

**Business East.**

**ONTARIO.**

Robt. Copeland, grocer, Brantford, was burned out.  
 Excelsior Straw Works, Toronto, have dissolved.  
 D. McGillivray, grocer, Clamnis, has sold signed.  
 Emileu Turcotte, trader, Ottawa, has assigned.  
 Henry Papuette, dealer in shoes, Ottawa, has assigned.  
 W. Y. Martin, saloon keeper, Toronto, has sold out.  
 Hamilton Drop Forging Co., Hamilton, has sold out.  
 Geo. Grunder, grist mill, Ridgetown, has sold out.  
 Foley & Wilker, undertakers, Toronto, have sold out.  
 John P. Armour, druggist, Wardsville, has sold out.  
 Nelles & Ryan, hotelkeeper, London, have dissolved.  
 John Graham, hotelkeeper, Toronto, is about selling out.  
 Geo. ith, grist mill, Comber, is moving to Ridgetown.  
 Frank Hughson, general storekeeper, Mull, has sold out.  
 W. Elliott, general storekeeper, Wingham, has assigned.  
 Moses Stern, dealer in fancy goods, Toronto, has assigned.  
 Thompson & Co., gents furnishings, Trenton, has assigned.  
 H. Lync, general storekeeper, Clarksburg, has assigned.  
 Wm. H. MacGuire, tinsmith, North Gower, has assigned.  
 A. W. Hettger, dealer in fancy goods, Lindsay, has assigned.  
 A. C. Larose, dealer in dry goods, Ottawa, has assigned.  
 Rutherford Bros. stationers, Owen Sound, have assigned.  
 Boomer & Walton, confectioners, London, have dissolved.  
 — Faulkner, printer, Rat Portage, has removed to Manitou.  
 J. A. Wilkinson, general storekeeper, Holbrook, has assigned.  
 W. J. Drake, livery and carriages, St. Thomas, has sold out livery.  
 Olmsted & Kemptorn, planning mill, Pickering, was burned out.  
 Wm. Wilkinson, grocer, Ingersoll, has sold out to J. McGillivray.  
 R. Hinchcliffe, foundryman, Hamilton, is removing to United States.  
 E. Jacobs & Co., dealers in fancy goods, Smiths Falls, have assigned.  
 Mrs. Woolway, hotelkeeper, Melrose, was burned out; insured \$2,000.  
 Paschal Faulkner, general storekeeper, St. Albert, has assigned in trust.  
 S. Robinson general storekeeper, Cassels, has sold out to Wm. Armstrong.  
 J. R. Trimble, general storekeeper, Markdale; stock sold to J. R. Armstrong.  
 B. B. Hughes, dealer in dry goods, Guelph, has sold out to Zingler & Smith.

Strong & Donnell, general storekeepers, Barrie, have sold out to S. Johnstone.  
 J. D. McDonald, general store and mill, Port Lambton, has sold out general store business.  
 J. Wanless & Sons, dealers in hardware, Parkdale, have sold out to C. J. Brown & Co.  
 Sheppard & Gummon, dealers in tins, Dundas, have dissolved; each continues on own account.  
 Stock & Armstrong, general storekeepers, Tavistock, have dissolved; Val. Stock continues.  
 Campbell & Meyers, general storekeepers, Ayton, have dissolved; D. O. Campbell continues.

**QUEBEC.**

Jos. Brisbaoise, grocer, Montreal, was burned out.  
 A. Ledue & Co., hotelkeeper, Montreal, has assigned.  
 John Massie, printer, Cowansville; advertises business for sale.  
 Blanchard & Williamson, forwarders, Montreal, have dissolved.  
 Jos. Brault, general storekeeper, Barrington, is asking an extension.  
 H. M. & T. B. Rider, general storekeepers, Fitch Bay, have dissolved.  
 Isaac Dubard, general storekeeper, Victoriaville, has assigned in trust.  
 Jos. Goulette, dealer in shoes, Quebec, has called a meeting of creditors.  
 Fisher & Sheppard, dealers in millinery, Quebec, was damaged by fire.  
 Gallery & O'Neil, dealer in dry goods and tailor, Montreal, have dissolved.  
 L. N. Bernachez, general storekeeper, St. Thomas de Montmagny, has assigned.  
 J. N. Soly, dealer in sewing machines and fancy goods, Montreal, was burned out.  
 Isaac Duhord, general storekeeper, Victoriaville, demand of assignment made on him.  
 Aph. Labelle, wholesale and retail confectioners, Montreal, is offering to compromise.  
 James Langlands & Son, agents and manufacturers of coffee and spices, Montreal, have dissolved.  
 G. C. Hickok, plumber, Montreal, has admitted Mercer E. Medard as partner; style G. C. Hickok & Co.

