to look out for a great future. Winnipeg, July 28th. Mccator.

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