

Business East.**ONTARIO.**

N. K. Scott, grocer, Kingston, has assigned in trust.

J. W. Nichlin, hardware, Moorefield, has sold out.

Black Bros., grocers, Toronto, have sold out to F. Bowling.

Chas. H. Poile, jeweller, Chatham, is offering to compromise.

John Kennedy, shoe dealer, Guelph, has moved to Toronto.

John Hambly, general storekeeper, Stirton, has moved to Toronto.

W. Bowles & Co., grocers, Toronto, have sold out to Robt. Hurst.

Hiram Lumley, general storekeeper, Wardsville, has assigned in trust.

James Parr, general storekeeper, Cartwright, succeeded by Mrs. S. Parr.

Schooley & Dell, dry goods, Aylmer, have dissolved—Schooley continues.

Cox & Barber, rubber stamps, Toronto, have dissolved—R. H. Cox continues.

Cobain Bros., general storekeepers, Hastings, have dissolved—Joseph Cobain continues.

Wm. Silver, Jr., manufacturer of boots and shoes, Hamilton,—meeting of creditors, 30 inst.

C. J. Brown & Co., hardware, Parkdale, have admitted John Burns, Jr., and style is now Brown & Burns.

QUEBEC.

T. Coderre, druggist, Montreal, has assigned. Miss H. Dubeau, millinery, Montreal, has assigned.

Cyrille Mongeon, dry goods, Sorel, have assigned.

M. Tolmie, carpenter, Montreal, was partially burned out.

Ed. Morin, drugs, Montreal, is offering to compromise.

Richard A. Caughlin, shoe dealer, Bryson, has assigned.

Painchaud & Vincent, contractors, Montreal, have assigned.

Thos. Lang, general storekeeper, Caldwell,—curator appointed.

Richard Smardon, manufacturer of boots and shoes, has assigned.

Dominion Oil Cloth Co., Montreal; table oil cloth factory burned.

Thos. Ouellet, general storekeeper, Isle Verte, is offering to compromise.

G. W. Bailey & Co., general merchants, Montreal, have dissolved.

C. O. Lapierre, hardware, Montreal,—stock advertised for sale by auction.

Sharpe & McKinnon, manufacturers of boots and shoes, Montreal, have assigned.

W. E. Blumhart, publisher *La Presse*, Montreal, has sold out to Dansereau & Co.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Wm. Cruse, liquors, Halifax, is dead.

Wm. Williams, liquors, Sidney, is away.

Capt. John Gillis, —, Pictou, has assigned.

Martin McPhee, general storekeeper, Rawdon, is away.

Copeland & Co., druggists, North Sidney, have dissolved.

L. J. Hart, general storekeeper, Whycocomah, has assigned.

D. Holmes, general storekeeper, Sutherlands River, has assigned.

Reagh & Andrews, general storekeepers, Kingston, have dissolved.

J. P. Chipman & Co., lumber dealers, Kentville, advertise business for sale.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

James W. Webster, —, Harvey, has assigned.

A. S. Sutherland, general storekeeper, Bathurst, has assigned.

General Notes.

Life insurance has taken root in Mexico, and American companies have established agencies in that country with great success.

A severe agricultural crisis has existed in Belgium for several years past, and as a result the value of land has depreciated from 25 to 33 per cent. At the present time the net revenue from land has diminished in very many instances from 50 to 60 per cent., and in numerous instances the cultivation has been entirely abandoned.

The investment of capital in new enterprises in the Southern States amounted to \$84,000,000 during the first nine months of the current year. This was \$31,000,000 more than invested in the same territory during the corresponding period of last year. This shows how remarkably the South is developing, and the field is barely opened for the possibilities which may be derived from it.

The elections just closed forecast the character of revenue legislation during the two years' term of the next Congress. The free-trade movement has received a decided check, and the majority of its most prominent advocates have been retired, while those who have secured re-election have barely saved their seats. These results indicate a widening drift of opinion in favor of tariff laws which shall be so framed as to conserve every interest which foreign competition might frustrate or impair. The growth of this opinion is particularly marked in the Southern States, where once the extreme opinions of free trade were focalized.—*American Mail.*

Items of Interest.

A telephone line will be put in operation between Saskatoon and Clark's Crossing.

It is reported that the M. & N. W. Railway Co. contemplate adopting the 24 o'clock system.

W. V. McLise, solicitor, has sued the Prince Albert *Times* for libel, placing damages at \$10,000.

The Calgary council will petition against the granting of licenses to transient traders, by the Northwest Council.

The steamer *Marquis* which was sunk in the Saskatchewan last fall has been raised by the insurance company and will be repaired.

Very nearly fifty wolves have been killed by the Oxley Ranch Co. The big gray wolves run in packs of nine or ten, and such a pack will tackle a full grown cow.

Dr. Dodd has been making tests of the mineral water found near Regina with the most satisfactory results. He has now established

beyond doubt the fact of its strength and general curative properties.

Several Icelanders from Dakota have settled in the Calgary district, where they will engage in sheep raising. If they like the district they expect a large number of their countrymen will follow them. The Icelanders make good settlers.

In the Government saving bank at Winnipeg during November, the deposits amounted to \$37,028 and the withdrawals \$27,585, leaving an excess of deposits of \$9,442 for the month. The total amount due deposits at the end of month was \$930,874.

There were ten Protestant Schools in operation with 374 pupils on the registers in Prince Albert District, during the past ten months. There were also four Roman Catholic schools, three of which were in operation, with a total of 62 pupils on the registers.

Cayley, member from Calgary to the Northwest Council, has entered an action for libel against the *Calgary Tribune*. The alleged libel occurs in a report of the proceedings of the Council, in which the following words occur: "Mr. Cayley took the floor and with the aid of his desk and chair, succeeded in holding himself in a tolerably erect position for about an hour."

The claims made against the Government in connection with the Northwest Rebellion, have been reduced about half a million by the war claims commission. The claim by the C. P. R. of \$853,617, has been reduced by \$114,713. The Hudson's Bay Co.'s bill of \$1,725,471, has also been cut down \$23,124. Other heavy reductions were the Winnipeg and Western Navigation company, claim \$70,000, reduced by \$17,970; The Northwestern Transportation Company, claim \$15,007, reduced \$719; Northwestern Navigation Company, claim \$21,060, reduced \$11,651.50; Northwest Coal and Navigation Company, claim \$78,879, reduced \$17,804; Qu'Appelle Valley Farming Company, outside the payments made through the Hudson's Bay Company, were reduced \$6,339; W. R. Sinclair, freighter, claim \$63,913, reduced by \$11,530.

British Columbia.

Chas. Nelson will open a drug store at Vancouver.

The Vancouver city council have arranged to have the city illuminated by electricity.

Jas Dwyer & Co, produce and commission dealers, Victoria, have dissolved partnership. James Dwyer will continue the business.

The Vancouver *News* says: Samo, a wholesale furniture dealer of Toronto, will open a branch store next spring in this province, and will likely select Vancouver for its location.

The Victorians are properly raising objections to the spending of \$200,000 in San Francisco for building a steamer to ply on the Sound when the work could be accomplished in Victoria.

Personal.

J. D. ALLAN, of A. A. Allan & Co., wholesale manufacturers and dealers in hats and caps, furs, gloves, etc., Toronto, is doing the Northwest. He notes a great change in the city since his last visit four years ago, in the direction of solid progress.