

NOVA SCOTIA.

James Cochrane, Cornwallis, has assigned.
E. M. Freeman, livery, Parrington, has sold out.
J. E. Clarke, lumber, Parraboro, has assigned.
Corkum & Steele, Scott's Bay, have dissolved.
J. C. McDougall, physician, Oxford, has assigned.
McFayden & Co., lobster packers, Mabou, have assigned.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Yerxa & Yerxa, grocers, Fredericton, have assigned.
Watson & Nickerson, jewelers, Moncton, have assigned.

Lumber Cuttings.

W. C. Wells, the sawmill man at Palliser, B.C., has 2,000,000 feet of logs on the skids.

An Ottawa telegram says a change has been made in the recent order-in-council which increased the export duty on logs from \$2 to \$3 per 1,000 feet, providing that the logs cut and ready for shipment at the date of the passage of the order may be shipped at the old rate of \$2.

The *Colonist*, of Victoria, B. C., says: Probably the largest private transfer of property which has ever been made in the province was effected yesterday afternoon. For some time past Hon. Mr. Dunsmuir has been endeavoring to induce capitalists to invest in Island timber lands in order that the lumber industry might be fostered. He has been successful, and yesterday completed the sale of the Chemainus saw mill and timber limits, owned by Croft & Angus, and has agreed as soon as surveys are completed to sell one hundred thousand acres of timber lands within the railway belt. The whole transaction will exceed \$600,000 in value. The gentlemen who have purchased the property are Messrs. Humbird, Glover and Phipps, of Wisconsin, and Mr. Macauley, who has recently taken up his residence in Victoria and will this year erect a \$25,000 residence. All these gentlemen are men of wealth, and have an extensive experience in the manufacture of lumber. It is their intention to immediately begin the remodeling of the Chemainus saw mill, and its cut will be increased to a capacity of 150,000 feet daily. Possession will be taken on the 1st of March. Two other mills will be erected at convenient points on the east coast of the Island as soon as arrangements can be made for that purpose. The terms of payment for the various properties have been arranged on a liberal basis and every possible inducement held out to the purchasers to enter into the work in large way. The sale means the introduction of a large amount of capital in the development of the lumber industry, and will necessitate the employment of a large army of men. This will naturally increase the trade of the Island, the railway and of Victoria, and will hasten the cultivation of vacant farming lands. It is also an indication of the prosperous era that is before us.

The hotel at LaRiviere, Man., has changed hands, S. H. McCallum is the new proprietor.

The Travelling Men.

THE DRUMMER'S CHOICE.

She was a clerk in a big hotel,
A family one, it is true,
He was a drummer with seventeen trunks,
And he was her lover, too.

"Shall I call you a cab," she naively said,
When the drummer began his adieu,
As even a drummer—a drummer in love—
Sooner or later must do

a think," he replied, as he looked at her lips,
And thought of a chance of a fuss;

"I think, as there's nobody here but ourselves
I'd rather you'd call it a buss."

—*Minn. Tribune.*

THE TALKATIVE DRUMMER.

How dear to the ear of the drummer it soundeth,
"We've goods enough left for six months to come."

But still he hangs on; with hope he aboundeth
To scoop in an order, or talk the man dumb.
He knows that his customer hard is to tackle,
That he "buys very cheap," is a tough one to sell,

And that, as he listens, he'll inwardly cackle
At the nerve of the Drummer who hangs on so well.

CHO.—The much-abused Drummer,
The persistent Drummer,
The talkative Drummer,
Who hangs on so well.

Einstein's "taking stock;" (what could be more grating?)

"When your 'round again, call in," says Grimes;

Smith's buyer is "out," and 'tis "quite useless waiting;"

And Jones will not purchase these "very dull times."

But still, whether cheerless or bright be the weather,

No matter how cold or how wet is the spell,
He goes on his way with a heart like a feather, (?)

The determined Drummer who hangs on so well.

CHO.—The much-abused Drummer etc.
—*Exchange.*

W. S. Alley, traveller for the Sanford Manufacturing Company, of Winnipeg and Hamilton, left for the east last week. He will be one of the principals in a matrimonial event at Syracuse, N. Y., next week.

Editor's Table.

School Work and Play, the new children's paper, published by the Grip Publishing Co. of Toronto, has made its appearance. It is really an excellent paper of its kind, and is profusely illustrated with comical and serious sketches. The illustrations give evidence of that genius which characterizes the *Grip* publication. Children should have it.

The *Chicago Journal of Commerce* has issued a special "jubilee" number, in holiday attire, in commemoration of the triumph, as it says, "of the friends of Protection over the advocates of a fallacious 'tariff reform,' engineered in the interest of free trade, and in the au-

spicious opening of a new year of manufactures, trade and commerce under a change of National administration that promises well for the prosperity of the whole country."

The first issue of *The Canadian Baker and Confectioner* has reached the Table. The new journal hails from Toronto, and the prospectus states that it will be published monthly, by Jas. Acton, at the subscription rate of \$1.00 per year. The journal is devoted to the baking, confectionery and kindred industries. It is a handsomely printed journal, containing quite an amount of reading matter.

"The Battle of the Swash and the Capture of Canada" is the somewhat sensational title of a volume from the pen of Samuel Barton of New York. A Canadian edition of this work has just been issued by T. Theo. Robinson, publisher, of Montreal. The Canadian edition also contains the now famous speech of Dr. Geo. W. Beers, of Montreal, in reply to a toast on "Professional Annexation," delivered recently at Syracuse, N. Y. "The Battle of the Swash" is a clever satire in its way, something after the style of "The Battle of Dorking." It is supposed to have been written in 1890, and describes the incidents which led to the declaration of war by Canada and Great Britain against the United States, followed by the bombardment of New York, and the forced sale of Canada to the United States, by the British Government. The book furnishes a few hours of interesting reading, as it is said to be meeting with a large sale in the United States and Canada.

MACDONALD & TUPPER, of Winnipeg, give notice of application for an act authorizing the construction of a railway from a point at or near Moose Jaw, in a northwesterly direction via Battleford to Edmonton, thence to Peace River country, with power to build a branch railway from a point where said railway crosses the South Saskatchewan river to Prince Albert.

J. A. PYKE, boot and shoe dealer, Emerson, Man., returned from Vancouver, B. C., last week. He is delighted with the Pacific metropolis, and intends to remove his stock of boots and shoes there in about three weeks and open business. He was fortunate enough to secure a store in a good location, but states that buildings to rent in the business portion of the city are difficult to get. Vancouver has a population of about 11,000 and is growing rapidly. The Emerson "colony" there, which is large, is doing well.—*Emerson International.*

A PETITION to the Dominion Government is being circulated throughout the Territories, asking that the prices of pre-emption lands be reduced, especially in districts distant from railways, as follows:—For lands within 20 miles of an operated railway \$2 an acre, and for lands at a greater distance from an operated railway, \$1 an acre. Objection is also taken to the timber dues, and it is asked that no charge be made for dry wood used by homesteaders for fuel purposes—as by using up the dead timber fires are kept from spreading and the growing timber protected—and that each homesteader be allowed free the timber required by him for fencing and building on his homestead and pre-emption.