

### Business East. ONTARIO.

J. W. Deacon, grocer, Loudon, has sold out.  
Lowery Bros., publishers, Petrolia, have sold out.  
W. R. Falls, tailor, London, was seized by sheriff.  
T. J. Carroll, jeweler, Hamilton; stock under seizure.  
W. H. Richards, tailor, Paris, has assigned in trust.  
J. C. McPherson, saloonkeeper, Hamilton, has sold out.  
Donegan & Nash, tailors, Morrisburg, were burned out.  
G. A. Brown, carriage maker, Belleville, was burned out.  
H. Henderson, photographer, Kingeton, was burned out.  
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Thos. Smith, dealer in fruits, Scotland, was burned out.  
Geo. Elliott, general storekeeper, Comber, has sold out.  
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M. Kreiger, general storekeeper, Stevensville, has sold out.  
H. J. Hale, jeweler, Brantford, stock advertised for sale.  
H. Armstrong, grocer, Napance, has sold out to Geo. Ham.  
John French, grocer, Chatham, has sold out to G. H. Reed.  
J. W. McLellan, tailor, Chatham, has sold out to John Hyslop.  
Felix Shaw, general storekeeper, Kingston, was burned out.  
Donald Denoon, wagon maker, Lucknow, has assigned in trust.  
J. C. Robinson, dealer in confectionery, Strathroy, has sold out.  
W. A. Hanna, general storekeeper, Philipsville, has sold out.  
Donald D. McAlphine, general storekeeper, Lobo, has assigned.  
Clotty & Dillon, general storekeepers, Bothwell, have sold out.  
Marshall Seamless Boot and Shoe Co, Hagersville, have assigned.  
E. A. Taylor, hotelkeeper, Aytos, has sold out to Lewis Young.  
J. A. Urquhart, shoemaker, Cannington, has sold out to R. White.  
A. W. Levy, shoemaker, Mitchell, has sold out to Cole & Thorne.  
Mills Bros., dealers in hats and furs, Kingston, were burned out.  
J. Henderson & Co., stationers, Kingston, slightly damaged by fire.  
Mary D. Switzer, general storekeeper, Canfield, has assigned in trust.  
Kyle & Mustard, grist and saw millers, Egmondville, were burned out.  
Lewis Ferguson, general storekeeper, Killcan, has sold out to D. Ferguson.  
Samuel Dunn, baker, Tamworth, is succeeded by Wheeler & Somerville.  
Morden Fraser, general storekeeper, Bullock's Corners, sheriff in possession.

E. Eagle, undertaker, Lyuden, has assigned.  
E. G. Malcolm, & Co., general storekeepers, Scotland, were damaged by fire.  
J. S. Robertson & Bros., stationers, Toronto, have sold out to McAnish & Ellis.  
Hancock & Hay, booksellers, Ridgetown, have dissolved; L. S. Hancock continues.  
Nichol, McKenzie & Co., wholesale milliners, Toronto, are offering business for sale.  
A. M. Brock, watchmaker, Kingston, stock slightly damaged by smoke and water.  
McNaughton Bros, grocers, Chatham, have dissolved; George McNaughton continues.  
Graham & Brown, general storekeepers, Meaford, have dissolved; H. R. Graham continues.  
Hayes & Farlow, druggists, Simcoe, have dissolved; Farlow retires, D. Bowlby being admitted as partner under the style of Hayes & Co.  
Simpson, Robertson & Simpson, wholesale dry goods dealers, Toronto, have dissolved; Robertson retires, style now Simpson & Simpson.

