

Business East. ONTARIO.

Geo. W. Guest, grocer, Sarnia, is dead;
S. H. Irvine, tea dealer, Ottawa, has sold out.
R. Matters, grocer, St. Thomas, has sold out.
D. M. Kinsey, grocer, Berlin, has assigned in trust.

James McDonald, hotelkeeper, Toronto, has sold out.

W. H. Sanborn, grocer, London, advertises to sell out.

J. Herring & Son, foundry, Napanee, suspend rating.

Henry Rowe, general storekeeper, Ridley, has sold out.

Thomas Rose, grocer, Forest, has sold out to Thomas Cope.

Laidley & Waugh, grain dealers, Omemece, were burned out.

A. R. Kerr & Co., dry goods, Hamilton, have assigned in trust.

John S. Wilson, cigar dealer, London, is moving to Toronto.

John Ewing, grocer, Arthur; stock sold to Collier & Carberry.

Jas. Dyer, general store and mills, Garden Hill, was burned out.

H. M. Holtorf, clothing, Orangeville, has sold out to Thomas Essery.

S. C. Hersey, grocer, Exeter, is offering to compromise at 25c in the \$.

M. C. Hamilton, general storekeeper, Blantyre, has moved to Deseronto.

Summers, Smith & Summers, lumber dealers, Toronto, have assigned in trust.

McKay Bros., printers, Toronto, have dissolved—A. C. McKay continues.

Jackson & McDougall, general storekeepers, Dutton, advertise business for sale.

C. B. Goulding, general storekeeper, Tilsonburg, has sold out to Richard Tindal.

Harton & Hustwit, wholesale grocers, Toronto, have dissolved—James Harton continues.

Charlesworth & Co., wholesale boots and shoes, Toronto, have called a meeting of creditors.

A. Ross, wholesale dry goods, Toronto, has admitted A. H. Hilyard, and style now is Ross, Hilyard & Co.

R. R. Martin & Co., druggists, Toronto, have admitted S. W. S. Toins, and style now is Martin, Toins & Co.

Baldwin Bros., lumber dealer and livery stable, Toronto, has sold out livery business to Robson & Nixon.

McKechnie & Bertram, manufacturers of tools, Dundas, have dissolved—John Bertram & Sons continue.

J. C. Shook, general storekeeper and lumber dealer, Corbetton, has sold out general store business to S. Carey.

J. B. Henderson & Co., commission dry goods, Toronto, have dissolved and a new firm formed—style Henderson, Peard & Co.

Toins & Co., manufacturers of trusses, Toronto, have amalgamated with R. R. Martin & Co., and style now Martin, Toins & Co.

The following were burned out at Southampton: B. A. Belyea, grocer, etc.; Bushby & Co., hotel; J. Rusk, hardware; D. Teahan, hotel; John Woods, general store.

QUEBEC.

R. Wiseman & Co., saloon, Outremont, have dissolved.

Charles Nelson, hardware dealer, Montreal, has assigned.

A. Goyer & Co., leather dealers, Montreal, have assigned.

Rossi & Douglass, cattle feed dealers, Montreal, have dissolved.

Hart, Prevost & Co., lump manufacturers, Montreal, were partially burned out.

Cusson, Belanger & Co., foundry, Montreal; stock partially damaged by fire and water.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Albert E. Croucher, physician, Bridgewater, is dead.

L. A. Petrie, jeweller, Spring Hill, has assigned.

E. L. Graves, general storekeeper, Aylesford, has sold out.

J. A. Cochran, general storekeeper, Maitland, has sold out.

Petrie Bros., general storekeepers, Spring Hill, have assigned.

C. & A. Gillis, grocers, New Glasgow, are away and their property attached.

Grain and Milling Notes.

The Ogilvie Milling Co. will erect an elevator at Griswold.

P. Barclay, of the Birtle stone flour mill, is giving up business.

Carson & McLatosh, millers, Pilot Mound, contemplate giving up business.

J. Stewart is now at work on the grist mill at Fort Ellice, Man. The municipality gives a bonus of \$2,500.

The Morden mill which was closed down for want of water, has resumed work, a deep well having been put down.

