

### Business East. ONTARIO.

Miss Crosby, grocer, London, is dead.  
W. Cochrane, grocer, etc., Toronto, has sold out.  
Thos. Ryan, shoe dealer, Toronto,—sheriff in possession.  
Mrs. Brimicombe, milliner, Oshawa, was burned out.  
Smith & Adams, grocers, Oshawa, were burned out.  
B. F. Reesor, flour mill, Newmarket, was burned out.  
R. S. McCrea, general storekeeper, Chesley, has sold out.  
Newmarket Hat Co., Newmarket, has assigned in trust.  
R. Bell & Son, builders, Toronto, have assigned in trust.  
Chas. Deitrich, jeweller, Toronto, has assigned in trust.  
C. H. Jarvis, grocer, Toronto, has sold out to J. D. Strawn.  
Wilson & Gates, woodenware, Hamilton, has assigned in trust.  
J. A. Turner, grocer, West Winchester, has assigned in trust.  
Halliday Bros., general storekeepers, Chesley, have dissolved.  
John T. Yeats, general storekeeper, White River, has sold out.  
A. J. Ellis, commission merchant, Fenelon Falls, has assigned in trust.  
P. N. Judah & Co., produce, Toronto, have dissolved; P. N. Judah retires.

### QUEBEC.

F. A. Cimon, pulp mill, Murray Bay, is dead.  
J. T. Morey, livery, Montreal, has assigned in trust.  
Prendergast & Co., publishers, Montreal, have dissolved.  
E. C. Hughes, cabinetware, Montreal, has assigned in trust.  
L. B. A. Charlebois, general storekeeper, Laprairie, is dead.  
Lonsdale, Reid & Co., wholesale dry goods, Montreal, have dissolved.  
Victor Aubert, general storekeeper, Victoriaville, has assigned in trust.  
A. R. Hudon, general storekeeper, Lake Weir, has assigned in trust.  
T. P. Paradis & Bro., general storekeepers, Matane, have assigned in trust.  
M. Feron & Son, undertakers, Montreal, have dissolved; Michael and M. J. Ferron continue under same style.

### British Columbia.

Building operations at Victoria, are reported to be brisk.  
James Ferguson, saloon, Victoria, has sold out to E. Legg.  
Hamm & Marbeouf, restaurant, Victoria, have dissolved partnership,—L. Marbeouf continues.

The following are additional particulars of the fire at Revelstoke. The total loss is placed at \$20,000, with very little insurance. Those burned out are: D. McGillivray, hotel; Chas. Kerr & Co., general merchants and miner's supplies; Teezel & Norris, drugs; W. J. Arm-

strong, hardware and tins; J. F. Hume & Co., general storekeepers, had there storehouse burned. A couple of saloons, a barber shop and two dwellings were also burned.

Donald is a busy place just now. Crowds of men are coming in by every train from the east to work on the snowsheds.

The Bank of British Columbia, at Vancouver has moved into new quarters. The business of the Bank is rapidly increasing under the management of Mr. Keith.

The bark Earl Derby has completed loading at Vancouver and has cleared for Valparaiso. Her cargo is composed of 731,520 feet of rough and finished lumber valued at \$8,500.

The steamer Parthia, from Yokohama, arrived at Vancouver, on Sunday of last week with a large cargo and list of passengers. The C. P. R. route is becoming popular.

Travel is increasing at an astonishing rate to this city, the trains and sterners arriving daily are often pushed for room to accommodate the travelers. Yesterday morning the number of passengers on the Yosemite was so great that many were unable to get berths.

THE *Canadian Journal of Fabrics* has issued a jubilee number, containing an engraving of Queen Victoria.

PIERRE GREY, trader, Lac Ste. Anne, sold \$3,000 worth of fur last week to the H. B. Co. and Jas. Walsh at Edmonton.

DR. ORVILLE and staff, from London, Ont., have established a medical institute in Winnipeg, to be known as the Orville Electro-Hydro-pathic Institute.

