

Business East. ONTARIO.

Silas Bromell, grocer, St. Thomas, has sold out.

Canada Chemical, Co., London, were burned out.

J. M. Hudson, books, Brantford, has assigned in trust.

J. M. Chapinan, saloonkeeper, Hamilton, has sold out.

C. Wiggins, hotelkeeper, Thornbury, is about selling out.

R. O. Whitby, painter, Markdale, has moved to Toronto.

Geo. McCormack, planing mill, Whitby, was burned out.

Geo. Jenkins, grocer, Meaford, has sold out to J. Belfry.

Geo. H. Hopkin, boots and shoes, Hamilton, has sold out.

Storm & Green, teas and coffees, Hamilton, have sold out.

J. H. Spenser, restaurant, Ottawa, is offering to compromise.

W. M. Dobie, bricks, etc., Glencoe, has assigned in trust.

Geo. W. Plastow, plumber, London, has assigned in trust.

Jas. Rankin, hotelkeeper, Stratford, has assigned in trust.

T. W. Walters, confectioner, Chatham, has assigned in trust.

J. R. Williamson, dry goods, Stratford, has assigned in trust.

T. G. Ryley, druggist, Bethany, has sold out to T. G. Brereton.

J. J. Douglas, jeweler, Owen Sound, is offering to compromise.

Geo. E. Cooper, saloonkeeper, Toronto,—bailiff in possession.

Jas. Scott, general storekeeper, Wallaceburg, has assigned in trust.

Ralph Mathers, general storekeeper, Comber, has assigned in trust.

Straith & McDonald, dry goods, Windsor, were damaged by fire.

Alex. Leslie, hotelkeeper, Toronto, has sold out to W. B. Memberry.

R. J. Hill, general storekeeper, Durham, has sold out to Hunter Bros.

W. T. Bougher, general storekeeper, Brownsville, has assigned in trust.

Raven & Goodyear, general storekeepers, Eden, have assigned in trust.

A. Christie & Co., druggists, Ottawa,—Alex. Christie, only partner, dead.

Wm. Philp, physician and druggist, Hamilton, has sold out drug business.

Wm. Singer & Son, grocers, Chatham, have dissolved, and Wm. Singer retires.

J. D. McDiarmid, hubs, etc., Aylmer,—style now McDiarmid Manufacturing Co.

Elliott & Landon, grocers, Ridgetown, have dissolved; Samson Elliott continues.

Barton & Walker, real estate, etc., Toronto, have dissolved; E. J. Barton continues alone.

Thos. Snook & Son, groceries and provisions, Chatham, have dissolved; style now Snook Bros.

Union Publishing Co., Toronto, have changed style to The Englishman's Journal and Printing Company.

Jas. Whyte, hotelkeeper, Toronto, is dead.

Laughton, Rand & Co., wholesale paper bags, Toronto, have dissolved; W. E. Laughton continues, under style W. E. Laughton & Co.

QUEBEC.

James McCorkell, baker, Quebec, is dead.

St. Jean & Leclerc, furniture, Montreal, have dissolved.

Brunet & Co., cigar dealers, Montreal, have dissolved.

A. Felix & Co., machinists, Montreal, have dissolved.

Epstein & Rosenthal, second-hand store, Montreal, have dissolved.

Louis Lavertu, general storekeeper, East Angus, has assigned in trust.

Eusebe Bourgonin, general storekeeper, St. Flavie, has assigned in trust.

Lamarre & Co., shoe dealers, St. Henri, Hochelaga County, have dissolved.

La Compagnie du Baume des Moneagnes Vertes, furniture, Montreal,—Dame Georgiana Lafontaine, wife of George Tucker, has ceased doing business under this style.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Louis Dixon, hats, etc., Halifax, has assigned.

Chas. Lawrence, lumber, Southampton, is dead.

Isaac Gates, grocer, Lunenburg, is asking to compromise.

McClelland Bros., hotelkeepers, Bear River, have dissolved.

