

## Business East.

## ONTARIO.

Jos. Bell, hotelkeeper, Port Dover, is dead.  
 John Cook, shoe maker, Sarnia, has assigned.  
 C. W. Smith, cooper, Strathroy, was burned out.  
 Deacon & Suffel, grocers, Aylmer, have sold out.  
 J. Glover, shoe maker, Alvinston, has gone away.  
 J. E. Kennedy, druggist, Cobourg, has assigned.  
 Mrs. J. Wright, dealer in fancy goods, Guelph, is dead.  
 Jos. Reycraft, shoe maker, Ridgetown, has assigned.  
 Thos. Delaney, contractor, Pembroke, has assigned.  
 Fortin & McKinnon, tailors, Pembroke, have assigned.  
 Samuel Cull, shoemaker, Leamington, has assigned.  
 Griffin & Smith, builders, Port Arthur, have dissolved.  
 J. J. Jamieson, hotelkeeper, Toronto, is about to sell out.  
 Frank McCall, general storekeeper, Walsh, has sold out.  
 R. Barker, druggist, Brighton, has sold out to A. Haines.  
 G. W. Savage, general storekeeper, Cyprus, has assigned.  
 John Gregg, hotelkeeper, Toronto, has sold out to A. Brown.  
 Wm. Lumbers, dealer in patent medicine, Toronto, is dead.  
 W. S. Albertson, dealer in coal and wood, Stratford, is dead.  
 Geo. B. Thompson, jeweler, Port Arthur, is giving up business.  
 W. J. Howard, cabinet maker, Alvinston, has gone to Glencoe.  
 Thos. R. Williams, hotelkeeper, Toronto, has sold out to A. Kerr.  
 J. H. McLean, general storekeeper, Moose Creek, has assigned.  
 George & Johnson, general storekeepers, Bancroft, have assigned.  
 J. B. Lawson, photographer, Caledon East, has assigned in trust.  
 Wm. H. Brouse, agricultural implements, Manotick, has assigned.  
 Flint, Hunt & Co., dry goods dealers, Toronto; A. B. Flint is dead.  
 W. H. McDougal, hotelkeeper, Alliston, has sold out to A. Swaisland.  
 C. H. Gilpin, jeweler, Uxbridge; stock advertised for sale by auction.  
 J. & E. Hackett, carriage manufacturers, Victoria; J. Hackett is dead.  
 McBride Bros., general storekeepers, West Lorne, have assigned in trust.  
 W. R. Martin & Son, sewing machines, Ottawa; called meeting of creditors.  
 W. J. Brumpton, general storekeeper, Fordwich, has sold out to Jno. Strong.  
 Howard & McVittie, blacksmiths, Hamilton, have dissolved; R. J. Howard continues.  
 Wm. Brown & Co., dealers in dry goods, Port Arthur, are adding groceries to their business.

Anslay & Tibbitts, druggists, Port Dover, are about to dissolve; Anslay will continue.

A. M. Hutchison, general storekeeper, St. Williams; intends removing to Port Rowan.

Mason Bros. & Co., dealers in varnishes, Toronto, have sold out to McWaters, Jamieson & Co.

McLeod & Cameron, of the Midland Saw Mill, Midland, have sold out and gone out of business.

A. D. McDonald & Wm. Vahey, Arkono, have formed a partnership as Vahey & McDonald.

The following were burned out at Mitchell:—James Bartlett, shoes; W. Thorns, shoes; J. H. Winters, confectioner.

The following were burned out at Thorold:—Mrs. E. Cleverhose, jewellery; A. Schwaller, grocer; Wm. Waislow, hotelkeeper.

Whitney & Duffield, dealers in stoves, Wingham, have dissolved; Whitney retires, and J. Duffield admitted understyle of Duffield & Son.

The following were burned out at Belleville:—W. R. Carmichael, druggist; J. J. Farley, physician; E. Harrison, bookseller; G. S. Tickell & Son, furniture dealers.

## QUEBEC.

J. F. Robinson, tailor, Sherbrooke, has assigned.

A. & L. Boyer, tailors, Montreal, have dissolved.

Carroll Bros., plumbers, Montreal, have dissolved.

