

Eastern Business Changes. ONTARIO.

Isaac Abbott, druggs, Toronto, is dead.
Geo. Schmidt, shoes, Delhi, has assigned.
A. M. Conway, grocer, London, has assigned.
D. Leger, mill owner, Riceville, has assigned.
David Kelly, hotelkeeper, Glanville, is dead.
Thos. Cowan, blacksmith, Read, is dead.
S. P. Deitch, grocer, Toronto, has assigned.
H. Lemoir, publisher, Brantford, has sold out.

Ray & Co., fruit dealers, Ottawa, have assigned.

T. H. Wyman, miller, Hawkesbury, has assigned.

Wm. Kane, carriages, Maidstone, has assigned.

W. H. Brock, general storekeeper, Arva, has sold out.

Ellis & Dwyer, grocers, Hamilton; bailiff in possession.

B. Hall, general storekeeper, Lynnvill, was burned out.

J. R. Mann & Co., hardware, Mount Albert, has sold out.

F. W. Robinson, dry goods, Wallaceburg, has sold out.

John Chisholm, general storekeeper, Alexandria, is dead.

Stevenson & Poulter, plumbers, Hamilton, have sold out.

T. W. Rutledge, grocer, Markdale; succeeded by E. Rutledge.

J. W. Sutherland, general storekeeper, Katrine, has assigned.

Urgele Bougie, general storekeeper, St. Onge, has assigned.

Flagler & Clark, general storekeepers, Wellington, have assigned.

Cliff & Stovel, furniture manufacturers, Lucknow, have dissolved.

W. H. Dame, photographer, Orangeville, was partly burned out.

Collie & McGiverin, publishers, Galt; John Collie of this firm is dead.

Austin, Werritt & Potts, general storekeepers, Simcoe, have assigned.

The estate of Geo. Coutts, general storekeeper, Buxton, is advertised for sale.

Ray, Street & Co., private bankers, Port Arthur, contemplate opening at bank at Fort William.

QUEBEC.

L. Beaugard, restaurant, Valleyfield, is dead.

Elzear Laverdiere, trader, St. Pierre, has assigned.

Hebert & Co., saw mill, St. Martine, has assigned.

Montreal Lime & Trading Co., have dissolved.

W. L. Lee, coal and wood, Montreal, has assigned.

Vital Cote, hotelkeeper, Somerset, has assigned.

J. R. Pougic, miller, St. Louis de Gonzague, is dead.

J. H. Lafond, general storekeeper, Lachute, has assigned.

Machinery Supply Association, Montreal, have assigned.

J. C. Lawrence, books, fruit, etc., Montreal, have assigned.

C. A. Bernard, manufacturers' agent, Montreal, has assigned.

Pronovost & Roy, general storekeepers, St. Felicien, have assigned.

Henderson Manufacturing Co., confectioner, Montreal, have assigned.

Chas. Chapdelaine, general storekeeper, St. Francois du Lac, has assigned.

The following were burned out at St. Jacques de L'Achigan: Leon Beliveau, hotelkeeper; D. A. Laferriere, physician; Magloire Lanoue, baker; A. Melancon, grocer; Jos. Melancon, grocer, and S. Sincerny, shoes.

NOVA SCOTIA.

E. M. Marsten, laundry, Amherst, has sold out.

Kenney, Johnstone & Co., fishing supplies, Lockeport, have dissolved.

Ungar & Co., clothing, Halifax, have dissolved; Max Ungar retires.

David Smith & Co., groceries, Port la Tour; D. Smith of this firm is dead.

T. Booth & Co., mineral waters, Halifax, have dissolved; David Booth retires.

Matheson Bros., general storekeepers, Sydney; style now Matheson, Townsend & Co.

Buckley Bros., druggs, Halifax, have dissolved; A. F. Buckley continues under same style; A. H. Buckley continues in his own name.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

E. P. Clark, contractor, Salisbury, has assigned.

A. Limerick & Co., plumbers, Frederick, have sold out.

A Handsome Book.

