

Eastern Business Changes.

ONTARIO.

J. H. Elliott, hides, London, is dead.
 Geo. Lennox, grocer Barrie, has sold out.
 S. J. Mitchell, grocer, Alymer, has sold out.
 D. J. Riviere, grocer, Cornwall, has assigned.
 Mrs. L. Smart, groceries, Elora, has sold out.
 Sawdon Bros., tinsmiths, Toronto, have sold out.
 E. J. Skelly, drugs, etc., Elmville, has assigned.
 A. McKellar, general store, Glenora, has assigned.
 John Houghton, grocer, Stratford, has assigned.
 Jane A. Noble, fancy goods, Toronto, has assigned.
 Kanady & Beson, grocers, Windsor, have assigned.
 Samuel Chesney, general store, Staffa, has sold out.
 W. H. McCuliy, furniture, St. Thomas, has assigned.
 John Ritchie, jr., real estate agent, Toronto, has assigned.
 Depencier Bros., general store, Merrickville, have assigned.
 Wm. Colwell, jeweler, etc., Mitchell; bailiff is in possession.
 F. Stafford & Co., general store, Portland, have sold out.
 H. T. Butler, Sun newspaper, Stratford, is out of this business.
 J. R. Mader & Co., general store, Clarksburg, are moving to Newmarket.
 Holdstock, Young & Co., machinists, Windsor, have dissolved; John Gray continues the business alone under the style of Enterprise Engine Works.

QUEBEC.

I. Laniel, shoes, Montreal, has sold out.
 J. M. Young, grain, Montreal, is dead.
 L. Kortt, tailor, Montreal, has compromised.
 O. Lahaye, grocer, Montreal, has assigned.
 A. Labelle & Co., dry goods, Montreal, has assigned.
 Montreal Bedding Co., Montreal, have dissolved.
 J. C. Parker, shoes, Montreal, has compromised.
 G. A. Laroche, general store St. Romuald, has assigned.
 Peltier & Guy, cigar manufacturers, Montreal, have assigned.
 Antoine Desjardins, general store, Montreal, has assigned.
 Hart & McDonald, confectionery, Montreal, have dissolved.
 J. & W. Reid, paper manufacturers, Quebec, have assigned.
 Begin & Co., grocers, Montreal, demand of assignment made.
 Thos. Cathcart, grocer, Montreal, was partially burned out.
 F. X. Letourneau & Co., iron, junk, etc., Quebec, have assigned.
 D. Gingras, general store, St. Angele de Monnoir, has assigned.
 A. Labelle & Co., dry goods, St. Henri, demand of assignment made.
 H. N. Raby, general store, St. Andre d'Avelin, is asking an extension.
 Somerville, Stuart & Co., engravers and lithographers, Montreal; a liquidator appointed.
 L. Moquin, general store, Lake Megantic, is offering to compromise.

Courville & Joannette, shoe manufacturers, Montreal, have dissolved.

NOVA SCOTIA.

N. A. Gavanza, hotel, Annapolis, is dead.
 Ruben Smith, trader, Cope Island, has assigned.
 E. J. Bowes, contractor, Dartmouth, has assigned.
 D. C. Logan, furniture, New Glasgow, has assigned.
 C. E. & A. W. Gould, manufacturers of Caskets, etc., Amherst, have assigned.
 J. B. Morris, general store, Bridgewater, is offering a compromise at 50 per cent.
 Mrs. Lucy Abernethy, restaurant, Halifax, has assigned.
 W. H. Sawler, pianos and organs, Kentville, has assigned.
 Godfrey Bros., grocers, Yarmouth, have suspended payment.

Prices at Montreal.

Flour.—The market is firm, western millers are now asking \$4.75 f.o.b. for straight rollers although sales have been made during the week at \$4.60 to \$4.60 f.o.b. On spot sales of straight rollers have transpired at \$5.00 to \$5.05, while choice brands or 90 per cent are quoted as high as \$5.25 to \$5.30. Patents are held at \$5.40 to \$5.50. Strong bakers at \$5.50 and spring patents at \$5.80.

Oatmeal.—The market is strong at a further sharp advance, and we quote prices as follows: Granulated \$6.25 per bbl, rolled oats \$6.25 per bbl, and Standard \$6.15 for round lots. In bags we quote:—Granulated \$3.05 to \$3.15, rolled oats \$3.05 to \$3.15 and standard \$3.00.

