

O'Brien, Adams & Co, confectionery, Halifax, has dissolved.

Crook & McQuarie, blacksmiths, Dartmouth, have dissolved.

Reuben Smith, general store, Cape Island, stock advertised to sell at auction.

J. C. Morrison, general store, Springfield, is offering to compromise at 25 per cent.

Freize & Roy, general store and shipping, Maitland, Geo. Freize, of this firm, is dead.

Thompson & Sutherland, stoves and tinware, New Glasgow and North Sydney, have dissolved.

D. E. McKay, wooler mill, Antigonish, has admitted Henry K. Brine as a partner; firm now McKay & Brine.

G. O. Jacques, general store, Auburn, has admitted H. A. Jacques as a partner; firm now H. A. Jacques & Co.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Rains Price, hotel, Canterbury, has assigned.

J. R. Colpitts, baker, Moncton, has assigned.

G. L. Hoyt, blacksmith, Prince William, has assigned.

Harris Chapman, carriages, Port Elgin, has assigned.

D. G. Scott & Co, grocers, Moncton, have dissolved.

Mrs. W. S. Henderson, millinery, Hartland, has sold out.

F. Parent & Co. general store, St. Leonards, have sold out.

Morrison & Morse, general store, Oak Bay, have dissolved.

Bissett & McLoon, grocers, St. John, are closing up business.

J. A. Mahar, general store, Campobello, has moved to St. Stephen.

Sam McGirr, grocer, St. John, reported as having left the country.

J. A. McAlmon, hotel, Kingston, (Kent C.), was burned out; no insurance.

W. A. Erb, saw and grist mill, Apohaqui, was burned out; no insurance.

A. B. Whetmore, dry goods, St. John, has compromised at 60c on the dollar.

H. W. Northup & Co., wholesale grocers, St. Johns, co-partnership registered H. W. & I. H. Northup.

Stewart & Co., wholesale and retail confectionery, St. Stephen, receiver appointed under bill of sale.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Ellis Schurman, lumber, Summerside, has sold out.

R. Roblee & Co., general store, Tignish, was burned out.

Stern Bros, clothing and mens' furnishings, Souris, have dissolved.

McInnis Bros., general store, St. Peters, are compromising at 50c on the dollar.

P. E. I. Navigation Company, Charlottetown, have sold out to the Charlottetown Steam Navigation Company (limited).

Prices at Montreal.

Flour—The feature in the flour market has been the further advance of 25c per bbl. Latest sales reported were car lots of straight rollers at \$5.45 to \$5.50 and \$5.65, extra at \$5.10 to \$5.15 and 200 barrels of superfine at \$4.90. City strong bakers have been advanced 25c to \$6 with sales at that figure. Spring patent has sold at an advance of 20c to 25c per bbl. A lot of 4,000 sacks of strong bakers was

sold at \$6 for May delivery. The market is strong all round and dealers look for still higher prices. There is a good export demand at steadily rising value, the sale of a round lot of low grade flour is reported for English account at 3s per sack advance upon bids made about 2 weeks ago.

Oatmeal.—The market is very unsettled and prices have really no definite basis owing to the belief that the oatmeal combine has gone to pieces, offers being made from the West at prices varying 25c per bbl for Standard. We quote standard granulated and rolled oats at from \$6 20 to \$6 30 per bbl and large lots at lower prices.

Mill Feed.—Bran, firm, at \$21 per ton in car lots. Shorts, in limited supply at \$23 to \$24 and Moultrie at \$28 to 30.

Wheat.—The sale of a lot of 11 cars of No. 2 have been made at \$1 22½ and a lot of about 3,000 bushels at \$1 25, some holders refusing to offer under \$1.30. Red and white winter wheat is quoted at \$1.20 to \$1.25 but prices are more or less nominal.

Oats.—It is impossible to obtain over 59c for white Ontario oats, and the general price is 58c. Manitoba mixed have sold at 56c per 34 lbs.

Barley.—Good demand for feed barley at 65c to 68c which is quite an advance on the week. Malting barley is quoted at 72 to 80c as to quality.

Cured Meats.—Local packers are still selling at last weeks quotations but an advance may be expected at any moment. Canada short cut mess pork per bbl, \$17.00 to \$17.50; mess pork, heavy, per bbl, \$17.00 to \$17.50; hams, city cured, per lb., 11 to 12c; lard, western, in pails, per lb., 8½ to 9c; lard, Canadian, in pails, per lb., 8 to 8½c; bacon, per lb., 10 to 11c; shoulders, per lb., 8½ to 9c.

