

1880. The Minnesota area this year is said to be 5 per cent. greater than last year. Those figures mean an important reduction in yield. The aggregate yield of North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota last year was nearly 90,000,000 bus., and the reduction in area this year means a cutting down of that total, with an equal average yield, by an enormous figure. Certainly all the estimates and reports at hand mean hard work for the "bears" this year, if they propose to prevent wheat from advancing in price. The field at this writing seems to look like one gigantic clover-field for the "bulls" on wheat.—*Northwest Farmer*.

Bonusing a flour mill at Victoria, B.C., seems to have excited some surprise, and indeed one sometimes hears that province derided as a grain growing country. But this is far from correct, for some very extensive areas of the choicest land are there, such as the Spallumcheen and Mission valleys, each of them capable of supporting a good sized flour mill. There is within a fairly short distance of the city of Victoria, enough wheat land to sustain yearly a flour mill of 200 barrels capacity, and the total of such land on the Island is very large. The area of choice land there and on the main land, is by no means small, and is capable of a very wide range of products, from beef to fruits.—*Manitoba Colonist*.

Eastern Business Changes. ONTARIO.

John Hogan, hotel, Guelph, has sold out.
Wm. McGill, livery, Thorold, has sold out.
S. P. Fraser, tailor, Kingston, has assigned.
John Marx, pottery, Lynden, has assigned.
W. D. Shattuck, hotel, Guelph, has sold out.

R. Forsyth & Son, wollens, Blyth, has sold out.

Jos. H. Marentette, grocer, Windsor, has assigned.

Dwyer & Nagle, furniture, Port Arthur, have dissolved.

Alexandria Furniture company, Alexandria, have assigned.

H. A. Patterson, & Co., lumber, Chatham, have sold out.

Mrs. Armstrong, hats, etc., St. Catharines, has sold out.

Charles Israel, cigars and billiards, Hamilton, was burned out.

Richard Souley, shoes, Cottam, is out of business and leaving.

Hemming & Sterling, fruits, etc., Rat Portage, have dissolved.

Mrs. Mary Bradley, fancy goods, Strathroy, was sold out for rent.

A. E. Jones, implement agent, Essex Centre, has assigned to T. Rush.

Cantwell & Jackson, painters, etc., Port Arthur, have dissolved.

A. A. Franklin, general store, Chesterville, has assigned to W. B. Lawson.

A. S. Murray & Co., jewelers, London, have a receiver in possession.

Mrs. Mary Cawthra, general store, Mimosa, has assigned to Geo. A. Lacy.

Weatherill & Newman, shoes, London, have dissolved; Weatherill continues alone.

Chidley, Shaw & Co., groceries, etc., Toronto, have dissolved; A. Shaw continues alone.

Beckett Bros., sash and door manufacturers, Smiths Falls, have assigned to D. G. Farrell.

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A. R. Dobson & Bro., books and stationery, Bowmanville, had their stock destroyed by fire; partially insured.

QUEBEC.

D. Leonard & Co., hotel, Montreal, have dissolved.

V. Vachon, general store, St. Dominique, has assigned.

Herbert Laurent, carriages, St. Remi, has assigned.

V. T. Dorais, general store, St. Valentin, has assigned.

Thomas Lamy, general store, Louiseville, has assigned.

Thomas Fisgby, general store, Hemmington, has compromised.

Georges, Lachaine & Co., general store, Bulstrode, have assigned.

Henderson Manufacturing Co., confectionary, Montreal, has assigned.

E. Lefort & Co., manufacturing agents, Montreal, have dissolved.

Dominion Illustrated Publishing Co., Montreal, Provincial liquidator appointed.

J. LeBoutillier & Co., general store, etc., Gaspé Basin, are offering to compromise.

Hanson Bros., agents, Montreal, have dissolved; Edwin Hanson continues under same style.

A. Roy & Co., manufacturers and traders; Luc. Molleur has ceased doing business under this style.

Leduc & Co., merchants, Montreal; Pierre M. Z. Leduc has ceased doing business under this style.

James Hoolahan, wholesale fancy goods, Montreal, meeting of creditors called for 10th June, 1890.

Quinlan & Turner, contractors, Montreal, have dissolved; W. G. Turner continues as W. G. Turner & Co.

Frank Magor & Co., commission merchants, Montreal; John H. Magor admitted partner under same style.

John Robertson, groceries, Montreal; John H. Robertson has been admitted under style John Robertson & Son.

P. M. Galarneau & Co., wholesale dry goods, Montreal, have sold out to W. Lesperance, who continues as Lesperance & Co.

NOVA SCOTIA.

R. A. Nisbet, drugs, Halifax, is dead.
Wm. Robertson, general store, Westville, is dead.

Edgar Mason, Hastings, has assigned to Richard Say.

Eaton & Murphy, general store, Maitland, have assigned.

F. W. Wood, general store, Sheffield Mills, has assigned to Henry Lovett.

W. E. McRobert, & Co., furniture and undertakers, Truro, have dissolved.

W. H. Moore & Co., general store, North Sydney, had their estate re-conveyed to them by assignee.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

James Watson, grocer, St. John, is dead.
F. W. Giberson, lumber, Aroostook Junction, is dead.

Moncton Soap & Chemical Co., Moncton, have dissolved.

J. D. Robertson, grocer, St. John, has advertised his stock for sale by auction.

The Wheat Question.

About two years ago our shippers were calculating upon a large export trade in Manitoba hard wheat, and now it seems there is not enough for home consumption. What has occurred in Canada will no doubt take place in the United States at some future period, which may be nearer than many have the slightest idea of; and then will be witnessed the curious spectacle of the United States importing wheat, which has hereto been one of her great staple exports. But whenever this change takes place depend upon it, there will be a marvellous change in values, and it is not at all unlikely that the time may come when the complete gamut of changes that has characterized the past, will be rung over again and the high figures of former years be repeated. We by no means pretend to say that the recent enhancement of values is the precursor of the period referred to, although it is quite possible that we are on the eve of higher prices. An authority on the situation writing from Chicago to a party in this city says: "At present prices wheat is a purchase, and all the more so from the fact that the crowd is inclined to be bearish on the slightest bulges, but mark my word, it will be caught yet." As we have repeatedly said the weather will have a great deal to do with prices, and of late it has certainly been unfavorable for the growing crop, both in Canada and the United States. Advances just received from London, Ont., state that north of that city a large area has been winter killed, and a large number of fields have been plowed up. From other points west of Toronto come similarly adverse reports.—*Trade Bulletin*.