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Tea.

The higher cost of Japan tea this season, says the *Montreal Trade Bulletin*, is wholly due to the big rise in exchange, which to-day is quoted at 3s., 10½d., against 3s., 0½d. at this time last year. Teas which cost us last year 16-90c per pound, now cost 21-50c, those costing 20c last year now cost 22-60c, and those costing 24c a year ago, now cost 26-66, the extra price being the difference in exchange. It is thought by some in the trade that when United States buyers lay in their next month's supply of teas, that exchange may probably go up to 4s., 4½d., and just as long as exchange keeps high, it will be vain to expect cheaper teas. And yet there are some who do not believe in the permanency of the present advance in prices and who have refused to send out their orders, preferring to trust this market for their requirements. The New York market continues firm, at 1c to 2c per pound over values at Montreal.

Valencia Raisins.

The first new Valencia raisins are expected here at the beginning of next week, and all goods coming to first hands have been disposed of at 8c, and it is thought the second lots from Liverpool will meet with ready sale at full prices. The direct steamer *Dracona* is expected at Denia next week, quotations for which are 17s 6d to 18s 6d for first brands and 16s 6d for seconds. These prices show quite a decline on those of the week previous. On spot there have been sales of old selected fruit at 8c, stocks in hands of jobbers being very small and firmly held. In new currants there are about 50 tons of Provincials on the direct steamer at 16s 9d to 17s, which will enable sales to be made in the vicinity of 5½c and 6c. In old currants, sales on spot have transpired at 6½c to 6¾c, a car load changing hands at those prices. Sales of Eleme raisins have taken place at 7c to 7½c, and Sultanias are steady at 12c to 14c as to

quality and quantity.—*Montreal Trade Bulletin*, Sept. 6.

Eastern Business Changes. ONTARIO.

Sarnia Oil Co., Sarnia, have assigned.
John Kent, lumber, Toronto, is dead.
A. Buckler, jeweler, Bowmanville, is dead.
Kitchen Bros., Chatham; S. A. Kitchen dead.
J. E. Troyer, grocer, Hensall, has sold out.
G. B. Deacon, grocer, London, has sold out.
A. J. Eaton, harness, Norwood, has assigned.
A. B. Griffin, grocer, Toronto, has sold out.
J. A. Dignon, show cases, Windsor, has sold out.
W. D. Hutson, hardware, Toronto, has sold out.
T. P. McIntyre, hardware, Toronto, has sold out.
J. H. Dufton, stationery, Stratford, has sold out.
T. W. Hawley, tras, etc., Trenton, has assigned.
Pat. Slattery, general storekeeper, Pembroke, is dead.
J. H. Lemaitre & Co., photos, Toronto, have assigned.
James McDougall, general store, Dutton, has sold out.
J. G. Robinson, Toronto, is offering 45c on the dollar.
Clark & Brooking, tailors, Stratford, have dissolved.
J. E. T. Stilts, general storekeeper, Ravenshoe, has sold out.
E. Wildfang, fancy goods, etc., Hespeler, has sold out.
The following were damaged by fire at Thorubury:—F. D. Kent, physician; Mrs. Riley, milliner; both insured.

V. C. Crockett, hotelkeeper, Orangeville, has assigned.

Geo. Deacon, mat manufacturer, Toronto, has assigned.

Emma Willis, fancy dry goods, Walkerton, has assigned.

S. J. Martin, hardware, Sault Ste. Marie, is selling out.

Pettypiece Bros., hardware, Amherstburg, have assigned.

Geo. Yost, gents' furnishings, Hamilton, reported away.

Summers & Routh, general store, Winchester, have resigned.

Joseph Strong, general storekeeper, Princeton, has sold out.

McGirr & Son, general storekeepers, Fevershan, have assigned.

S. Graham, carriages, etc., Pt. Perry; now Graham & Newport.

McAlister & Johnston, merchant tailors, Toronto, have assigned.

C. B. MacKinnon, general store, Strathroy, is moving to Windsor.

Globe Tobacco Company, Windsor, are moving factory to London.

C. L. Marks & Co., general storekeepers, Thessalon, have sold out.

Geo. Dunbar & Son, general store, Blytheswood, were burned out.

McMillan & McLean, general store, Glencoe, are closing up business.

Sanderson & Hobbs, general storekeepers, Mt. Elgin, have assigned.

Colonial Parasol & Umbrella Co., Toronto, have assigned to the sheriff.

J. F. Reid, shoes, Dunnville, has sold out and offering to compromise.

Knox Bros. & Henderson, oiled clothing, etc., Toronto, have dissolved; now Jas. E. Knox & Co.