

figures on freight rates had been able to convince several of them that monopoly was not such a bad thing after all. Another instance to show how easily men may be blinded when they do not wish to see.

Up to the present time the C.P.R. Co. has relied serenely upon the Dominion Government for a maintenance of its monopoly privileges in Manitoba. What then has caused this sudden outburst of passion on the part of the president and other officials of the monopoly? The breaking out bears evidence of baffled rage, and it would appear to the observer that the company has lost faith in the ability of the Government to further protect it in its autocratical assumption of power in this province. So long as the company could rely upon the Government's disallowance policy to prevent the building of competing lines, it is not at all likely that the serenity of the officials would have been disturbed. The inference must be that the company has been suddenly aroused from the fancied security which it possessed under the protection of the Government. Whatever intentions the Government may have had regarding disallowance before the late Dominion elections, it was evident that before the Winnipeg deputation arrived at Ottawa, the C.P.R. Co. was master of the situation there. The hand of the company was plainly at work counteracting any influence which the agitation here might have upon the Government and Parliament, and undoubtedly an understanding existed between the Government and the company, under which the latter felt quite confident that its monopoly would be maintained. The Dominion Government no doubt agreed to disallow any acts of the Manitoba Legislature chartering companies to build lines to the boundary. The passage of the bill by the Manitoba Legislature to build a road as a public work has however given the matter a new aspect. The inference to be drawn from the recent actions of the C.P.R. officials is that the Dominion authorities have decided not to endeavor to prevent the building of the road by the Manitoba Government. If the Dominion Government could have been induced to stand in the breach at the bidding of the company, it is not at all likely that this outburst of passion on the part of Sir George Stephen would have been made. The company would undoubtedly have remained quietly in the background, as it has done in the past, so long as the Dominion Government could be induced to do its bidding. We may therefore surmise that the Government has declined to further imperial confederation in order to uphold the C.P.R. monopoly in Manitoba.

Personal.

Mr. Fairchild, of Westbrook & Fairchild, has returned from a trip east.

Mr. F. W. Stobart, of Stobart, Sons & Co. has returned from British Columbia.

Mr. G. M. Francis, of Port Arthur, a former well known resident of this city, represented D. S. Perrin & Co., confectionery and biscuits, London, Ont., here last week.

Mr. A. C. Flummerfelt, of The Ames Holden Company, was in the city last week. Mr. Flummerfelt is now located at Victoria, B.C., and was on his way from that city to Montreal.

Business East.

ONTARIO.

N. Cass, hotelkeeper, London, has sold out.
R. J. Wood, hotelkeeper, Dundas, has sold out.

D. T. Bailey, insurance agent, Stratford, is dead.

Samuel Scott, grocer, Toronto, has assigned in trust.

F. X. Mailloux, hotelkeeper, Stony Point, has sold out.

Richard Raycroft, grocer, Hamilton, has sold out.

Jas. McDonald, planing mill, Oakville, was burned out.

D. C. McArthur, general storekeeper, Sparta, has sold out.

A. Lawrence, furniture, Blyth, has sold out to Scott Bros.

Williams & Lashbrook, shoe dealers, London, are dissolving.

W. C. Hayes, fancy goods, Belleville, has assigned in trust.

R. E. Stewart, machinist, Toronto, has sold out to D. Craig.

Casey & Sons, planing mill, Hamilton, were damaged by fire.

P. Y. Merrick, druggist, Merrickville, has assigned in trust.

Hugh Finlayson & Co., tanners, Paris, have assigned in trust.

A. F. Shain, broom maker, St. Thomas, has assigned in trust.

W. Stewart, shoe dealer, Toronto, has assigned in trust.

I. H. Culp, engine manufacturer, Hamilton, has compromised.

A. Gardner, confectionery, etc., Toronto, has given up business.

Ontario Grain and Seed Co., London, has moved to Toronto.

T. R. Palmer, fancy goods, Thedford, is moving to Parkhill.

Shoolbred & Co., carpets and furniture, Ottawa, have sold out.

Tilley & Robinson, confectionery, Toronto;—bailiff in possession.

A. Stewart, shoe dealer, Huntsville, has moved to Woodville.

F. M. Shirley, general storekeeper, Oshawa, has assigned in trust.

R. Campbell, shoe dealer, Woodville, has sold out to A. Stewart.

Harry Green, tinsmith, Hamilton, was closed under chattel mortgage.

Geo. N. Cook, fancy goods, Simcoe, has sold out to Geo. Williamson.

Wigle & Woodbridge, general storekeepers, Kingsville, have sold out.

John Coulter, shoe dealer, Oil Springs, advertises business for sale.

Stewart & Wilson, dry goods, Sarnia, have dissolved; Wilson continues.

W. C. Hewish & Son, dry goods, Parkdale, have sold out to Hooper.

R. G. Kilgour, furniture, St. Thomas—stock sold at auction and he is away.

John Longway, grocer, Orangeville, has compromised at 60c in the dollar.

McBride & Phillips, tins, etc., London, have dissolved and are out of business.

Lemessurier & Truscott, painters, Hamilton, —premises and stock damaged by fire.

Mrs. M. S. Minty, general storekeeper, Craighurst, has sold out to D. McKay.

Clarry & Robinson, woolen mill and general store, Markham—general store burned.

Jackson & Mills, soda water works, Sarnia, have dissolved, and style now Jackson, Farr & Co.

Jos. Gordon, foundry, Orangeville, has admitted — McLellan, and style now Gordon & McLellan.

QUEBEC.

Oliver Rochette, tanner, Quebec, was burned out.

Wm. Doran, butcher and speculator, Quebec, is dead.

A. M. Liddell, clothing, Montreal, has assigned in trust.

A. A. Cantin, groceries and hardware, Quebec, is in difficulties.

Bogue & Boswell, manufacturers' agents, Montreal, have dissolved.

Fournier & Guertin, general storekeepers, Danville, have assigned in trust.

Ludger D. Brasseur, general storekeeper, St. Polycarpe, has assigned in trust.

D. C. Brosseau & Co., manufacturers of spices, Montreal, have dissolved.

Geo. W. Murray, restaurant, Montreal,—demand of assignment made on him.

Mrs. J. A. Therien, general storekeeper, St. Genevieve de Batiscan, has assigned in trust.

Joseph Fiset, general storekeeper, St. Thomas de Montmagny, is obtaining an extension of time.

Telephore Delage dit Lavigne, general storekeeper, Coteau Station, has assigned in trust.

C. Turcotte & Co., fancy goods, St. Henri, Hochelaga County, have called a meeting of creditors.

Christopher Sonne, sailmaker, Montreal, has admitted Wm. H. Griffin as partner, under style Sonne & Griffin.

NOVA SCOTIA.

F. Munford & Sons, forge, etc., Dartmouth, were burned out.

W. H. Nickerson, general storekeeper, Port Clyde, has assigned.

J. E. Newcomb, general store and shipping, Hantsport, has assigned.

Wm. Maguire, general storekeeper, Steep Creek,—business transferred to John W. Maguire, who assumes liabilities.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Samuel J. Farris, trader, Cambridge, has assigned.

Richard Thompson, fancy goods, St. John, has assigned.

Andrew Dunn, general storekeeper, etc., Weldford, has assigned.

THE Yorkshire Varnish Company will commence the manufacture of varnish at Montreal, owing to the new duties preventing the importation of its English varnishes.

SETTLERS are going into the district north of Stonewall. The News of that place says:—Quite a number of immigrants are taking up land to the north of us. No less than nine loads of household effects along with the same number of families passed through here on Sunday last, the greater portion of whom are going into stock-raising."