

Business East.**ONTARIO.**

E. Morrish, grocer, Dundas, has sold out.
 Alex. Suirely, blacksmith, Dutton, has sold out.
 L. Dake, hotelkeeper, St. Thomas, has sold out.
 John McLolland, door factory, Galt, has assigned in trust.
 T. H. Robinson, druggist, Orillia, has assigned in trust.
 Thomas Tuck, hotelkeeper, Chatsworth, has assigned in trust.
 O'Donnell & Co., grocers, Guelph, have removed to Toronto.
 Mitchell & Platt, druggists, London, are trying to compromise.
 J. M. Jackson, harness, Dutton, has sold out to J. M. Thompson.
 John Robb, publisher, Stratford, advertises his business for sale.
 Thomas Corner, general storekeeper, Nelson, has assigned in trust.
 Wm. Hamilton, general storekeeper, Newry, has assigned in trust.
 John McGregor, Ashton, advertises his saw and grist mill for sale.
 J. C. Fife & Co., general store, Woodbridge, have assigned in trust.
 John Thompson, hotelkeepers, Forestville, has sold out to R. Davis.
 Cook, Despond & Co., woolens, Credit, are closing out their business.
 J. H. McLaughlin, boots and shoes, Farmersville, has assigned in trust.
 C. E. Brush & Bro., wholesale notions, Toronto, have assigned in trust.
 Woltz Bros. & Co., jewellers, Toronto, will be succeeded by Woltz & Co.
 The broom factory of D. Richards, Woodstock, has been burned down.
 T. P. Brazell, Toronto, advertises his grocery and liquor business for sale.
 H. M. Water & Co., general store, Norwood, have sold out to Howson & Starr.
 Bryant & Post, grocers, Hamilton, have dissolved. Bryant will continue alone.
 Armstrong & Mansfield, paint and oil merchants, Guelph, have been burned out.
 Cicero McConkey, general storekeeper, Stratfordville, has offered to compromise.
 J. J. Malone, confectioner, Walkerton, has been closed out under a chattel mortgage.
 Calcott & Bowlby, furniture, St. Thomas, have dissolved. C. Calcott will continue alone.
 Mottashed & Wilson, hotelkeepers, Kingston, have dissolved. Thomas Wilson will continue alone.
 J. & J. D. Tobey, general storekeepers, Tara, have dissolved. J. D. Tobey will continue alone.
 Henderson & McConnell, general storekeepers, Wingham, have dissolved. W. Henderson, continues alone.
 Wm. Tripp, Ingersoll, has sold out his store and tin business to E. & C. Scott, but will continue the harness.
 Kerr & Depencier, general storekeepers, Merrickville, have dissolved. The new style will be Depencier & Co.

T. G. Gardiner, general storekeeper, Cayuga, has been sold out under a chattel mortgage.
 Thomas Hamilton, soap maker, St. Thomas, has admitted Thomas Alcock. The new style will be The Standard Soap Works.

QUEBEC.

F. & J. Morgan, marble works, have dissolved.
 Theophilus Hudon, dry goods merchant, is dead.
 J. B. Robelle, dry goods, Montreal, has assigned in trust.
 Roy Rosaire & Co., tailors, Montreal, have assigned in trust.
 F. X. Lemieux & Fils, tanners, Louis, have assigned in trust.
 J. B. Pepin, milk dealer, Longue Pointe, has assigned in trust.
 Tiffin Bros., wholesale grocers, Montreal, have assigned in trust.
 F. McCaffrey, Nicolet, has sold his steam sawmill to George Bull.
 J. A. Casavant, ginger ale, etc., Sorel, has removed to St. Hyacinthe.
 J. C. Kemp & Co., patent medicines, Montreal, have assigned in trust.
 Campbell & Co., lumber dealers, Lachute Mills, have assigned in trust.
 Alfred Choquette, furniture dealer, St. Hyacinthe, has assigned in trust.
 The stock of Inglis & Co., cigars, etc., Montreal, is advertised for sale by tender.
 J. E. Fournier, physician, St. Jerome, is about to remove to the United States.
 C. Robert & Frere, general storekeepers, Lake Megantic, are trying to compromise.
 Smith & Co., clothiers, Montreal, have dissolved. J. L. Smith will continue alone under the old style.

