

Business East.**ONTARIO.**

J. R. Crow, druggist, London, has sold out.
 Plunkett Bros., grocers, Ottawa, have closed up.
 A. B. Bolton, livery stable, Toronto, has sold out.
 J. M. Coombe, druggist, Toronto, has sold out.
 J. S. Spalding, agent, Pembroke, has assigned.
 Jos. Tanner, jeweler, Prescott, has assigned in trust.
 Jas. Webster, tailor, Windsor, has assigned in trust.
 Atlantic & Pacific Supply Co., Toronto, have assigned.
 Hiuder & McCaul, Luinders, Toronto, have dissolved.
 Bay of Quinte Canning Co., Picton, was burned out.
 Wm. Moodie, general storekeeper, Nepean, has assigned.
 Frank Nicholls, dealer in wood, Hamilton, has assigned.
 Walter Briggs, hotelkeeper, Toronto; sheriff in possession.
 J. W. Irving, watch maker, Peterboro; sold out by sheriff.
 Firstbrook Bros., box manufacturers, Toronto, was burned out.
 J. P. Newman, shoe maker, Listowel, has assigned in trust.
 Joshua Leach, shoe maker, Caledonia, has assigned in trust.
 Eliza Walker, dealer in confectioneries, London, has sold out.
 Korman Bros., brewers, Salem, intend closing business July 1st.
 S. H. Defries, livery stable, Toronto, has sold out to Jas. Ewing.
 Angus Kerr, hotelkeeper, Toronto, has sold out to Jos. Vogan.
 C. H. Thompson, dealer in confectionery, Forest, has sold out.
 John Charters, grocer, Toronto, has called a meeting of creditors.
 J. G. Mackay's estate, Woodstock, is offered for sale by executrix.
 Duacan McGregor, carriage maker, Paisley, has assigned in trust.
 Wm. Turner, dealer in R. R. ties, Elora, has removed to Hamilton.
 Hay Bros., bankers, Listowel; out of banking—now in grist mill.
 Drury & Kirk, grist mill, Listowel, have been succeeded by Hay Bros.
 F. H. Lawrence, general storekeeper, Baysville, has assigned in trust.
 Pierce, Howard & Co., dealers in coal, Niagara Falls, have dissolved.
 Mills & Co., wholesale grocers, Toronto, have sold out to Harton & Huswitt.
 Geo. Hay, dealer in hardware, Ottawa, has sold out to his sons N. & G. Hay.
 Martin & Harniman, builders, Toronto, have dissolved; Jas. Harniman continues.
 Graham & Robertson, general storekeepers, Valetta; stock advertised for sale by sheriff.
 Mrs. Susan Atkinson, general storekeeper, Mount Hope, has sold out to Robert Murphy.

Peter Robb, grocer, Caledonia, has assigned.
 W. H. Auger, wagon manufacturer, Elora, is winding up business and removing to Toronto.
 Mrs. Kemp, variety store, Fergus, has sold out to Thos. Armstrong; gives possession Sept. 1st.
 McDonald & Watson, denoline manufacturers, Toronto, have dissolved; A. B. McDonald continues.
 R. A. Starrs & Co., wholesale grocers, Ottawa, have dissolved—Jos. Brousseau retires; business continued by Micheal & R. A. Starrs, under style M. Starrs & Son.

QUEBEC.

Ferd. Aubry, contractor, Montreal, has assigned.
 Jette & Bonin, traders, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Clavel & Bisson, painters, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Jos. Corbeil, general storekeeper, St. Adele, has assigned.
 Bastien & Parker, contractors, Montreal, have dissolved.
 J. Charbonneau & Co., dealer in fruit, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Lafond & Vincent, carriage manufacturers, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Seguin & Prieux, dealers in drygoods, Montreal, have assigned in trust.
 Dr. H. Thereia, general storekeeper, Grand Piles, is offering to compromise.
 N. Mailhot & Co., cigar manufacturers, Three Rivers, are offering to compromise.

NOVA SCOTIA.

