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WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 3, 1892.

## Eastern Business Changes. ONTARIO.

Geo. Shuff, pork, London, is dead.  
J. W. Wiley, grocer, Toronto, has assigned.  
Baillie & Son, tailors, Toronto have sold out.  
C. E. Hepburn, drugs, Iroquois, has assigned.  
F. G. Ball, general store, Shedden, has sold out.  
M. Rich, tailor, Toronto, is giving up business.  
Alex. Robinson, physician, Unionville, is dead.  
A. Robertson, general store, Perth, has assigned.  
Thos. Armitage, grocer, Hamilton, sold out and left.  
C. H. Brewster, general store, Havelock, has assigned.  
C. Williscraft, watches, Smith's Falls, has assigned.  
Jackson & Thomson, grocers, Orillia, have assigned.  
Thos. Judge, sawmill, &c., Barrow Bay, has sold out.  
J. S. D. Butterfield, grocer, Norwich, has sold out.  
G. G. Smith, general store, Credit Forks, has assigned.  
D. D. McFarlane, general store, Saintfield, has assigned.  
M. Smith, grocer, Toronto, has sold out to Dunlop & Co.  
Winlow Bros., shoes, London, retiring from business here  
John Kelday, provisions, &c, Toronto Junction has assigned.  
W. H. Wodehouse, general store, Stoney Creek has sold out.  
P. Lanthier, tobacco, Ottawa, estate sold by auction by assignee.

E. S. Edmondson & Co., grist mill, Oshawa, burned out; insured.

John O'Malley, shoes, Ottawa, stock advertised for sale by assignee.

Elmer Kitchen, dry goods, &c., Delhi, has sold out to Mrs. C. Cryser.

Force & Dickinson, staves, Staples, will suffer loss by explosion of two boilers.

D. Gunn, Flavelle Co., wholesale provisions, Toronto, will dissolve partnership.

J. Gregg, of the firm of Gregg & Schaefer, cigar manufacturers, Toronto, is dead.

Brown & McDonald, general store, Bridgen, have dissolved; R. B. Brown continues.

The following were damaged by fire at Durham: R. Bull, undertaker; G. Sparling, barrel factory.

Ru. dge & Hammond, dry goods and men's furnishings, Fort William, burned out—partly insured.

## QUBEC.

Geo. Reeves, metal, Montreal is dead.

Ernest Foutin, furn, Quebec, burned out.

J. P. H. Cadorette, tins, &c., Montreal, is dead.

I. Charanel, wholesale fruits, Quebec, suspended.

G Corbeil & Co, dry goods, Montreal, have assigned.

Vandry & Turcotte, grocers, Quebec, have assigned.

Denis & Denis, general store, Rigand, have dissolved.

F. X. Martin, dry goods, Hull, asking for extension.

Thos. Charette, general store, Gatineau Point, has assigned.

R. Cuthbert & Son, brass founders, Montreal, have assigned.

L. L. Cayley, tailor, &c., Montreal, bailiff's sale advertised.

Richer & Dragon, general store, St. Denis, have dissolved.

A. Gourre & Co., planing mill, Montreal, bailiff's sale advertised.

Etienne Dusseault, dry goods, Quebec, damaged by fire and water.

W. G. Brown & Co., rubber goods, gloves, &c., asking for extension.

A. Lavalle & Fils, musical instruments, &c., Montreal, have dissolved.

Jas. McGinn, dry goods, &c, Montreal, meeting of creditors held.

J. E. Desgagnier & Son, general store, Les Eboulements, have assigned.

Louis Lefebvre & Co., clothing and gents' furnishings, Quebec, have assigned.

Dominion Blanket Co., Montreal and Beauharnois, mill at Beauharnois damaged by fire.

Alf. Renaud & Co., manufacturers sole leather. Quebec, new co-partnership composed of J. A. Renaud and D. Renaud.

## NOVA SCOTIA.

Hamilton Blades, Guy's River, has assigned.

Charles Annand, publisher, Halifax is dead.

Duncan Ross, baker, New Glasgow, is dead.

Thos. MacLeod, Port Mulgrave, has assigned.

Maxwell & Walsh, sailors, Amherst, burned out.

John T. Graham, dry goods, New Glasgow, has assigned.

H. A. Hillcoat & Co., muslin goods, Amherst, burned out—insured.

M. G. Atkinson, physician and druggist, Parrsboro, has sold out.

Rhodes & Co., grocers, Halifax, estate advertised for sale by tender.

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

John McDonald, butcher, St. John is dead.

E. R. Gunning, victauler, Moncton, has assigned.

Robt. Stookhouse, jeweler, St. John, offering compromise.

## Better Try Manitoba.

"There is an organization in Chicago, "says an exchange," composed entirely of women, which is operating a bread-making establishment on a large scale. The idea is to make bread cheaply so as to reduce its cost to the poor. The present cost of turning a barrel of flour into bread is about \$2.50, but the machinery used by this company enables it to be done for fifty cents. The entire process is automatic, from dumping the barrel of flour into a hopper to taking the baked loaves from the moving belt which passes through the oven. If the plan proves a success it cannot be too widely followed, as it would be of the greatest benefit to all people, insuring both cheap and pure bread. West Chester, Pa., women have also lately held a meeting to discuss the project of starting a bakery to be conducted on the same lines." With flour at 65 cents to \$2.10 per 100 lbs. as to grade and bread at ten to fourteen loaves for \$1, there would seem to be a good field in Manitoba for the operation of a few of these cheap bread societies.

## Drugs in Butter.

A nefarious system of butter manufacture is exposed by the Chemist to the American Department of Agriculture. What is known as "gilt edge butter compound" is advertised in the States, with the tempting assurance that if a small quantity of it be added to a pint of milk and a pound of butter, the whole being churned together, the operator will get two pound of butter, all the milk being incorporated. There is no doubt, the Chemist says, as to the truth of this statement, as it was verified by trials in the laboratory of the Department. The directions of the advertisers were followed, and the milk disappeared, two pounds of butter being produced, which resembled a first-class butter, except that it was softer. It does not keep well, but for immediate consumption passes as a genuine article, although analysis shows that it contains 49.55 per cent. of water and only 45.45 per cent. of butter fat, as compared with 15.92 per cent. of water and 80.63 per cent. of butter fat found in a sample of genuine butter. On the compound by means of which the trick is performed being analyzed, it was found to consist of 70.49 per cent. of anhydrous sodium sulphate and 29.52 per cent. of organic matter afterwards proved to be pepsin. Experiments tried with pepsin showed that it produced an emulsion which enabled butter to incorporate an equal quantity of milk in its substance without materially altering its appearance. The same result was produced with pauceatin, trypsin or rennet. The sodium sulphate appears to be used simply as a carrying material, and to be of no assistance in the emulsifying process.—E.

## Canary Seed.

A remarkable rise has taken place in the value of canary seed lately, says Beerbohm's London list, during the past six weeks, Turkish having risen from 48s 6d to 80s, or more than 75 per cent. The cause of the enormous jump is the almost entire failure of the Turkish crop, which is not expected to turn out more than 20,000 bags, being five times smaller than the 1890 crop, and three times less than last year. Stocks are also very light, those in Liverpool not being estimated at more than 9,000 bags, against 47,000 bags a year ago, and in London 6,000 bags against 25,000 bags; while at the continental ports, with the exception of Marseilles, where a few hundred tons are held, stocks are absolutely exhausted.