

**Business East.****ONTARIO.**

W. H. Howard, tailor, Hamilton is dead.  
 R. Crabb, builder, Toronto, has assigned.  
 J. H. Stinson, tinsmith, Picton, has sold out.  
 John Kimmell, hotelkeeper, Berlin, has sold out.  
 T. J. McDonogh, grocer, London, has sold out.  
 Jonas Anderson, implement agent, Selby, is dead.  
 Lafayette Moblo, tinsmith, Jarvis, has assigned.  
 A. B. Remey, jeweler, St. Thomas, has assigned.  
 Chas. Mawson, builder, Toronto, has assigned.  
 Thos. Goodfellow, tinsmith, Walkerton, has sold out.  
 Wm. Johnston, grocer, Amherstburgh, has sold out.  
 Brien & Co., druggists, Essex Centre, have sold out.  
 Cathro & Rogers, contractors, London, have dissolved.  
 Allan Gibson, plumber, Toronto, is offering 25c in the \$.  
 D. M. Leitch, general storekeeper, Alvinston, has sold out.  
 Geo. A. Rollins, hardware dealer, Madoc, has assigned.  
 Henry Ball, general storekeeper, Warminster, has sold out.  
 Marsland & Kennedy, grocers, Toronto; C. Marsland is dead.  
 Sexsmith & Co., clothiers, Napanee; stock sold on March 1st.  
 Geo. Montgomery, jeweler, Brantford; stock sold on March 3rd.  
 J. Cunningham, general storekeeper, Hespler, has sold out.  
 T. W. Hastings & Co., jewelers, Toronto; sheriff in possession.  
 Jessimine & Foley, plumbers, Toronto; called meeting of creditors.  
 Allan Bros., general storekeepers, Essex Centre, are dissolving.  
 F. W. Truman, stationer, Hamilton; seized under chattel mortgage.  
 J. A. Graham, dealer in dry goods, Aurora, has removed to Bradford.  
 John Wallace, general storekeeper, Desboro, has removed to Dundalk.  
 C. Dempsey & Co., dealers in dry goods, Walkerton, have sold out.  
 W. H. Whittemore, general storekeeper, Waterdown, has assigned.  
 Wood & Young, tailors, Paris, have dissolved; Jay Wood continues.  
 Jas. Noble & Son, dealers in gents' furnishing; stock sold on March 2nd.  
 Chas. Dietrich, jeweler, Toronto; stock advertised for sale on March 23rd.  
 Cameron & Wickett, furniture dealers, Aylmer; style now Wickett & Co.  
 Bower, Porter & Bower, general storekeepers, Kemptville, have assigned in trust.  
 S. Corrigan, tailor, Toronto; admitted T. H. Agnew—style now Corrigan & Agnew.  
 Kellogg & McKenzie, saloon keepers, Hamilton, have dissolved; McKenzie continues.  
 Henderson, Pearl & Co., dry goods com-

mission merchants, have dissolved; Henderson continues—style now J. B. Henderson & Co.  
 Kenyon, Tingley & Stewart Manufacturing Co., Toronto, have dissolved; business continued by A. D. Tingley, under style of Tingley & Stewart Manufacturing Co.

**QUEBEC.**

Guay & Co., grocers, Montreal, have dissolved.  
 Star Collar Box Co., Montreal, have dissolved.  
 R. Mackenzie, railroad supplies, Montreal, is dead.  
 C. Levin, general storekeeper, Richmond, has assigned.  
 Z. Davis & Co., cigar manufacturers, Montreal, have assigned.  
 S. Provencher, general storekeeper, St Gertrude, has assigned.  
 Berthiaume & Co., dealers in hats and furs, Montreal, have assigned.  
 J. A. Gagnon & Co., wholesale grocers, Three Rivers, is offering to compromise.  
 W. H. Scroggie, dealer in dry goods, Montreal; stock partially damaged by fire.  
 John Maloney, grocer, Montreal; admitted David Maloney under style of John Maloney & Son.  
 Dupuis, Dupuis & Co., dry goods dealers, Montreal; changed style to Marcotte, Perrault & Co.  
 Senecal, Scott & Co., jewelers, Montreal; Guillaume Delcourt has ceased doing business under this style.  
 The Boston Millinery Rooms, Montreal, have dissolved; Alice M. Swallow & Margaret McKenna continue under same style.  
 Louis A. St. Louis, dealer in boots and shoes, Montreal; Wilfred A. St. Louis admitted partner, under style of L. A. St. Louis & Son.