J. P. Foster, general storekeeper, Port Lorne, was burned out.

Davis, Calhoun & Co., hotelkeepers, Amherst, have dissolved.

D. McCurdy & Sons, general storekeepers, Baddeck, have dissolved.

Cutting Cigar Prices.

The retail cigar trade of this city are considerably exercised over the action of one of their number who has inaugurated the system of selling domestic cigars at the wholesale price of the box, reserving for himself as profit only the trade discount of from 5 to 7 per cent. Thus the ordinary 5 cent cigar is sold at his store for 3 cents, the 10 cent cigar for 5 cents and so on, and consequently his example is rapidly finding followers who find they must meet his prices or lose their customers, and the public in general is benefited from the war of rates. The ordinary percentage of profit on domestic cigars in this city is 20 per cent and dealers claim that this margin is necessary to make the business a paying one, in view of the heavy outlay for store fixtures, rent, gas, etc., and that this cut to 5 per cent. means ruin to the small dealers. In the meantime all efforts of the manufacturers to boycott the offender have proved useless, however desirous they may be of supporting their customers, as no precautions will avail to prevent him purchasing cigars through other parties. In the case of tobacco the boycott was successful and his refusal to join the combination to keep up the price of plug resulted in the stoppage of his supplies, but in the case of cigars his bold move has been entirely successful and his competitors see themselves forced to follow his lead or witness the steady defection of their customers to their more enterprising rival. Whether such a small

margin of profit can be made remunerative remains yet to be seen but in the meantime the general public profits by the change.—*Montreal Journal of Commerce.*

General Notes.

MONTREAL is flooded with Mediterranean fruit. Lemons retail at three dozen for twenty-five cents.

AN instance of oppressive protection is given in the working of the new Canadian tariff as applied in Saint John: The article was an entry of catsup, the value of which was \$19 and the duty \$21.80—just about 115 per cent.

THE export cattle market has been very flat of late, owing to depression in Great Britain. At Montreal, cattle have been purchased for export at 3½¢ to 4½¢ per lb. live weight, which is in striking contrast to the price paid a few years ago, which ranged from 6 to 6½¢ per lb for the same class of cattle.

It is stated that the pack of canned peas this year will be about one-half short as compared with last year, packers being unwilling to take the risk of putting up goods and when the time for delivery arrives have them thrown back upon their hands. The price, also, is said to be unremunerative.

THE following dividends have been declared: The Ontario Investment Association four per cent. for the half year; Huron & Erie Loan and Savings Co., four and a half per cent; Ontario Industrial Loan, London & Ontario Investment Co. and Guelph & Ontario Investment Society, three and a half per cent. each for the same period.

AMONG the many buildings devoted to purposes of commerce which adorn the business quarter of Toronto, none is more likely to attract the attention of the visitor that the new structure, occupied as a wholesale dry goods and woollens warehouse by the firm of Wykl, Grasett & Darling, situated on the southeast corner of Bay and Wellington streets.

THE Toronto board of trade again discussed the question of trade relations with the United States and passed a resolution that, while increased trade with the United States and all other people is desirable, Canadians could not discriminate against the productions of Great Britain without the latter's consent. This is tantamount to a re-affirmation of the resolution lately passed by the board.

ADVICE from Bordeaux report a short crop of peas, some authorities placing it at one-half and another two-thirds of the quantity harvested last year. This has caused an advance in prices in the French markets, and the higher values have acted to check the packing, which up to 27th ult., was estimated not to exceed 1,000 cases. Some of the canneries are reported to have closed. The quantity actually imported by this continent is not positively known in the trade, but good authorities place it at 10,000 cases, or equivalent to 40,000 cases domestic.

THE distance from Hong Kong to Vancouver is 5,758 miles, and from Yokohama to Vancouver 4,232 miles. The Abyssinia made the voyage in 13 days and 14 hours, the longest run made in 24 hours was 324 miles and the shortest 270 miles.