"The New Highway to the Orient" is the title of a beautiful little work just issued by the General Passenger Department of the Canadian Pacific Railway, descriptive of a tour to the Pacific coast over the trans-continental line. It is superbly illustrated with many full-page engravings and its forty-five pages of gracefully written matter, contain much useful information concerning the cities, towns and scenic marvels reached by the Canadian Pacific system. It is well worth your while to secure a copy, which may be obtained free upon application to W. R. Callaway, District Passenger Agent, 118 King St. West, Toronto, or D. McNicholl, General Passenger Agent, Montreal.

Personal.

H. P. Blackey, representing the Central Agency, Montreal, after making a prospecting trip through Manitoba, has returned to headquarters, delighted with the trip and prospects of a lucrative business.

How to Select Good Timber.

Professor Rankine says: "There are certain appearances which are characteristic of strong and durable timber to what class soever it belongs.

"1. In the same species of timber that specimen will in general be the strongest and most durable which has grown the slowest, as shown by the narrowness of the annual rings.

"2. The cellular tissue, as seen in the medullary rays (when visible), should be hard and compact.

"3. The vascular or fibrous tissues should adhere firmly together, and should show no wooliness at a freshly cut surface, nor should it clog the teeth of the saw with loose fibres.

"4. If the wood is colored, darkness of color is in general a sign of strength and durability.

"5. The freshly-cut surface of the wood should be firm and shining, and should have somewhat of a translucent appearance. A dull, chalky appearance is a sign of bad timber.

"6. In wood of a given species the heaviest specimens are in general the strongest and most lasting.

"7. Among resinous woods, those which have less resin in their pores, and among non-resinous woods, those which have the least sap or gum in them, are in general the strongest and most lasting.

"8. It is stated by some authors that in fir-wood that which has the most sap-wood, and in hardwood that which has the least, is the most durable—but the universality of this law is doubtful. Timber should be free from such blemishes as clefts or cracks radiating from the centre; 'cup shakes,' or cracks which particularly separate one annual layer from the other; V 'upsets,' where the fibres have been crippled by compression; V 'ringails,' or wounds in layer of the wood which have been covered and concealed by the growth of the subsequent layers over them.—*Industrial World*.

Lumber Inspection.

The following rules for the inspection of pine lumber have been drawn up by a committee of the lumber section of the Toronto Board of Trade, appointed to inquire into the matter. They have been submitted to the Lumber Manufacturer's Association, and if satisfactory to that body, will in all probability be adopted as official by the Toronto Board:—

"Clear Lumber.—Shall be perfect in all respects and free from wane, rot, shake, or check, not less than 12 feet long, eight inches wide, and one inch thick. A piece 12 inches wide will admit of imperfections to the extent of one standard knot or its equivalent in sap. In lumber over 12 inches wide the inspector must use his best judgment in accordance with the instructions above given.

Picks.—Pickings must not be less than 12 feet long, 8 inches wide, and 1 inch in thickness, well manufactured and free from wane, rot, shake, or check. A piece 8 inches wide will admit of one standard knot or imperfections in sap to the same extent; a piece 12 inches wide will admit of two standard knots or imperfections in sap to the same extent. For lumber wider than 12 inches, of this grade, inspectors will carry out the instructions as given regarding wide clear lumber.

Fine Dressing.—This grade of lumber shall be generally of a sound character, and shall be free from wane, rot, shake, or check, not less than 10 feet long, 7 inches wide, and 1 inch in thickness. A piece 7 inches wide will admit of one or more knots which can be covered with a 10c piece if they are sound. A piece wider than 7 inches will admit of one or more knots of the same size according to the judgment of the inspector in regard to the width.

Common Dressing.—Shall not be less than 10 feet long, 7 inches wide, and 1 inch in thickness, and shall be free from wane, rot, shake, or check, and shall be generally of a sound character, and will admit of standard knots that will not unfit it for dressing purposes.

Common.—Shall be free from rot and unsound knots, and well manufactured, not less than 10 feet long, 7 inches wide, and 1 inch in thickness.

No. 1 Culls.—This grade shall consist of lum-