

Business East. ONTARIO.

E. Beatty, grocer, Windsor, is dead.
 Thomas Peel, tailor, London, is dead.
 George Jones, blacksmith, Union, is dead.
 W. S. Love, furniture, Picton, has sold out.
 J. J. Denman, grocer, Brussels, has sold out.
 George Baker, saloon keeper, Toronto, is dead.
 Thomas Gibson, hotelkeeper, Toronto, is dead.
 Dickins Bros., Woodstock, have assigned in trust.
 William Harris, miller, Dunganon, has failed.
 John Patison, tailor, Hamilton, has assigned.
 William Nixon, general storekeeper, Robbin, is dead.
 James Dowdell, cigars, Toronto, has assigned in trust.
 Mack Adams, tanner, Norwien, has assigned in trust.
 George Thompson, grocer, Galt, has removed to Brussels.
 W. K. Murphy, painter, Toronto, is trying to compromise.
 Phillips & Leay, builders, Toronto, have assigned in trust.
 James Whan, auctioneer, Chatham, has assigned in trust.
 G. F. Huber, confectioner, Kincairdine, has moved to Berlin.
 D. H. Dorman, woollens, Mitchell, is offering 30c on the dollar.
 L. O. David, general store, Buckingham, has assigned in trust.
 Charles Livingston, banker, Dresden, has assigned in trust.
 D. McFarlane, boots and shoes, Port Elgin, has been sold out.
 John Westwood, livery, St. George, has sold out to H. M. Kipp.
 J. Jackson, general store, Lavender, has moved to Creemore.
 Mrs. R. Portlock, fancy goods, Harriston, has assigned in trust.
 H. F. Hunter, general store, Phelpsion, has sold out to Sam Haney.
 J. M. Roberts, hotelkeeper, Nilestown, has the Sheriff in possession.
 Thomas Stewart, commission merchant, Toronto, is giving up business.
 Samuel Stern, wholesale fancy goods, Toronto, has assigned in trust.
 J. Cameron, general store Desoroato, is advertising his business for sale.
 Polson, Scott & Co., millers, Highgate, have dissolved. T. H. Scott retiring.
 The stock of groceries of Jaffey & Ryan, Toronto, has been damaged by fire.
 L. N. Johnson, dry goods, Dresden, is trying to compromise at 60c on the dollar.
 C. B. Richardson, of the firm of Barnwell & Richardson, publishers, London, is dead.
 Dickinson & Crauston, stationers, Woodstock, are trying to compromise at 62½c on the dollar.
 John S. Tennant, physician and druggist, Lucknow, has sold out the drug-business to T. W. J. Jaffries.

Hubert D. Mason, of the firm of Sloan & Mason, wholesale grocers, Toronto, is dead.
 J. D. Sawyer & Co., manufacturers of agricultural implements, Hamilton, have admitted A. H. Hope as a partner.

Ogilvie & Co., wholesale dry goods, Toronto, have dissolved and re-formed under the style of Ogilvy, Alexander & Anderson.

QUEBEC.

R. Dugal, druggist, Montreal, is dead.
 F. N. Bertrand, St. Croix, has assigned in trust.
 P. Doran & Co., undertakers, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Leclaire & Co., confectioners, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Miss S. Oppenheimer, wall paper, etc., Montreal, is dead.
 Dwane & Co., founders, St. Hyacinthe, have assigned in trust.
 J. A. Dent, general store, Buckingham, has assigned in trust.
 P. A. Bourget, grocers, St. Joseph de Levis, has assigned in trust.
 J. A. Dufresne, tobaccoist, Three Rivers, has assigned in trust.
 Noel & Ferland, furniture, Montreal, are offering to compromise.
 C. Robertson & Co., undertakers, Montreal, have sold out to Tees & Co.
 Thomas Castle, of the firm of Costle & Son, painters, Montreal, is dead.
 Shufelt & Tuck, soap manufacturers, Montreal, have assigned in trust.
 E. Schultze & Co., manufacturers' agents, Montreal, have changed their style to Schultze, Fried & Co.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Patrick Statterey, liquor, Halifax, is dead.
 J. R. McDonald, jeweller, Halifax, has assigned.
 Benjamin Cowan, fish and supplies, Igoniche, is dead.
 James Dowd, trader, Big Lorraine, has assigned in trust.
 Lawrence & Holland, general store, North Sydney, has assigned.
 Coboon & Baker, general store, Port Medway, have dissolved.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

