

### Business East. ONTARIO.

M. Amund, hotel keeper, Toronto, has sold out.

W. Simon, clothier, Toronto, has assigned in trust.

Brown & Wells, Ingersoll, have assigned in trust.

J. P. Crocker, grocer, Barrie, was damaged by fire.

J. Strachan, grist mill proprietor, Lisle, was burned out.

D. Patterson & Co., founders, Ridgeway, have assigned.

Currie & Black, grocers, Toronto, have assigned in trust.

W. M. Marr, hotel keeper, Markham, is giving up business.

F. G. Fayuhar, contractor, Bracebridge, has assigned in trust.

Mrs. James Bell, hotel keeper, Sutton, is about selling out.

M. B. Mallory, grocer and fish dealer, Blyth, has assigned in trust.

Smith & Harnah, plumbers, Brockville, have assigned in trust.

C. Duncan, drug manufacturer, Seaford, has sold out to J. V. Fear.

J. H. Willoughby, dry goods merchant, Trenton, has assigned in trust.

Mrs. J. Bell, hotel keeper, Sutton, has sold out to Walter Groatwaite.

G. H. Kennedy, dealer in hardware and tins, Port Arthur, has sold out.

R. J. Sproule, general storekeeper, Flesherton, has assigned in trust.

S. P. Kleiser, jeweler, Toronto; estate is sold to Julius Urwitz & Co.

Wm. Stephenson, hotel keeper, Toronto, has sold out to J. W. Paull.

Geo. Cullins, baker, Whitby, has sold out to John Hartman.

Dontigny & Houghton, woollens dealers, Arnprior, were burned out.

R. J. Turner, hotel keeper, Brucefield, has sold out to Alex. Robinson.

Mrs. E. S. Calkins, confectioner, Walkerton, has sold out to Thos. Carey.

Jos. McClure, dealer in hoops, Watford, is being sold out by the sheriff.

Lewis Olmsted, of Olmsted Bros., cigar manufacturers, London, is dead.

Samuel Eshleman, hotel keeper, Petersburg, has sold out to John Doersam.

D. R. Mitchell, furniture dealer, London, advertises to sell out by auction.

Jos. Bonner, manufacturing jeweler, Toronto, has the bailiff in possession.

John H. Byers, physician, Loydowen, has sold out and moved to Nobleton.

Mrs. A. Ross of the firm of Ross Bros. & Co., oil refiners, East London, is dead.

B. V. Stafford, manufacturer of sashes and blinds, Arnprior, was burned out.

Chas. S. Carleton, general storekeeper, Markham, has closed up and gone to Niagara.

Cook & Mitchell, hotel proprietors, Hamilton, have dissolved. Mrs. Inglehart continues.

Husband & Co., dry goods merchants, Toronto and Markham, are closing Markham branch.

A. G. Muir, grocer, Barrie, was burned out. J. M. Wiggins, grocer, Toronto, has admitted A. K. Harris, under the style of Harris & Wiggins.

Gurd & Co., dealers in grocers' specialties, Toronto, have admitted Thomas C. Watson. Style the same.

Alexander, Clare & Cable, lithographers, Toronto, have dissolved, Clare retiring. New style, Alexander & Cable.

Mr. Britton has retired from the firm of Britton & Calver, general fruit dealers, St. Thomas. Calver continues alone.

The following were burned out in Trenton: James Brothers, furniture dealers; W. W. Higgins, photographers; Wm. Fitzpatrick, fanning mill proprietor; Mrs. Bradley, milliner; J. Booth, waggon manufacturer; A. D. Palmer, blacksmith; P. McCue, harness maker; W. H. Ireland, grocer; S. S. Young, grocer; Morrison & McKinney, liverymen; Louis Roonick, furniture dealer; and S. B. McClung & Co., tanners.

### QUEBEC.

Geo. Corbin, painter, Montreal, has assigned in trust.

Marcell & Huberdault, hay dealers, Chambly, have dissolved.

Louis Labonte, hotel keeper, West Farnham, has assigned in trust.