J. W. Lamontagne & Co., tailors, Montreal, have assigned.

Deslières & Bourdeau, tailors, St. Cuneconde, have dissolved.

W. C. Pentland, flour commissioner, Sherbrooke, is dead.

Wm. King & Co., furniture dealers, Montreal; Wm. King dead.

A. D. Provencher, general storekeeper, Nicolet, has assigned.

A. Thomas & Co., cattle dealers, Boucherville, have dissolved.

Marsau & Lafond, dry goods dealers, Montreal, have dissolved.

Jas. Sangster, sash and door factory, Huntingdon, was burned out.

Mrs. A. Henderson, saw and grist mills, Huntingdon, was burned out.

Israel Prudhomme, general storekeeper, Plaisance, has assigned in trust.

R. Dodds & Co., blacksmiths, Portsmouth, have sold out to W. McConnell.

Wm. Clendinneng & Son, foundry, Montreal; slightly damaged by fire and water.

## NOVA SCOTIA.

M. J. Sheehan, tailor, Yarmouth, has assigned.

Thorne & Turnbull, fish dealers, Digby, have assigned.

Geo. E. McNeil, jeweler, Melvern Square, has assigned.

John Lynch, general storekeeper, Shubenacadie, has sold out.

Anderson, Billing & Co., wholesale dry goods dealers, Halifax; G. R. Anderson of this firm is dead.

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

D. A. Murphy, Killam Mills, has assigned.

J. P. Michaud, general storekeeper, St. Hilaire; meeting of creditors called.

## The State of Trade.

Dispatches to *Bradstreet's* indicate continued improvement in the state of trade. The western cities generally report trade brisk and in large volume. Cincinnati sends word of a general hardening of prices and increasing demand since last report. A marked improvement in the jobbing trade is noted at Detroit. At Louisville general trade shows a distinct gain over preceding weeks. Kansas City telegraphs increased activity. At Pittsburg and points further east trade has been halting measurably, owing to the unseasonably hot weather. The bank clearings at thirty cities for this week, amount to \$778,497,214 as compared with \$754,099,602 last week, and with \$720,180,647 in the like week of 1885. The New York stock market shows a firmer tone. Speculation until the close of the week was slack, but transactions in stocks amounted to 859,000 shares, against 633,000 shares last week. Bonds were a little more active, transactions in them amounting to \$5,347,000 par value, against \$4,869,000 last week. Money is easier, call loans being quoted at from 4 to 5 per cent. Time loans are at from 4 to 6 per cent. Foreign exchange shows a tendency to stiffer rates. The earnings of forty-four railroads throughout the country for August show earnings of \$17,934,688 against \$15,557,000 in August, 1885, and \$16,062,909 in the same month of 1884. For the eight months from January to August inclusive the earnings of the same roads this year are \$122,035,529, against \$116,557,216 in 1885 and \$120,049,578 in 1884. The New York cotton market has been dull. Prices slightly weaker. The report of the National Cotton Exchange places the crop of 1885-86 at \$6,575,000 bales, against a crop of 5,706,000 bales last year. The total home consumption of cotton for the year was the largest ever known. Dry goods commission houses at Boston report a fair amount of business doing. Prices are firm with occasional advances. While the mills are actively employed consumption keeps even pace with production. St. Louis telegraphs that an increasing volume of iron is reaching consumption. There were 153 failures in the United States reported to *Bradstreet's* this week, against 173 last week, 183 in 1885, 180 in 1884, 136 in 1883 and 121 in 1882. Canada had 22, against 27 last week, and 21 in 1885. The total in the United States this year is 7,004, against 8,045 in a like period in 1885.—*Bradstreet's*.

## Wild Rice.

This is very plentiful on Lake of the Woods and others in the Northwest and was formerly largely used here but the imported article has almost driven it out. The Indians gather it by beating the heads into the canoe from either side then parching or drying it, though some is not treated. It is rather longer than the common rice of commerce, is rounder, has a black hull, has about the usual flavor though it seems richer and some are very fond of it. Where it grows the wild ducks resort and furnish capital fall shooting.