J. D. Reid, harness, Woodstock, stock damaged by fire.
 W. Sloat, musical instruments, Woodstock, slightly damaged by fire.
 At the recent fire at Woodstock the following persons were burned out: R. H. Daud, druggist, loss heavy; James Boyd, grocer, partially insured; Miss Dawson, milliner, partially insured; W. H. Hall, stationery, insured; John McAfee, tinsmith, partially insured.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Compton & Webber, manufacturers of furniture, Summerside, are about dissolving; H. C. Compton to continue alone.

The failures in the United Kingdom for the week ending December 6, reported to *Kemp's Mercantile Gazette*, numbered 115, as compared with 264 and 230 in the corresponding weeks respectively of 1883 and 1882. England and Wales had 93 failures, as compared with 227 and 223 in the weeks specified; Scotland had 21, as against 30 and 13, and Ireland had 1, as against 7 in 1883 and 3 in 1882.

Bradstreet's Commercial Summary.

Special telegrams to *Bradstreet's* from leading business centres report the general situation as quiet, as might be expected during a holiday week. At Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Chicago there has been practically no noteworthy call for merchandise for immediate or forward delivery. There is more than usual interest in the money market owing to the call for funds at various centres, the annual settlements, payments of interest, dividends and the like. At Chicago eastern exchange is in good demand for purposes specified. The demand there from the country for currency is good and is going generally to the interior to pay for hogs. At St. Louis the demand for currency is mostly from the outside. Collections generally continue quite unsatisfactory, but the exception is at St. Louis. New Orleans is bullish in cotton. Latest reports concerning the Louisiana sugar crop place the total probable output at 175,000 hogsheads. General trade there is only fair. The demand for money to effect plantation settlement is marked. At other southern cities the business outlook for the new year is indifferent, except at Wilmington where it is fair. At Minneapolis wheat has been advanced 2c per bushel and receipts are growing notably small. The belief exists, however, that the northwestern millers have succeeded this year in getting control of the bulk of the crop tributary to the leading milling centres at figures as much lower than the average quotations as they claim to have paid in excess one year ago. The Minneapolis millers have arranged to cartail their output one-third, the cold weather having interfered with the water supply. In Iowa but little grain is moving, owing to low prices, and complaints of excessive railway freight charges are loud. At New York No. 2 red winter wheat closed December 26 at \$3c, a gain, and Indian corn, No. 2 mixed, at 51½c, a loss of 1½c. The reaction in provisions has carried spot mess pork up to \$12.50, a gain of 25c per barrel, but refined lard remains unchanged and quiet at 7.50c. There is a good deal of interest manifested in the outcome of the proposed arrangement for mining anthracite coal next year, the independent attitude of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company (as a producer) and of the Reading Coal Company promising at this time anything but harmony. In the meantime coal has gone off from 80c to \$1 per ton from the July (last) circular prices. Petroleum is dull and lower on the sales to realize, closing at 73½c against 76½c one week ago. The dry goods market is quiet but maintains the firmness and slowly improving tendency noted in the last few weeks. Cotton has been quiet with unimportant fluctuations. Prices show no definite tendency. The wool trade has ruled quiet, but values have been well maintained. There were 23 failures in the United States during the past week reported to *Bradstreet's*, as compared with 305 in the preceding week, and with 268, 242 and 161 respectively in the corresponding weeks of 1883, 1882 and 1881. About 80 per cent. were those of small traders whose capital was less than \$5,000. Canada had 33, an increase of 7. The estimated total number of failures for the year is 11,600, against 10,299 in 1883.