John B. Dickie, shipping merchant, Truro, is dead.
 Davidson & McManus, tailors, Halifax, have dissolved.
 R. H. Reid, general storekeeper, Upper Musquodoboit, has assigned.
 A. J. Walker, marble works, Truro, advertises his business for sale.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Wm. Campbell, builder, St. Johns, is dead.
 Wright & Strong, mens' furnishings, Summerside; new co-partnership—Jas C. Wright & Henry Strong.
 E. White & Sons, Cod Liver Oil merchants, St. Johns; Edward White, senior partner in this firm is dead.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

J. F. Swift, general storekeeper, Coal Branch, was burnt out.
 John O'Neil, hotelkeeper, Coal branch, was burnt out; insured.
 Scott & Lawton, plaining mill, St. John, have admitted W. H. Love as partner; style now Scott, Lawton & Love.

The State of Trade.

The general trade situation as telegraphed *Bradstreet's* has been irregular, with the tendency toward a continued moderate movement. This is due in large part to the spring trade being over, to farmers being busy in the fields, and to the fact that the autumn trade has not begun yet. Business at Duluth and at Minneapolis has improved on a favorable crop outlook and a fair demand, as well as at Chicago and Cincinnati, where the total volume of spring

transactions is reported to compare favorably with that of 1885. General trade at St. Louis has declined some, as at Pittsburg and Cleveland, though the aggregate is believed to be as large as in the earlier months of last year. The late rains in the lower Mississippi valley and southwest thereof were needed, and business has been stimulated by them. Mercantile collections are generally slow. The New York stock market is irregular. Manipulation alone has prevented any decided break, but the continued passenger-rate war in the northwest is a heavy load to carry. There are no noteworthy changes in the iron or steel markets. The former reflects the dull season of the year. The general industrial situation has improved, though there are still a considerable number of employes on strike at various manufacturing centres. Of the 200,000 who received concessions as to shorter hours with full pay one month ago, *Bradstreet's* reports show that less than 140,000 retain those advantages, one-half of whom are at Chicago, and one-sixth each at Cincinnati and New York. The pressure of competition from ten-hour workers is breaking down most of what is left of the movement. Dry goods are dull, but holders look for higher prices and a good trade later in the season. Wool is firm, but manufacturers are buying sparingly. Next week's London colonial sales are of first interest to the trade as a gauge to prices. The cotton crop is progressing finely in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. Heavy rains in the Carolinas and Georgia foreshadow trouble from grass. Burley leaf tobacco is strong at Louisville in the face of heavy receipts, while lugs are fractionally higher. The weather favors planting. Heavy sugar supplies, and better beet crop prospects, further depress sugar prices. Coffee is ½c lower on smaller demand, heavy stocks at ports, and easy rates of exchange. The total number of failures in the United States reported to *Bradstreet's* for this week is 143 against 159 last week, 197 in the like week in June, 1885, 184 in 1884, 165 in 1883, and 130 in 1882. Canada had 17 failures this week, against 16 last week and 17 last year. The total failures in the United States from January 1 to date is 4,938 against 5,711 in a like share of 1885, a decline of 773, failures in 162 days, or an average decline this year of about 4.4-5 failures. The total in 23 weeks of 1884 was 4,871, in 1883 it was 4,734, and in 1882, 3,255.—*Bradstreet's*.

British Columbia.

William Gilson, a pioneer merchant of Nana, imo, is dead.

Censter & Co., boots and shoes, Victoria, has sold out to Hudson & Harkins.

Davis & Wright, commission merchants, Victoria, have dissolved partnership F. W. H. Wright will continue the business.

J. B. Ferguson, books, stationery, etc., Victoria, has been succeeded by the British Columbia Stationery & Printing Co., with headquarters at New Westminster.

The following are the Customs collections at Victoria for the month of May, showing a very slight decrease as compared with the preceding month; duties, \$64,018.87; miscellaneous, \$363.79; Chinese immigration Act, \$736.50; total, \$65,119.16.