

**Business East.****ONTARIO.**

Jones' Dry Goods Co., Guelph, have assigned.  
 J. S. Adams, grocer, Strathroy, has assigned.  
 M. Keachie, hotelkeeper, Toronto, has sold out.  
 Geo. Goldsboro, tailor, Niagara Falls South, is dead.  
 Mrs. Miller, milliner, Colborne, has assigned in trust.  
 R. Stark, shoe maker, Toronto, has assigned in trust.  
 Andrew Brown, blacksmith, Ilderton, has sold out.  
 Graham & Learn, nursery, St. Thomas, have dissolved.  
 G. Blackmore, tailor, Barrie, has sold out to Geo. May.  
 W. R. Bain, dry goods merchant, Brockville, has assigned.  
 Jas. Henigan, gents' furnishings, Hamilton, has assigned.  
 Mann & Co., boots and shoes, Strathroy, have sold out.  
 Mrs. Tremlett, boots and shoes, Hamilton, has closed up.  
 Mrs. McAvoy, hotelkeeper, Sarnia, has assigned in trust.  
 H. Monckman, grocer, Park Head, has assigned in trust.  
 Wm. Saunders & Co., druggists, London, have dissolved.  
 Jas. Milan, grocer, Palmerston, has sold out to Davey & Co.  
 L. M. McDonald, fruits, Orillia, has sold out to Hugh Wright.  
 H. Wright, confectionery, Harriston, has moved to Orillia.  
 W. & L. Richardson, tailors, Chatham, have assigned in trust.  
 Lazier & Meyers, hats, Belleville; closed under execution.  
 A. Fleisheur, wagon maker, Bright; meeting of creditors called.  
 J. & R. Kilgour, organ factory, Hamilton; suspended ratings.  
 M. Sullivan, hotelkeeper, Gordonville, has removed to Arthur.  
 Caleb Chase, carriages, Guelph, has sold out to Thos. McIntosh.  
 R. G. Struthers, grocer, Galt, has sold out to McRae & Struthers.  
 John McDonald, hotelkeeper, Port Arthur, is giving up business.  
 D. Livingston, hotelkeeper, Atherley, has removed to Thornton.  
 Alex. McCracken, wagon-maker, Cookstown, has assigned in trust.  
 Buck & Stevens, general storekeepers, Orillia, have assigned in trust.  
 G. L. Kavanagh, pork packer, Toronto, is offering to compromise.  
 W. H. Olmsted, grocer, Hamilton; closed under chattel mortgage.  
 Jas. Madden, liquor dealer, Arthur, has sold out to Martin Sullivan.  
 G. W. Lea, confectionery, Simcoe, has sold out to Surrans & Miller.  
 W. J. Hogg, dealer in fancy goods, Perth, is offering to compromise.  
 J. A. Aubin, general storekeeper, Stony Point, has assigned in trust.

P. O'Dwyer, grocer, Strathroy, has sold out.  
 Wm. Smeaton, dealer in dry goods, Belleville, has compromised at 45c in \$.  
 C. D. Glennie, general storekeeper, Lawrence Station, has assigned in trust.  
 Jos. Close & Son, brick machines, Woodstock; Jos. Close, sr., is dead.  
 Reynolds & Co., general storekeepers, Walkerton, have removed to Glencoe.  
 R. H. Clinie, general storekeeper, Milverton, has sold out to F. W. Guther.  
 W. D. Hepburn & Co., shoe manufacturers, Preston, have assigned in trust.  
 John Watson, general storekeeper, Barrie, has sold out to Jas. Clark & Co.  
 J. W. Way, furniture dealer, Brighton, has sold out, and moving to Toronto.  
 Farquharson & Pringle, general storekeepers, Barrie; meeting of creditors held.  
 M. Kelly, hotelkeeper and grocer, Clinton, has sold out hotel to P. J. Reynolds.  
 Nellis & Stevens, grocers, Ingersoll, have dissolved; W. L. Stevens continues.  
 Weseloh & Wurtz, shoemakers, Dashwood, have dissolved; Fred Wurtz continues.  
 McPhee & Kernan, hardware merchants, have dissolved; Neil McPhee continues.  
 Campbell & Abraham, furniture dealers, Stratford, have dissolved; David Campbell continues.  
 Powell & McKay, general storekeepers, Mount Elgin, have dissolved; James McKay continues.  
 E. J. O'Callagan, general storekeeper and publisher, Arthur, has sold out publishing business to E. H. Dewar.  
 A. Sweet, general storekeeper, West Winchester, has admitted Fred. S. Manning and W. B. Sweet as partners; style now A. Sweet & Co.