### QUEBEC.

Jas. Deloury, grocer, Montreal, stock damaged by fire.  
John Watkins, grocer, Montreal, is compromising.  
Blumhart & Rivetin, grocers, Quebec, have Elijah Kemp, dry goods merchant, Waterloo, has assigned.  
Henry Baumgarten, glue manufacturer, Montreal, has assigned.  
Thos. Loftus, fruit dealer, Montreal, stock damaged by water.  
J. S. Beaudette, general storekeeper, Tingwick, has assigned.  
Antoine Roy, general storekeeper, St. Telephone, has assigned.  
Prieur & Archambault, ice merchants, Montreal, have dissolved.  
E. Snutan & Co., cigar makers, Montreal, have obtained an extension.  
Nantel, Lamoureux & Co., restaurant keepers, Montreal, have dissolved.  
T. Crevier, dealer in stoves and tins, Montreal, were partially burned out.  
Elzear Tessier, general storekeeper, St. Isidore, has assigned in trust.  
V. Paiement, tobacco and cigar dealer, Montreal, stock damaged by water.  
Duchesne & Frere, dry goods dealers, Three Rivers, have assigned in trust.  
Cardinal & Corriveau, dealers in tobacco and cigars, Montreal, have dissolved.  
Fletcher Thompson, dealer in groceries and fish, Sherbrook, is compromising.

### NOVA SCOTIA.

H. O. McLatchy, Wolfville, has assigned.  
Albert Loche, grocer, Lockport, has sold out.  
Joshua Beardsley, general storekeeper, Harboroughville, has sold out.  
Daniel J. McDonald, general storekeeper, Lakevale, has assigned.

### NEW BRUNSWICK.

Donald McLarchlan, grocer, Chatham, was burned out.  
Anthony Steeves, general storekeeper, Hillsboro, is dead.

A. C. Atkinson, carriage maker, Newcastle, has assigned.

Henry Wyso, general storekeeper, Chatham, was burned out.

E. A. Strang, general storekeeper, Chatham, was burned out.

### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Joseph Jardine, carriage maker, Pownale, was burned out.

### CORAL.

Coral has been used for centuries as an adornment chiefly in the form of beads. The ancients regarded it with veneration and ascribed to it qualities of prevention and cure, which caused beads of coral to be worn as a protection against witchcraft and sorcery, and the administering of powders made of the ashes of coral as a specific in many diseases.

It was supposed to be a vegetable product possessing the peculiar quality of becoming hardened the instant it was touched by a human being. The elder Pliny describes it at some length and states that it was held in as high esteem by the people of India as were the pearls of India by the Romans. He says that prior to the opening of this outlet for the disposal of the coral of the Mediterranean "the Gauls adorned and set out their swords, targets, shields, morions and headpieces with it; but since there was a vent into India of the commodity there is a great scarcity of it" so that one can hardly meet with any coral even in that part of the world where it grows."

The peculiar formation of coral, resembling as it does leaves and plants, very naturally misled the Romans as to its origin. It is a marine production, consisting of the habitations of innumerable minute animals or insects, built one upon another, and is often very beautiful in form and color. It is attached to submarine rocks, and its branches almost uniformly tend downward. In hardness and durability it equals the most compact marble. Coral is gathered by divers who are called "coral fishermen," and the pursuit is a very arduous and dangerous one. Centuries ago the coral industry was almost exclusively carried on by Spaniards, but about three hundred years ago many of the merchants having control of the manufacture of the ornaments made from coral, and nearly all of whom were Jews, removed to Leghorn to escape the persecutions to which they were subjected in Spain. The freedom enjoyed here by the refugees induced others from different places to follow, and resulted in establishing Leghorn as the chief city of the coral industry. In fact, it secured almost a monopoly of this trade, which it largely retains at this day, Genoa being its formidable competitor. Efforts to divert a portion of the trade to other points failed because of the cheapness of labor at Leghorn.

The discovery, in 1880, of an immense coral reef near the island of Scicca on the coast of Sicily and the consequent flooding of the market with coral goods of inferior make, depressed the coral industry to a disastrous degree, and as there is no present prospect of the exhaustion of this new source of supply the probability of an improvement is small.

Coral is not less beautiful as an adornment than it was in the days of the Roman Empire, but, as is always the case with a plentiful article, the low price at which it can be procured lessens the desire for possession.—*Ex.*