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WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 3, 1892.

Eastern Business Changes. ONTARIO.

D. Currie, grocer, Duart, has assigned.
Samuel Taylor, grocer, Hamilton, is dead.
A. Mossman, grocer, Toronto, has sold out.
Wm. Baso, grist mill, Inwood, is burnt out.
S. F. Taylor, grocer, Dresden, has assigned.
H. J. Clancy, grocer, Toronto, has assigned.
H. E. McNea, furn, Flesherton, has assigned.
W. J. C. Nattell, drugs, Toronto, has sold out.
A. Parfitt, general store, Delaware, has sold out.
J. S. Betzner, merchant, Plattsville, has assigned.
J. S. Clemens, lumber, &c, Preston, has assigned.
John Phillips, merchant, Stratford, has assigned.
Wm. Hood & Co., coffees, &c., Toronto, has assigned.
W. W. Lyons, stoves, &c., Otterville, has assigned.
Button & Lund, grocers, &c., Toronto, have dissolved.
Jacob Kaufman, shoes, Comber, moved to Ridgetown.
Maximo Joly, grocer, Hawkesbury, about selling out.
Wm. Brown, of Brown Bros., bakers, Ingersoll, is dead.
H. E. Wimparley, agent pianos, &c., Belleville, has assigned.
Wm. Codling, men's furnishings, Warkworth, moved to Woodstock.
Trawin Bros., dry goods, Oshawa, have sold out Shelbourne branch.
Jas. Gamble & Son, taves, &c., Inwood, sustained damage by fire.

J. F. Mathews, general store, Meaford, has sold out to G. F. Martor.

Wm. Davies, jr., of The Davies Co., pork packers, Toronto, is dead.

Thos. Green, of Thos. Green & Co., planing mill, &c., London, is dead.

Garrott & Co., clothing, Toronto Junction, have moved to Owen Sound.

Moses Moses, general store, Waverley, has been succeeded by A. Moses.

The following were burned out at Everett: W. M. Lockhart, general store; John McCrae, hotel.

John Taylor & Co., wholesale boots & shoes, Toronto, have been succeeded by W. H. Fortier & Co.

QUEBEC.

John Gardner, tins, Huntingdon, is dead.

Louis Guay, trader, St. Isidore, has assigned.

J. W. Rivet, grocer, Montreal, compromised.

J. O. Labelle, shoes, Montreal, compromised.

Robt. Cairns, general store, Sawyerville, is dead.

Batey & Duffin, clothing, Montreal, have dissolved.

J. N. Smith, general store, Granby, moved to Freligsburg.

Jas. McGinn, dry goods and shoes, Montreal, has assigned.

J. A. Chapdelaine, grocery & crockery, Sorel, has assigned.

G. Corbeil & Co., dry goods, Montreal, stock sold by trustee.

Desmarteau & Larivee, brokers, &c., Montreal, have dissolved.

T. J. Winship & Co., cigar manufacturers, Montreal, have assigned.

J. A. Lefebvre, jobbing confectioner, Montreal, offering compromise.

Boisseau & Beland, wholesale fancy goods, Quebec, Nap. Matto appointed curator.

Seybold Son & Co., wholesale hardware, Montreal, Christian Seybold of this firm is dead.

Beaudet, Lefebvre & Garneau, wholesale hardware, Quebec, H. A. Bedard appointed curator.

Vachon & Co., millers and flour and grain, Stanfold, new co-partnership H. St. Cyr & J. Vachon.

St. Jean & Lacroix, flour, feed, coal, &c., Maisonneuve, new co-partnership—B. St. Jean & Lacroix.

Taylor & Co., commission, Montreal, G. T. Maley registers that he has ceased doing business under this style.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Nisbet & Drake, grocers, Halifax, have assigned.

Eureka Woolen Mill Co., Eureka, property and stock advertised for sale.

Solomon G. Teal, general store, Broad Cove, auction sale of stock advertised.

Anthracite Coal Firm.

The coal journal *Black Diamond*, of October 1 says: "The steady improvements in the general conditions of the coal business continues. Notably is this the case with the anthracite retail trade. It is not difficult to find an explanation for this, since an abundance of evidence has conclusively corroborated the theory advanced by this journal, and to which it has consistently adhered, that the great majority of consumers have made but very inadequate provisions for their winter's supply of fuel, carried away as the great body of them have been, during the season, by the illusive hope, held out in many of the daily papers, that history would repeat itself on the subject of coal prices as it does in many other things, and that coal would be bought for less money in December than it was in July or August.

Coal men all over the country, and engaged in the business as producers, wholesalers or retailers, may have every reason before the season is over to thank all such publications for the advice thus given to their readers, as to this ill timed advice must be largely attributed the tardiness of buyers, until further delay is only calculated to complicate the difficulties even now encountered in prompt delivery at various points. Thus, as was said before, consumers have at last awakened to the realization of the fact, that winter is near at hand; that the stock in their bins is but scant and insufficient to stand a siege; that an early winter may and will increase the annoyances even now experienced, regarding lack of transportation facilities, and last, but not least, that prices will, considering all these conditions, certainly not drop.

Yes, it is next to a certainty that the very force of the demand which will necessarily increase as cold weather approaches, can not but drive values upwards.

Fortunate are those who, acting wisely, took time by the forelock and filled their bins with sufficient coal at the then existing very low prices to be prepared for possible emergencies. But it is safe to say that their numbers is not legion, and they do not represent that great body of consumers who consume the bulk of the anthracite product.

Trade Figures for September.

The statement below shows the value of goods exported, imported and entered for consumption at Winnipeg, with the duty collected thereon, during the month of September, 1892, compared with the same month in 1891:

DESCRIPTION	VALUE 1891.	VALUE 1892
Exported.....	\$ 64,543 00	\$ 95,511 00
Imported, dutiable	280,811 00	221,334 00
" free.....	32,810 00	35,091 00
Total imported	303,621 00	257,045 00
Entered for consumption, dutiable.....	252,800 00	222,911 00
Entered for consumption, free.....	42,810 00	35,091 00
Total for consumption	295,679 00	258,072 00
Duty collected.....	\$ 77,400 91	\$ 72,193 34

The receipts for the Inland Revenue division of Winnipeg for September are as follows:—

Spirits.....	\$10 129 23
Malt.....	2 513 40
Tobacco.....	14,180 75
Cigars.....	785 85
Licenses.....	70 00
Petroleum inspection	238 80
Total.....	\$33,723 03
Collections for Sept., 1891	\$25,734 75
Increase, 1892.....	\$4,988 28
Total for quarter, Sept. '92	\$102,524 98
Total for quarter, Sept. '91	78,373 25
Increase for quarter ending Sept. '92	\$ 23,951 73

The Winnipeg branch of the Dominion government Savings bank transactions for the month ending September were:

Deposits	\$ 22,394 00
Withdrawals	30,753 76
Withdrawals exceed deposits by	\$ 8,359 76

A leading Ontario packer writes to the Toronto *Empire* disagreeing with its remarks on canned tomatoes, and says that in his locality late tomatoes are only now beginning to come in, and he fears he will not get the quantity required packed. This is, no doubt, true as regards his locality, but it is not applicable to the entire tomato packing districts. In some places they had all they could handle. It must also be remembered that there are a greater number in the business than last year, and there seems to be a tendency to underestimate the probable pack of the new firms. It must be remembered that the new factories are unlike the mushroom competitors of a few years ago. Several of them belong to leading packers, while those operated by new companies have ample capital for this season's business at least and have in most instances at least experienced men as managers.