The grain elevators in northern Minnesota and Dakota are overflowing, and thousands of cars of wheat billed to Minneapolis cannot be brought into the city because the transfer roads cannot handle it.

That indefatigable investigator, M. Balland, has excited some interest in France and Germany by the announcement that sacked flour, stored for a lengthy period, acquires poisonous properties from the action of the grain ferment on the gluten.

John Walley has been elected president of Birtle Grain Warehouse Co.; A. Doig and F. G. Lewis, are directors; and G. S. Hallen is secretary. The work of building will be commenced immediately and the warehouse pushed on to completion.

The Canadian agricultural bureau reports the yield of winter wheat for 1886 at 10,056,000 bus and of spring wheat at 17,528,000 bus, making a total of 27,584,000 bus or nearly 4,500,000 bus less than the average for the last flour years. The barley crop is represented by 19,656,000 bus, or rather more than the past four years' average.

The total shipments of wheat from India from Jan. 1 to Oct. 16, 1885, amounted, in round numbers, to 30,484,000 bush, including 16,732,000 bush, or 45.86 per cent to Great Britain, and 19,752,000 bush or 54.14 per cent to the Continent. Of this total quantity, 30,312,000 bush are reported to have been shipped since April 1, or during the present crop year, leaving still available for export a quantity apparently not exceeding 9,688,000 bush, if the cable advices and the official estimates of the late crop are approximately correct.

The fourth annual holiday number of the *Northwestern Miller*, published at Minneapolis, is now in course of preparation. In past years these special issues of the *Miller* have been perfect marvels of the printing art, whilst from a literary standpoint they have been most excellent. When therefore the publisher promises to exceed all previous efforts, the holiday number for the present year will be awaited with keen interest. The publisher of the *Miller* well deserves the assistance which he is bound to receive from the progressive community of Minneapolis.

An idea of the wheat crop of Minnesota and Dakota may be learned from the following report of wheat in store, given by the *Minneapolis Market Record*: Minneapolis, 3,578,089 bushels; in Duluth, 7,405,305 bushels, and in St. Paul, 223,000 bushels, altogether 11,207,324 bushels at the three terminal stations, making with the 21,746,000 bushels in country elevators a total of 32,953,324 bushels of wheat now in store in Minnesota and Dakota. The country storage capacity is near 34,000,000 bushels, of which a little less than 21,000,000 bushels, is occupied, but the 12,000,000 bushels, or near it, unoccupied is so situated that it affords no relief to the overflowing houses where the wheat is moving. All through the middle and northern sections the trouble is so great that in many places farmers' deliveries are very materially lessened.

Selections.

Paying teller: "I don't know that you're the man whose name is on this check. You'll have to be identified before I can give you the money."

Pat: "Oidentifoyed, is it? Sure thin cast ye oye on this bit av a fotygraff an' y'll see it's me self entirely."

The *Budget* says: "We are glad to announce that sure and fairly rapid progress is being made towards the formation of a live stock insurance company."

The musical critic who wrote in his account of a local concert that "Music had charms to soothe the savage breast," was surprised to read in the paper: "Music had the charm to soothe the savage beasts."

The *Times* Albert *Times* says that a Winnipeg drummer who recently arrived at Macleod, wearing a very high stand-up collar, was taken out on the prairie by a band of cow boys, and relieved of this part of his wardrobe. The drummer referred to by the *Times* will not likely collaround Macleod again.

The tonnage of the merchant navy of the British Empire, which amounted in 1820 to 2,648,593 tons, had increased in 1885 to 9,314,496 tons. The mercantile navy next in importance to that of England is the Norwegian, which in 1830 registered 169,197 tons, and in 1884 had increased to 1,583,434. After Norway follows the United States with 576,475 tons in 1830, and 1,304,221 tons in 1884. The total German Empire shows 982,355 tons in 1870 and 1,294,288 tons in 1884. For France the return in 1840 was 662,500 tons and 1,033,829 tons in 1884. The returns for Russia are very incomplete. In 1876, the first year for which a return is given, Russia merchant vessels registered 375,760 tons, the figures for 1883, the