**NOVA SCOTIA.**

Wm. W. Ramsey, trader, Lower Stewiacke, has assigned.  
 J. R. Saunders, tobaccoist, Halifax; advertises stock for sale.  
 C. C. Veysey, dealer in carriages, North Sydney, has assigned.  
 Harrington Bros., general storekeepers, Antigonish, have dissolved.

**The State of Trade.**

The trade dispatches this week tell of an increased distribution of merchandise, with a distinct and widespread tendency toward higher prices for staple goods. From New England the autumn business is reported in excellent shape. Philadelphia reports satisfactory activity in most branches of the distributing trade, with no complaint of collections in any quarter. Kansas City reports the best business for several months, with prices firmer. St. Louis finds

still further improvement, with free buying, in anticipation of higher prices. At Louisville business maintains an active and firm movement, with the distributive trade especially well employed. The merchandise movement at New Orleans has been very brisk, with the prices of staple goods, except flour, generally advanced on the week. From Chicago report comes that in important branches of trade surprise is expressed at the ease of western and northwestern collections, some lines reporting that money is coming in a month ahead of time. Good reports of collections generally have been received. Iowa trade centers report further satisfactory trade movements. Reports from St. Paul and Minneapolis of general trade are again favorable. The dry goods trade of St. Paul is particularly prosperous. The loan markets throughout the country are generally reported more active, with a tendency to higher rates. At Cincinnati the rate of interest has advanced from  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 per cent. At New Orleans the money market is active, with a hardening tendency. Collections are somewhat slow at Louisville on account of low prices of tobacco and the reluctance of shippers. The bank clearings at thirty cities for this week, amount to \$874,676,336, as compared with \$778,069,914 last week, and with \$727,569,309 in the like week of 1885. The increase last week from the total of the preceding week was  $3 \frac{4}{5}$  per cent., and this week the increase is 12.4 per cent.; as against one year ago the gain is 20 per cent. There is a marked revival of speculative activity in the New York stock market. Transactions this week amount to 1,769,000 shares, against 859,000 shares last week. Bonds of all classes are active and strong. Governments advanced on purchases by the national banks. Money is easier though rates are firm at between 5 and 6 per cent. The eastern wool markets are no less favorable for holders, the tendency of prices being upward. On some lines a rise of  $\frac{1}{2}$  c. a pound has been attained. The Boston wool market was stronger and more active at the close. At London wool prices are firm and strong. Wool sales at Philadelphia are larger than for any previous week this year. Boston reports remarkably favorable conditions in the dry goods trade. Cotton goods are closely sold up at the mills. Distribution is considerably ahead of last year. The jobbing dry goods trade at New York is slightly less active. The improvement in the coal trade is well maintained. The general situation in the iron trade continues strong, and prices are well maintained. There were 183 failures in the United States reported to *Bradstreet's* this week, against 153 last week 148 in 1885, 305 in 1884, 177 in 1883, and 139 in 1882. Canada had 28, against 22 last week, and 18 in 1885. The total in the United States this year is 7,187, against 8,193 in a like period in 1885. The visible supply of sugar, which stood at 1,077,643 tons two weeks ago, has further decreased to 973,599 tons against 1,026,391 tons same date last year. This, with reports of damage to beet crop, has caused higher prices. Coffee has again been excited under further speculative manipulation strengthened by smaller receipts and advanced  $1\frac{1}{2}$  c. a pound. Domestic rice has sold in New York at lowest prices for years in consequence of heavy supplies.—*Bradstreet's*