Feed.—Bran sold at \$19.50 and \$20.00 in car lots and shorts at \$22.00, Mouillie steady at 28c.

Wheat.—Quotations in this market for No. 2 hard are \$1.14 to \$1.15. Canada red and white winter is quoted from \$1.13 to \$1.14. Sales of feed wheat have been made as high as 68 and 70c.

Oats.—Ontario oats are firmly held at 60c., one holder refusing to sell under 62c. Sales of Manitoba oats at 58 to 57c per 34 lbs.

Barley.—Market firm. Good demand for feed barley in car lots at 55 to 57c. Malting barley quoted at 65 to 68c.

Provisions.—Sharp advances in provisions. Quoted:—Canada short cut mess pork, per bbl., \$16 to \$17; Hams, city cured, per lb., 11 to 12c; lard, Canadian, in pails, per lb., 7½ to 7½; bacon per lb., 10 to 11c; shoulders per lb. 8½ to 9c.

Butter.—There has been a further considerable movement on export account. Choice Western sold at 16c; 307 packages Morrisburg sold at 14c, 300 ordinary Western at 13½c. A large parcel for New York is also reported. The week's exports have helped the market considerably and the tone is very strong. All good qualities are finding ready sale. Good creamery, in a ten tub lot, has been placed as high as 28c. New butter meets a ready market at about 25c.

Eggs.—Under the influence of a frosty spell prices, which were at 21c at time of last writing, gradually hardening up till 21c, and in some instances 25 was obtainable for jobbing lots. At this date last year the market was quoted at 14c to 14½c for fresh.

Maple products.—The supplies of new syrup and sugar are coming in rather freely. The

range of quotations may be taken as 75c to 80c for syrup and 7½c to 10c for sugar.

Hides.—Dealers prices 6½c, 5½c and 4½c for Nos. 1, 2 and 3, and tanners' prices 7c, 6c and 5c for Nos. 1, 2, and 3.

Teas.—Several lots of Japan have changed hands during the week at from 15c to 17c for common to medium grades, one lot of common being sold at 14½c. Quite a number of representatives of Japan houses have been in the city since our last report, working like beavers for direct orders, and we hear of a number having been given.

Apples.—Apples are getting scarce. Quoted at \$4 to \$5 choice and fancy from \$5 to \$6. Evaporated apples, quotations are 12½ to 13c. Dried apples easy, at 8c to 9c.—*Trade Bulletin* summary, March 27.

Editor's Table.

A valuable bulletin has been issued from the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, by Jas. W. Robertson, Dairy Commissioner, giving very full particulars as to the establishment of cheese factories and creameries. Copies of the bulletin, printed in English or French, will be forwarded free on application to Mr. Robertson, Experimental Farm, Ottawa. This bulletin should be in the hands of all persons interested in dairying.

"The Coal Trade," is the name of a pamphlet which reached The Table last week, being a compendium of valuable information relative to coal production, prices, transportation, etc., at home and abroad, with many facts and features of value to those interested in coal trade matters. The work has been prepared by Frederick E. Saward, editor of the *Coal Trade Journal*, of New York.

A Fire Extinguisher.

Ex chief McRobie, of the Winnipeg fire department, has invented a fire extinguisher which was tested recently in the presence of city aldermen and others. The test was made on a pile of pine shavings drenched with coal oil, the flames, which had been allowed to gain considerable headway, being extinguished the instant the liquid touched the burning wood. It was shown that the liquid and the fumes therefrom were deadly to fire by casual contact. Those who witnessed the exhibition concluded that McRobie has discovered a valuable extinguisher. The extinguisher is simple in regard to the method of application and is also cheap. The inventor claims that the fluid contains no acid, and is not harmful to the hands or clothing. He intends establishing a factory in Winnipeg for the manufacture of the extinguisher. This should just be the thing for the smaller country towns, where expensive machinery cannot be afforded.

The despatch from San Francisco, stating that Theomeyer have made an arrangement with Claus Spreckels, whereby all competition between the latter's company and the sugar trust would cease, caused a sharp advance in the price of sugar stock at New York on Monday. The officers of the trust, however, deny the statement and say that if anythink has been done it is a private matter between Havemeyer and Elder & Spreckels. Spreckels' son also denies the report.