**NOVA SCOTIA.**

R. D. Hiseler, grocer, Truro, has gone away.  
 J. F. Bill, hardware merchant, Lockeport, is dead.  
 David Sheppard, general storekeeper, Shelburne, is dead.  
 John Williams, general storekeeper, Goldenville, has assigned.  
 Thompson & Co., tinware, New Glasgow, is offering to compromise.  
 Brownell & Hillcoat, dealers in fancy goods, Amherst, have dissolved.  
 W. E. McRobert & Co., furniture dealers, Truro; W. E. McRobert is dead.

**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.**

James White, trader, Montague, has assigned.

**NEW BRUNSWICK.**

S. H. Galbraith, dry goods merchant, Sussex, has assigned.  
 J. W. Perry, lumber merchant, Cole's Island, has assigned.

A MERCHANT of Allegan, Mich., keeps what he calls his "thief account." In it he records everything missed, and the first person discovered stealing goods is required to pay the entire bill to escape prosecution. Recently a woman was caught stealing a fifty cent pair of leggings, and was called on to square the account, which amounted to \$5.

**How it Works.**

A Chicago commission merchant has been telling *Daily Business* how the bucket-shop manipulation of the wheat market is carried on. He said:

"Whenever the market looks especially strong everybody wants to buy a little wheat. The fellows on the Board buy some, and every fellow in the country invests a few dollars. The country trades through the bucket-shops, and the aggregate amount of wheat bought in small lots is very large; some days, I am reliably informed, running up as high as 50,000,000 bushels. Two or three central concerns in this city have 400 or 500 agencies and branch bucket-shops scattered through the country, and they get reports every afternoon of the amount of business done at each one of them. These few central concerns handle two-thirds of the bucket-shop business of the whole country. The country shops clear their trades through the main houses in the city, and every afternoon the managers go home knowing exactly how the country stands. On an active bull day they leave off 40,000,000 or 50,000,000 bushels short to the country. The next morning, if the conditions are favorable, a certified check for \$50,000 is put in the hands of Splashdash, the broker, who is directed to "unload" 1,000,000 bushels of wheat at the opening regardless of price. The wheat must be got rid of at once. The market closed weak the night before, and it is safe to assume that the country had caught on at the top, with its 1c margin. Mr. Splashdash does not know anything about that, nor does he care. He knows that he has received a certified check for \$50,000 from a capitalist, perhaps unknown as a bucket-shopper, and an order to get rid of 1,000,000 quick. This he proceeds to do after a most approved fashion, breaking the market in a jiffy within a split, 4c, or 3c, of the limit to which the country is margined. The scalpers tail on and help the thing along. They always try to go with the big orders—to swim with the current. When the market gets down to within a small fraction of the freezeout limit, Broker B appears with a certified check for \$12,500 or \$15,000 in his pocket and a club in his hand in the shape of an order to sell 250,000 or 300,000 bushels of wheat the minute the price touches—well, we will say 84c. Dump it, are his instructions; 'offer it below the market; sell it at 83½c, sling it.' An official quotation, 83½c, goes out over the tape. The 1c margins of 20,000 victims who were long 40,000,000 or 50,000,000 bushels of wheat to the bucket-shops are wiped out, and \$400,000 or \$500,000 in money goes into the coffers of the bucket-shops. The manipulators have gained their point. At this point Broker C, representing the bucket-shops, appears in the pit with a \$50,000 certified check in his pocket, and an order to buy 1,000,000 bushels of wheat. The market turns up, and the tailers go with it. It reacts 3 to 1c. The wheat that was dumped has been bought, the deal adjusts itself, and the bucket-shop man gets out with a very small loss, or perhaps no loss at all. Brokers Splashdash, B and C pocket nice commissions, the victims growl at the Board of Trade, call it a robber and go right along feeding the bucket-shop tiger. This game has been played again and again to my certain knowledge, and it will continue to be played until the law steps in to protect the public by wiping the bucket-shops out of existence."