**QUEBEC.**

Mrs. D. Leonard, milliner, Montreal, has assigned.  
 Louis Cousineau, grocer, Montreal, has assigned.  
 Mary Rodger, dressmaker, Montreal, has assigned.  
 Welsh Bros., confectionery, Montreal, have dissolved.  
 Mount & Fisher, plumbers, Montreal, have dissolved.  
 E. H. Robinson, druggist, Ormstown, was burned out.  
 M. Myers, jeweler, Montreal; meeting of creditors held.  
 Jenkins & Mason, horse dealers, Montreal, have dissolved.  
 R. Sullivan, general storekeeper, Coteau Landing, is dead.  
 W. R. Ross & Co., wholesale grocers, Montreal, have dissolved.  
 J. J. Ford, confectionery, Montreal; advertises business for sale.  
 Haines, Baillie & Co., manufacturing agents, Montreal, have dissolved.  
 Israel Sabourin, general storekeeper, St. Urbain, has assigned in trust.  
 Emil Poliwka & Co., wholesale glue, Montreal; meeting of creditors held.  
 Archambault & Bro., dealers in dry goods, Montreal; stock damaged by fire.  
 W. E. Power & Co., cistern manufacturers, Montreal; bailiff's sale advertised.

J. W. Hannah & Co., hardware merchants, Montreal; stock partially damaged by fire.  
 Ward, Carter & Co., wholesale grocers, Montreal, have admitted Wm. Galbraith as partner; style same.

THE Tacoma News thus refers to a pest well known to most retail grocers: The "nibbler" is the man who enters a store, runs his fingers into every open barrel, goes to the cheese box and cuts off a slice, then as a matter of course must have a few crackers. He then proceeds to the show window and swallows some caramels and a chunk of candy, asking the proprietor in the meantime "how he sells 'em 'ere apples?" But after eating the biggest one in the pile he concludes that "they're not eatin' apples nohow," and helping himself to a chew of tobacco with the remark that he has "plenty in his pocket but it isn't good," he then consoles himself with the idea that he complimented the proprietor on the value of his wares! Nibblers are the biggest kind of nuisances.

BUCKET-SHOPS are not breaking to any great extent. They merely refuse to pay loss where individual profits are heavy, and keep right on trading with the remainder of their customers—or victims. For instance, one party who is said to have made a profit of \$35,000 in a stock-bet with a local bucket-shop proprietor cannot get his money. As he cannot collect at law, he is out \$35,000. Many similar cases where individuals who have made big winnings in pork (on paper) cannot get a nickel are being reported by country victims. The shops keep right on doing business, however, simply refusing to settle unless the deals go their way. That is where they have the dead wood on parties who can see business sense in betting with skin gamblers and letting the other fellows hold the stakes.—Chicago Daily Business.

THE legal status of strikes and boycotts is being gradually fixed by the courts. Two decisions of more than usual importance have just been rendered, one by a United States District Court and the other by the Supreme Court of Errors of Connecticut. In the former case a number of men were arrested upon a suit by a steamship company to recover damages for interference in its business. The defendants were charged with causing the company's workmen to quit work in a body, declaring a boycott of the company's business and endeavoring by means of intimidation to prevent other persons from dealing with the company. The court held that the acts of the defendants were not only illegal, so as to render the defendants liable in damages, but were also misdemeanors at common law as well as against the section of the New York penal code directed against conspiracy. The court characterized the association of the defendants for the purposes mentioned as an illegal combination, and declared that all acts done in furtherance of those purposes were actionable. In the Connecticut case the court affirmed the conviction of three members of a typographical union for conspiracy in boycotting a newspaper for refusing to pay union rates to its printers. The broad ground upon which the courts proceed in those cases is that associations formed with the design of interfering by overt acts with the freedom of employers in the proper control and management of their business are illegal combinations.—Bradstreet's.