Mongenais & Frere, general storekeepers, Rigaud, has dissolved.

Joseph Danjou, general storekeeper, St. Faldien, has assigned in trust.

J. O. Gagne, general storekeeper, St. Henedine, has assigned in trust.

John Darlington & Co., bicycle manufacturers, Montreal, have assigned in trust.

Ward & Davison, importers of linens and agents, Montreal, have assigned in trust.

H. R. Beckett & Son, builders and brick-makers, Sherbrooke, advertise their business for sale.

Brazeau & Demers, dealers in Indian curiosities, Montreal, have dissolved, and new firm composed of Jules Gelinas and Dame Marie Louise Albina Theoret; style same.

### NOVA SCOTIA.

Henry Cook, grocer, Truro, has sold out.

John F. McDonald, Spring Hill, has assigned.

Benjamin F. Ward, mill owner, Nictaux, has assigned.

Jno. W. Binci, general storekeeper, L'Ardoise, has assigned.

James Dodson, dealer in pork, &c., Truro, is dead; business continued in same name by Albert S. Dodson.

S. G. Gilliland & Co., milliners, &c., Digby, dissolved; Alice M. Viets retires and Cutler Titus becomes partner.

### NEW BRUNSWICK.

David Estabrooks, carriage maker, Sackville, has assigned.

G. Fontaine, general storekeeper, Rogetville, was burned out.

### The Soiling of Shoe Soles.

The sole of a shoe will soil in trying on, and many dealers have been perplexed to find a remedy for the nuisance. Nearly every re-

tailer has scores of soiled shoes in his stock; and while such shoes are not unsaleable, they present a bad appearance. The trouble with many dealers is that they attempt to prevent the soiling of the shoe, instead of attempting to clean it after it has become soiled. There is no use in trying to keep shoes from soiling. They will get dirty if handled, for most of the fine goods are finished with "velvet" bottom. These velvet bottoms are finished on an emery wheel and any process of this nature will clean them. They are rapidly and easily cleaned with an oblong rubber eraser, which can be obtained at any bookstore. After dressing the sole with the eraser, rub it down with soft tissue paper, and it is "just as good as new."—*Shoe and Leather Review.*

### Shattered with Dynamite.

The Lackawanna Iron and Coal Company, of Scranton, Pa., who have for several years been trying, without the faintest sign of success, to make some disintegrating impression upon a number of six-ton chunks of steel, have as a dernier resort decided to use dynamite. Powder, in various shapes produced no effect whatever; repeated endeavors to shatter one of the great lumps by dropping an oblong weight of steel, weighing 3,000 pounds, upon it from the highest attainable point, did not even crack the furnace. These immense masses have resulted from the metal becoming chilled from time to time in the ladles owing to the outlets getting clogged so that the workmen could not pour the molten steel into the ingot molds. The company are very desirous of utilizing the steel which it is impossible to do in its present enormous bulk. A dynamite expert, who was requested to try his skill, proved himself equal to the test. He first experimented with one cartridge; this did no further damage than to blow the plug out. He next tried two cartridges, tamping them down with sand, which furnished a little harder blow, but did no actual harm. The third trial, with three cartridges worked with the charm supposed to belong to that particular number, and cracked the six-ton chunk into pieces small enough to be melted. The explosion was heard all over the city, and one lump, weighing 12,000 pounds was blown one hundred feet away. The rest of the lot will be treated in the same way. Dynamite may be a bad thing for the capitalist to reckon upon when it is offered to him sub rosa by the arbitrary socialist, but when in the hands of an expert it cracks his hitherto invincible lumps of obdurate metal, it assumes quite a different character.—*Chicago Journal of Commerce.*

Some facts regarding railroad freight are curious, as for instance it costs 4 cents per ton to unload tierces and 24 cents to unload light boxes. The chief reason is that one can be rolled while the other must be handled. Iron beams cost \$2.05 per car to unload with tackle and \$5.61 without. It costs 81 cents per car to unload rolls of leather, but \$5.76 per car for loose sides.