NOVA SCOTIA.

James Dunne, trader, Halifax, is dead.
 H. M. Sleep, tinware, Canada, has assigned.
 M. Leman Bros., store, Port Hood, have assigned.
 A. J. McMullin, carriage maker, Sydney, has assigned.
 A. H. Corbett & Son, general storekeepers, Annapolis, have assigned.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Solomon DisBrisay, general storekeeper, Jacquet River, has assigned.
 J. A. Whelpley, skate manufacturers, Greenwich, is trying to get an extension.
 The firm of J. P. Culley & Co., dry goods, St. John, have changed their style to Brunning & Co.
 Roberts, Sherwood & Co., agricultural implements, St. John, have dissolved. S. H. Sherwood will continue alone.

THE failures in the United Kingdom for the week ending November 22, as reported to *Kemp's Mercantile Gazette*, numbered 106, as compared with 221 and 223 in the corresponding weeks respectively of 1883 and 1882. England and Wales had 71 failures, as compared with 197 and 203 in the weeks specified; Scotland had 28, as against 20 and 19, and Ireland had 7 as against 4 in 1883 and 1 in 1882.

U. S. Lumber Trade.

The dullness of a dull winter prevails in all the lumber markets of the country. In the northwest the fraternity seem to be better prepared to carry over stock than ever before, hence there is but little anxiety manifested to sell stock at a discount beyond reasonable interest for cash advanced. The disturbance of trade resulting from the railroads cutting off freight rates continues. Tariffs on railways out of Chicago are very much like the price lists of that city every one has got one for each customer and no two alike. The most reliable reports are to the effect that as a matter of fact the rates to the west have never been restored or maintained by any of the lines. This of course precludes the Northwest from any share in the very small business of the Mississippi valley this winter. We are busy gathering up the reports of stock on hand and as will be seen from the figures there is not found the excess of lumber on hand which has been anticipated everywhere. The failures among lumbermen have been surprisingly few in number and compare favorably with any other branch of trade.

We still adhere to our opinion that there will be far too many logs cut this winter for the good of either loggers or lumbermen. This applies to all three of the States. This is due in part to the widely advertised (in certain newspapers), report that there would only be about 40 per cent. of the usual log cut trade. We think a lumberman who would endorse such a statement ought to be given a leather medal and have a guardian appointed. *Mississippi Valley Lumberman*.

A Word of Caution About the Ink-Pencil.

We have to utter a word of caution about the ink pencils which have come so much into vogue lately. A most useful implement to the business man, this innocent-looking pencil can be easily converted into a treacherous friend, and on no consideration should it be used to write the signature of any one. The composition of the pencil is a peculiar combination, highly poisonous in itself, and—herein lies the danger to signature writers—competent to give off two or more impressions on damped paper—not tissue paper, be it understood, but ordinary writing paper. Our attention was first directed to this peculiarity by an astute official of the Bank of New Zealand; and subsequent experiments proved the easy practicability of making a clear copy of the filling in of a check with this ink pencil. First the writing of the checks transferred—upside down, of course—to a slip of damped paper, and from that transferred right side up—to another slip of damped paper. We tested this recently in the case of a check written with the ink pencil and sent in from the country, and by simple hand pressure obtained a very perfect copy of the transferable parts of the document. *New York Times*.

MR. EUGENIE D. CARRÉ has been appointed by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, under the provisions of the administration of Civil Ordinance for 1884, a commissioner for taking affidavits outside the Northwest Territories to be used within the territories.