Butter.—The market is easier. Sales of new Eastern Townships and Morrisburg dairy have transpired at 23c to 25c but dealers say it is very difficult to obtain 25c for finest. Good to choice new rolls sell at 20 to 22c. Last week about 1,500 packages were shipped to the English market and 2 cars went to New York. Sales of poor to medium grades of old butter have sold at 7c to 14c.

Cheese.—In new fodder cheese contracts have been made in the Belleville section at 10 to 10½c for April make.

Eggs.—The market has held steady all the week, chiefly under the very active demand that has sprung up consequent to present low prices, at which they are retailed in the stores. There are some very large lots coming forward and in all probability lower prices may be looked for next week. Prices now paid by collectors are 9c east of Toronto and 8c west. The rate to-day in the city is from 11½ to 12c.

Apples.—The market is drooping under small demand and prices are all in buyers' favor. Choice fruit is scarce and poor lots seem to be plentiful enough. Good stock is quoted at \$3.50 to \$4.50. The market is firm for evaporated apples and quotations have advanced to 14 to 15c. Dried apples are firm at 8½ to 9c. For gallon apples there is a fair demand at \$3 25 per doz tins.

Onions.—Holders are offering at from \$2.50 to \$3.00 to clear.

Nuts.—New Brazils 9 to 11c per lb; walnuts, 9½ to 12c; pecans, 14 to 15c; peanuts, 7 to 9c; almonds shelled, 23 to 35c.

Maple syrup—demand slow, at 4½ to 5c per pound.

Hides.—At a meeting of local dealers it was agreed to drop present prices to 6c. Several car lots have been sold to Quebec buyers during the past week on a basis of 6½c to 6¾c for No. 1.

Dried fruits.—The feature of the week has been the much better feeling in currants, and several good round lots to arrive have changed hands at 6c to 6½c. An old sample on spot was disposed of at 5½. In Valencia raisins sales have been made at 5½c up to 5¾c, and some very good brands are offered at 5½c.

Tea.—New crop Japan teas are on the way, and samples will soon be received via Vancouver. On spot a number of sales have transpired in Japan at 14½c to 15½c for common to good medium qualities, and at 20c to 25c for fine to choice. In black teas sales have transpired on English account at 8 to 10½d cost and freight Montreal, which prices it is said show a little better terms for buyers. *Trade Bulletin*, April 21.

Meat Prices in the States.

The price of meat at St. Louis has gone up and is still advancing, and packers, butchers and dealers say that they think it will continue to advance till about the middle of June or the first of July. At present the prices of dressed meats, excepting pork, range from 9½ to 12½c per lb at wholesale for first-class grade. Pork is beginning to take an upward turn. A retail choice steaks sell at from 17½ to 20c a pound, while sound steak is worth from 12½ to 20c and roasts go at 15 to 22c. Mutton chops are hard to get at 17 to 25c. This is an average advance of from 6 to 7c since the first of the month. Representatives of Armour & Co., Nelson Morris and others say the advance is due to natural causes, mainly the scarcity of good stock. Then the failure of the oat crop and the minimum amount of hay for several years are other causes and the removal of the cattle from the Cherokee strip is still another. The cattle, they say, were taken from the strip and put on the market at once. This took away one source of obtaining feeders for the spring market. Then on account of the short crops last year and the consequently high price of grain, feeders could not afford to fatten stock and take the price paid for it. The farmers did not have the feed and so put all surplus stock on the market at any price they could get. This took away another and the remaining source of obtaining feeders and the factor is the eastern demand, chiefly from New York and Philadelphia for high grade beef and mutton. This is a regular demand, and pays well for the stock to supply it. As long, however, as fat stock was plenty this demand did not much affect the prices here, but since the supply became scarce, unless prices be paid here equal to those of eastern buyers the stock goes east.

The first train of the season on the Calgary & Edmonton railroad left Calgary on the morning of April 14th, and consisted of 17 cars, most of which were filled with settlers' effects for the Red Deer country.

A subscriber at Cypress River, Man., writes: A drug store will be opened here by a Mr. Butchard. There is a good opening for a doctor. W. E. MacLeod has been appointed agent for the Massey implements. A Mr. Saunders will open a butcher shop.