

Business East.

ONTARIO.

A. W. Ball, drugs, Toronto, has sold out.
 W. H. Abra, contractor, Ayr, has assigned.
 John Cross, sawmill, Elderslie, has assigned.
 W. H. Shaw, baker, Marmora, has assigned.
 Charles Stewart, grist mill, Milton, is away.
 John Logan, grocer, Seaforth, has assigned.
 H. Cupewell, jobber, Toronto, has assigned.
 Lionel Yorke, contractor, Toronto, is dead.
 J. H. Yeo, farmer, Tp Minto, has assigned.
 S. A. French, hardware, Alvinston, has sold out.
 J. W. Blasdell, grocer, Hamilton, has sold out.
 Jos. Simpson, grocer, Park Hill, has sold out.
 John Ferguson, grocer, Oil City, has sold out.
 Frank Macomb, grocer, Welland, was burned out.
 Robert Murray, insurance agent, Embro, is dead.
 N. J. Morley, watchmaker, Toronto, has assigned.
 Moses C. Bechtel, baker, Port Elgin, has assigned.
 Hess Bros., furniture dealers, Listowel, have sold out.
 Joseph A. Laird, seeds, New Hamburg, has sold out.
 Jacob Rogers, hotelkeeper, Wyoming, has sold out.
 Samuel Tudor, hotelkeeper, Park Hill, has sold out.
 Arch. Kirkland, carpenter, Teeswater, has assigned.
 Samuel Shannon, grocer, Ashburnham, has assigned.
 Oram & Close, grocers, Woodstock, have dissolved.
 Henry & Stewart, contractors, Toronto, have dissolved.
 Geo. W. Seip, printer, Wallaceburg, was burned out.
 F. B. McLees, general storekeeper, Norwich, has sold out.
 J. E. Morrison, confectioner, Tilsonburg, has sold out.
 Ferguson & Dane, tea merchants, Toronto, have dissolved.
 John Fairburn, general storekeeper, Beachville, has assigned.
 H. F. Drader, general storekeeper, Copleston, has assigned.
 Jas. Rutherford, general storekeeper, Blenheim, is selling out.
 J. Vanstone, watchmaker, Drayton, has removed to Wingham.
 John Gordon, blacksmith, Drayton, has removed to Teviotdale.
 Edward Harkness, hardware and groceries, Arkona, has sold out.
 P. W. Ball & Co., general storekeeper, Collingwood, have assigned.
 McCormack Bros., groceries and liquors, Toronto, are selling out.
 M. Robinson, wholesale coal and wood dealer, Toronto, has sold out.
 Reid, Bireley & Co., cigar manufacturers, Hamilton, have dissolved.
 E. J. Thompson & Co., wholesale jewelers, Hamilton, have suspended.
 McNis & Talbot, dealers in bankrupt stocks, Wingham, have dissolved.
 C. C. Ray & Co., dealers in coal, Toronto and Ottawa, have sold out the Toronto branch.
 W. Porter, builder, Toronto, has admitted W. S. Robertson as partner under style of Porter, Robinson & Co.

QUEBEC.

Jos. Langevin, trader, Montreal, has assigned.
 D. McCormack & Co., shoes, Montreal, have assigned.
 Caron & Leclerc, butchers, Montreal, have dissolved.
 H. Dechene & Co., tailors, Montreal, have dissolved.
 E. L. Furniss & Co., liquors, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Leon Lahaie, general storekeeper, Batiscan, has assigned.
 M. Lapage, general storekeeper, St. Tite, has assigned.
 Namel & Desnoyers, builders, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Neville & Thibault, carpenters, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Geo. Swinburne & Co., farriers, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Linday & Patton, stock brokers, Montreal, have dissolved.
 W. McNally & Co., drain pipes, Montreal, have dissolved.
 E. Precourt, general storekeeper, St. Gregoire, has assigned.
 Samson Louis & Co., wine merchants, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Pierre Lrmbert, general storekeeper, St. Ursule, has assigned.
 Luke, Renwick & Calder, fruit dealers, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Miss V. Perreault, general storekeeper, Victoriaville, has assigned.
 Beall, Ross & Co., wholesale dry goods, Montreal, have dissolved.

