

Business East.

ONTARIO.

Hay & Co., grocers, Strathroy, have sold out.
E. A. Smith, drugs, Toronto, has assigned in trust.

Peter Bratzen, mason, Bothwell, has absconded.

H. C. Hilborn, hotel, Berlin, has sold out to R. Holden.

William Young, baker, Clinton, has been burned out.

— Edwards, blacksmith, Ottawa, has given up business.

L. Goldrich, fancy goods, Toronto, has given up business.

G. L. Gross, grist mill, Tyendinaga, has been burned out.

J. W. Butler, hotel, Hamilton, has removed to Brantford.

John Tytler, builder, London East, has gone out of business.

Thomas P. Hayden, grocer, Prescott, has assigned in trust.

James Scott, general store, Alfred, has assigned in trust.

J. Galloway, grocer, Brantford, has sold out to A. E. James.

Charles Beck, tins, Garafraxa, has sold out to William Taylor.

Pipwell, Lawry & Cook, grain, Beeton, have been burned out.

Wiman & Co., wool merchants, Toronto, have been burned out.

Thomas Chinn, hotel, Brooklin, has sold out to J. B. Woodruff.

Charles Zeran, general store, Attwood, has given up business.

Gallagher & Ryan, fruit, Toronto, have dissolved partnership.

G. A. Weise, dry goods, Lindsay, has sold out to S. S. Ritchie.

Thomas Wilson, hotel, Picton, has sold out to William Ostrander.

Mrs. J. Kelly, hotel, Brighton, has sold out to McDonald & Brown.

Mitchell & Ryan, saloon, Toronto, have sold out to Samuel Steveland.

John Stevenson, of the Napanee Brush Company, Napanee, is dead.

Stuart & Macpherson, wholesale grocers, Hamilton, have dissolved.

James Somers, groceries and liquor, Gananoque, has assigned in trust.

Ball & Kirby, commission agents, Toronto, have dissolved partnership.

N. C. Gichrist, general store, Cambridge, has sold out to D. C. McBain.

F. Smith, agricultural implement agent, Attwood, has removed to Listowell.

Lackford, Son & Dwyer, undertakers, Hamilton, have dissolved partnership.

J. C. Miller, of the Parry Sound Lumber Company, Parry Sound, is dead.

Michael Williams, butcher, Burlington, has removed to Hamilton to keep hotel.

Jones & Wilson, knitting machine, Toronto, have sold out to Toronto Hosiery Co.

Climie & Temple, grocers, Copleson, have dissolved partnership; Climie continues.

Johns & Jewell, seeds, Oshawa, have dissolved partnership; W. Jewell continues.

Hagarty & Grassott, shippers, Toronto, have dissolved partnership; J. H. G. Hagarty continues.

Payno & Gardner, printers, London, have dissolved partnership; Frederick M. Gardner continues.

A. Davis & Son, tanners, King, have dissolved partnership; E. J. Davis continues under same style.

Ashly & Co., gents' furnishings; Baillie & Bro., printers; and Dr. Clark, Kingston, have been burned out.

W. & B. Pratt, shoes, Ottawa, have dissolved partnership, B. Pratt continuing and William Pratt going into wholesale.

QUEBEC.

Joseph Dion, baker, Quebec, is dead.

Charland Leon, dry goods, Sorel, has assigned in trust.

D. McKenzie, grocers, has sold out to J. Stewart.

T. Masse, general store, St. Cesaire, has assigned in trust.

Jacques & De Blois, books, Sorel, have assigned in trust.

Lavigne Maxime, general store, Hull, has assigned in trust.

J. T. Tetrault, general store, Marieville, has assigned in trust.

Onesime Monette, contractor, Montreal, has assigned in trust.

Louis Rouillard, general store, Tingwick, has assigned in trust.

Payette & Frere, fruits, Montreal, have dissolved partnership.

Alderic Corbeil, general store, St. Jerome, has assigned in trust.

