

Eastern Business.**ONTARIO.**

Frank Reynolds, baker, Toronto, is dead.
Howarth Paper Co., Toronto, have assigned.
Wm. Telford, brickmaker, Sheddin, has assigned.

D. L. Baudet, manufacturer, Ottawa, has assigned.

Marks, Dobie & Co., general store, Thessalon, have assigned.

W. Culbert, flour and feed dealer, Kincardine, is out of business.

T. M. Lawton, physician, Harwick, is about leaving that place.

J. S. Deacon, grocer, London, has called a meeting of creditors.

J. W. Cryer, & Co., plumbers and contractors, London, have dissolved.

Geo. Elliott, agent and fruit grower, Thorold township, has assigned.

H. F. Holmes, merchant and contractor, Rat Portage Tp., has assigned.

Isaac Rogerson, saw mill, Blyth, was destroyed by fire; partially insured.

Roche Danford & Co., dealers in dry goods, Barrie, are asking for an extension.

James Goodwin & Co., general storekeepers, Bothwell, are moving to Port Dover.

Alex. Irving & Co., cigar manufacturers, London, has the bailiff in possession of their business.

Southam & Brierly, printers, London, have dissolved partnership—Southam continues the business alone.

QUEBEC.

Mrs. A. Clement, milliner, Montreal, has assigned.

Hilarie, Bachand, carriages, St. Cesaire, has assigned.

T. & A. U. Grothe, jewelers, Montreal; A. U. Grothe is dead.

Wm. Peatman, dealer in dry goods, St. Hyacinthe, has assigned.

NOVA SCOTIA.

G. W. Henderson, druggist, Liverpool, is dead.

Antonio Cesale, lobster packer, Arichat, is away.

P. H. Ringer, grocer, Lockeport, has assigned.

A. C. Angus, physician and druggists, Springhill, is out of business.

Wm. Gossip, stationer, Halifax; stock advertised for sale by tender.

Neal, White & Co., wholesale dry goods and clothing, Halifax, have suspended payment.

Angwin Theakston & Co., dealers in hardware, Halifax; stock is advertised for sale by tender.

Leipzig Fur Market.

At the date of despatching our May letter, the first and more active part of the Easter fair was over; the closing dates were sufficiently quiet to prove that the present prices of furs are not practical for speculation, which was formerly the character of the business during the latter part of the fair. Though Leipzig and foreign dealers hold only moderate stocks, no one cares to buy much in excess of immediate needs.

Russian dealers, who still remain here, buy carefully, finding prices too high and the rate of exchange not firm enough; the latter has shown a decline of four or five per cent. within the past few weeks, owing to unfavorable reports respecting Russian crops. A few new Polish buyers came late, but, on learning the

new prices, postponed their purchases and returned home; rather satisfactory sales were made later to Swedish and American dealers.

Beaver still meets with a limited demand for Germany, England and Russia, large skins have been preferred. Russian furriers have taken some fisher, silver and cross fox.

The demand for dark American otter is over for the moment; lower and paler sorts for plucking and raw lynx have been taken for England; the latter article was scarcely touched by others. Certain Russian owners of last year's lynx have, owing to present high prices, ordered the skins returned from the Asiatic frontier and Siberian markets. Black-dyed lynx has been exported to America to some extent. Red fox has continued to sell well for Russian consumption, and for use in Turkey; directly imported parcels preferred.

Common cat has sold fairly well to Roumania; cased prime skins are scarce and dear. Rough bear skins sell well to England for boa manufacture. Trade in raw racoon shows on improvement; only the low sorts have been in steady demand for Russia; parcels of the latter, of direct importation, have been taken for plucking or dying.

The later demand for skunk has been limited. Musquash sells slowly on account of high price; skins under one mark have been sold for Russia to some extent; though this article is wanted, would-be buyers delay placing orders, hoping for a decline in value. Some fresh musquash has been given out for dyeing seal color with the expectation of a demand later on.

Mink was more quiet the latter part of the fair. Marten has been taken for Turkey, but at small profit to sellers. Wholesale manufacturers have secured small wolf skins for making rugs.—Correspondence, New York *Fur Trade Review*.

The Flour Millers.

The first annual convention of the Dominion Millers' association was held at Toronto, on Tuesday and Wednesday last, three hundred delegates were present. After organization, J. C. Hay, of Listowel, was appointed president. A motion was proposed and adopted, providing that the Government be memorialized to assimilate the duty on flour with the U. S. duty on Canadian flour, and that all flour imported into Canada shall be inspected by a duly authorized flour inspector, and the market value of the flour when inspected shall be the basis of value on which the duty shall be collected, and that in event of the United States being willing to wipe out the duty on Canadian wheat and manufactured products thereof, that the duty of American wheat be dealt with in a similar manner. It was proposed to pledge members of the association to support as candidates for Parliament only men who would pledge themselves to help to secure the desires of the association. After discussion of considerable energy and length the proposal was withdrawn to come up again at the next annual meeting. It was decided to make a special appeal to the farmers of Ontario and Manitoba, to be issued containing the tariff on wheat and flour. The effect of such tariff on millers, the taxation paid in Ontario on coal, lubricating oils, belt-
ing, mill machinery, farm implements etc., and

also that paid upon breadstuffs by the lower provinces with a comparison of the rate of population. It was decided to forward copies of the following resolution to all boards of trade and corn exchanges in Ontario and Manitoba. "Be it resolved, That we, the millers of Ontario in convention assembled, do urge upon the members of your board to take such action as will assist us in obtaining justice."

At Tuesday's session the chief items of business transacted were the drafting of a memorial to the Dominion House, praying for the abatement of railroad discrimination and asking for the appointment of an independent commission, such as an interstate railway commission, to settle any disputes over shipment and rate. A combine on milling rates was decided upon. They further decided to buy all wheat by inspection and certificate as to weight and quality. The secretary was ordered to issue a daily notification sheet containing the export value of all wheats and flours, so that country millers could regulate their prices accordingly.

An Ottawa Telegram on Friday says: Hon. J. J. C. Abbott has been appointed Canadian Commissioner to Australia for the purpose of promoting commercial relations with that country and Canada. He left Montreal to-day for England to pursue his mission. While in England he will put himself in communication with the British Government and representatives in London of the Australian colonies previous to his departure. He will arrive about autumn, in time to attend the international conference on the subject of trade relations between the members of the Australasian group and other points in the empire.

It is announced that the proposed transfer railway in Winnipeg will be built at once, by the Winnipeg Transfer Railway Co., the officers of which are: President and manager G. R. Crowe; board of directors, G. R. Crowe, Hon. D. H. McMillan, D. E. Sprague, H. Ruttan, W. W. McMillan and Alex. Moffat. The road will be a short one, something over a mile in length, and will run along the Red river front, through the central part of the city. The object, of course, is to connect the lines of the Canadian Pacific with the Northern Pacific and Manitoba system. The road will materially increase the value of property along the river front, for warehousing and manufacturing purposes.

Forty years is no mean duration for a business under one continuous management, and it is something for which any establishment may well be proud, especially when this forty years has been one of continuous advancement and expansion. This has been the case with the great dry goods house of John Macdonald & Co., of Toronto, which is now entering upon its forty-first year of existence. Paul Campbell, a confidential employee of the house, and John Kidston Macdonald, eldest son of John Macdonald, have now been admitted partners in the business, and there is every reason to believe that the house will continue to flourish. A new department has been added, called the "letter order department," a description of the working of which will be found elsewhere in this journal. The *Commercial* wishes the house continued prosperity.