THE Calgary Electric Light Company give notice of application for incorporation, for the purpose of lighting that town with electricity. Capital stock \$25,000

W. D. PETTIGREW & Co., hardware, Winnipeg, are moving to more convenient and commodious premises at 523 Main St., nearly opposite their present quarters, the growing business of the firm necessitating the change.

THE *Rapid City Spectator* says: "The \$10,000 debentures of the Municipality of Saskatchewan, repayable in 20 years, interest at 7 per cent., were sold on Thursday last by Geo. McCulloch at 105½. They were bought by M. Turriff acting for the Manitoba & Northwest Loan Co. The next highest tenders were 105 and 104½."

It was stated, in last week's *COMMERCIAL* that: "Private shares in the new Co-Operative Grocery, Winnipeg, were offered recently at 60c." This does not apply to the Manitoba Co-Operative Society (Limited), the officers of which organization claim that their shares are at par. The new Co-Operative Grocery is not now in existence.

### Grain and Milling News.

A meeting was held lately at High Bluff, Man. at which it was decided to push the roller mill bonus project.

The bonus to Mr. Germyn to aid him in changing his stone mill at Minnedosa to the roller system has been carried by the ratepayers of Odajah municipality. The bonus was car-

ried by a majority of nine over the required three-fifths of the electors. The amount of the bonus is \$5,000.

The German millers and bakers on the Bohemian Frontier regard with great concern the introduction, on the part of Austria, of a new custom-house tariff, by which the duty on flour and bread is increased to 3.75 gulden, per double centner. Subsequently to the introduction of the first Austrian retaliatory protection measures, numerous large mill-owners on this side of the border set up important baking establishments of their own, the importation of bread being free of duty, according to the terms of the Austro-Italian commercial treaty, in which German dealers were also included. Now that a tax is to be imposed upon bread of about 2 pf. per lb., the export to Austria will be reduced to a minimum, or cease altogether. The ruin of numerous millers and bakers is consequently inevitable, and will add another feather to the cap of the modern protection politicians.—*Kuhlou's German Trade Review*.

The Manitoba Government issued the first crop bulletin for 1887 in June, and it gives the total acreage in crop at 636,295—an increase of 3,091 acres. Of these 432,134 are in wheat—an increase of 47,693, Red Fyfe, the famous "No. 1 Manitoba hard" being almost universally sown. In oats there are 155,176 acres; in barley, 56,110 acres; in peas, 872; in flax, 8,539; in rye, 142; in potatoes, 10,791, and in field roots, 3,541.

The increase in wheat seems to have been at the expense of other crops, as there are nearly 6,000 acres less oats than in 1886; 13,455 acres less barley; 9,000 acres less peas; 9,000 acres less flax; and field roots are less by 846 acres. On the other hand potatoes have increased by over 2,600 acres, and rye by over 70 acres, and later returns will increase barley. Returns were had from 350 correspondents, representing 361 townships.

Seeding began early—was general in the Province the first week in April and was not interrupted. Rain has been general and the weather most favorable for a fine crop. The land summer-fallowed increased 20,000 acres over 1886; the fall-plowed land was 22,420 acres more, and the amount spring-plowed was less by nearly 40,000 acres than in 1886, showing a marked increase in good farming. It is too early to gauge the yield, especially of the great staple wheat. It is much earlier than usual, has had favorable seedtime and growth, and looks well. Allow eighteen bushels as the average per acre, and the yield will be seven and three-quarter million bushels. Of these, one and a half million bushels will be required for our own consumption and one million for seed in 1888, allowing an increase of ten per cent. in acreage, and this leaves for export in grain and flour somewhat over five million bushels of wheat (about 2,500 tons) if all goes well.

The Bell Telephone Co. has been 7 years in Canada, has 160 exchanges, 12,000 subscribers, 7,000 miles of wire, cost of system, \$1,500,000.

A PETITION has been presented to House of Commons, Ottawa, asking for public weigh scales at railway stations, market places, etc., throughout Canada where farm produce is bought, and to aid in founding a Farmers Institute, and special market days in country districts.