Hardware.

Copper has dropped £3 in London. The market is very weak on account of the failure of the capitalists, who are endeavoring to form a new syndicate to get financial backing. This will have the effect of diminishing business in this article here for a while, as the tendency to higher prices, which has been noticed for a week or so, was beginning to have its effect, and sales for future delivery were becoming more frequent. There is now but a light local demand, and this will be less until new stocks of copper bought at the decline arrive. Stocks in Canada are very light. Ingot copper is held by but three or four wholesale houses, and are in small quantities, and the market is almost bare of sheets. The local quotations is from 18 to 18½c and 19c for sheets, and 17c for ingot. Montreal and Toronto wholesale houses are booking orders for sheeting and ingot at 12 to 13½c.

The lead market has ruled dull and uninteresting, owing to the fact that a decline is looked for in the immediate future. In view of this fact local and outside consumers are refraining from placing their orders, and are to a large extent adopting the hand-to-mouth policy. Pig is nominally quoted at 4 to 4½c.

Zinc is steady and unchanged. Tin plates are very strong, and the market is extremely buoyant, owing to the recent advance and the cost of iron. Wholesale houses are exercising the greatest precaution in booking orders for future delivery, and a sharp advance is anticipated before very long.

Canada plates are also very strong and about

10c higher all round than when last quoted. To-day's price is \$2.95 for half bright, but orders can still be placed with houses that have contracts made at the old figure, \$2.85. English market reports indicate that the price of this article will be considerably higher, as makers are confirming themselves more exclusively than formerly to the manufacture of tin plates, and the Canada plate trade is consequently left in the hands of fewer makers. All bright are wanted at \$3.25.

Galvanized iron is in fairly good demand and steady at old quotations.

Iron and steel are firm and moving off very well.

In scrap metals supplies are coming in pretty freely. Prices on scrap iron are holding up well, and there is a steady demand for it. No. 1 wrought and heavy scrap are in particularly good demand. Scrap copper and brass are lower in sympathy with ingot copper. We reduce quotations ½c per lb.—*Toronto Empire*.

Aid to Western Railways.

It is learned from Ottawa that the following aid will be given to Western railways:—

The Northwestern Coal and Navigation company, in addition to the grant provided for, are to get an extension of not exceeding 2,600 acres of land per mile from Dunmore station to Lethbridge. The condition of the subsidy is that the road is to be made of standard gauge; the same company, from Lethbridge to the international boundary to secure a subsidy not exceeding 6,400 acres per mile.

The Red Deer Valley railway company 6,400 per mile.

The Alberta & Great Northwestern from Calgary to Edmonton 10,000 acres per mile, the same road from Calgary south-ly to Lethbridge, 10,000 acres per mile.

The Qu'Appelle, Long Lake & Saskatchewan Railway & Steamship Co., 6,400 acres per mile from the present termination of their road at Long Lake to Prince Albert.

The Manitoba Railway & Canal company, 6,400 acres, from Portage la Prairie to the southern boundary of Lake Manitoba.

Sir John will move in committee to consider a resolution that it is expedient in order to enable the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake & Saskatchewan Railway & Steamboat company to complete a railway from Regina and Saskatoon and thence to Prince Albert, to enter into a contract with such company for the transportation of men, supplies, materials and mails for twenty years, and to pay for such service during the said term \$80,000 per annum in the following manner, that is to say, the sum of \$50,000 to be paid annually on the construction of the railway to a point near Saskatoon, such payment to be computed from the date of the completion of the railway to such point, and the remaining \$30,000 annually on the extension of the railway to Prince Albert, such payment to be computed from the date of the last mentioned completion, provided that in case the second portion of the railway shall not be built and operated to Prince Albert within two years after its completion to the South Saskatchewan, the payment of the \$50,000 shall cease until the whole railway is finished to Prince Albert.