P. Amesse & Co., founders, Montreal, have dissolved partnership.

St. Pierre & Payment, grocers, Montreal, have dissolved partnership.

William McNally & Co., drain pipes, Montreal, have dissolved partnership.

A. Trudeau, general store, Windsor Mills, has sold out to Charron & Racicot.

John Armstrong, grist and saw mills, Wellington, has sold out to T. B. Rider.

A. Blumenthal & Bro., clothiers, Montreal, have dissolved partnership; Abraham Blumenthal continues.

Charles Martin & Co., wholesale colors and paints, Montreal, have dissolved; Henry J. Tellier and E. E. Rothwell continue under style of Tellier, Rothwell & Co.

Seymour, Bruneau & Co., manufacturers' agents, Montreal, have dissolved; M. M. Seymour continues under same style.

NOVA SCOTIA.

W. H. Moreley, general store, Sydney, has assigned.

George E. Calkin, commission, Kentville, has assigned in trust.

M. A. Davidson, tailor, Halifax, has admitted A. E. McManus as partner; style is now Davidson & McManus.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Timothy O'Connell, stationer, Moncton, is away.

John Bell, jr., general store, Chatham, has been burned out.

Mrs. G. A. Tapley, milliner, Grand Manan, has been burned out.

Forbes & Ferguson, dry goods, Moncton, have dissolved; Forbes continues.

Ouilliet & Lequere, tinsmiths, Shediac, have dissolved partnership; P. Ouilliet continues.

Deboo & Hornbrook, general store, Sussex, have dissolved partnership; Deboo continues.

Depression in Paris.

The accounts of industrial depression in Paris and the large number of laborers and artisans reported out of work there excited the curiosity of a correspondent of the *London Economist*. Most of the statements made public had come direct from the complaining class, and it was a matter of some conjecture as to whether they could be corroborated by independent examinations. The octroi duties levied on food and drink are an indication of earnings, and if but half of the "laboring class" were employed the octroi receipts would indicate it. The receipts from wine, beer and spirits declined from 65,673,000 francs in 1881 to but 62,267,000 francs in 1883, a decline which it is noted might be explained by the decreased tax on wine in 1882. The receipts from for declined from 30,412,000 francs in 1881 to 29,892,000 francs in 1883. But the decline in the death rate of Paris within a year, in the absence of any special sanitary reason therefor, is taken as evidence of some numbers of laborers and others having returned to the province within a year, which would account for the decline in food tax receipts. Savings banks deposits gained over 2,000,000 francs in the last quarter of 1883 as against 1881, and the gross amount of loans by the state pawnshops (Mont de Piete) gained nearly 3,000,000 francs in 1883 as compared with 1881. The number of business failures in Paris also has remained nearly stationary; 1,654 in 1881, 1,696 in 1882, and 1,615 in 1883. These facts do not make good the claim of an industrial crisis. The trouble in the carpenter trade was caused by a strike for higher wages, which was refused. The bulk of the work to be done was sent to the provinces, and the strikers are consequently feeling the effects of their ill-advised action. The logical outcome of a protective policy when carried out is found in the concluding feature of the industrial trouble: "Some of the men demand that a tax should be put on made-up work brought from the provinces to protect the Paris workmen from this competition."

Freight Rates.

The drop in wheat caused a slight boom in ocean freight rates, the market being livelier than for weeks and higher. The following rates, reported by Henderson Bros., agents of the Anchor line, were current on the New York market during last week:

Ports.	Flour, per 100 lbs.	Wheat, per bu.
Liverpool	8.44c	4.0c
London	14.06c	7.0c
Glasgow	14.06c	6.0c
Leith	14.06c	9.0c
Bristol	14.06c	7.0c

Shipments from New York last week were 55,337 bags and 2,500 bbls. flour, and 160,292 bus. wheat.

The Chicago trouble continues and rates to the east are badly demoralized.