reports came that McQuarrie was slaughtering goods. Investigation verified these reports and that he had also been appropriating the insured. proceeds of sales intending, it is thought, to leave the country. He has been taken to the county jail and has not been liberated, as the song goes, "on his own recognizances." His case is being discussed before a judge to day.

HERE are some recent changes in Ontario and Manitoba business circles. At Ingersoll, T. B. Escott disposes of his stock of groceries to W. C. Green .-- L. R. Short, a tailor at Tilsonburg, has admitted J. A. Graves as partner.----The shirt manufacturing firm of Williams, Green and Rome, in this city, has been changed into a joint stock company.-A dissolution is announced by Forhan & Ober, harness maker at Wallaceburg. ---- A like step has been taken by Stafford & Wilcox dealers in books at Whitby .---- The general store stock of H. Jones, Dresden, is advertised for sale at aution .---- So also is the stock of dry goods belonging to H. Orrin of Guelph .-At Hagersville, U. B. Almas, a harness maker, -Rowse Bros., dry goods dealers has sold out .-in Oshawa have dissolved, E. J. Rowse continues.----At Port Arthur, Wm. Brown & Co., will admitted R. J. Brown, a partner in their dry goods business.---- Two Toronto grocers, T. B. Mishaw and Wm. Watson have sold out, the former to S. Ruthven and the latter to D. S. Graham.---In the same city, J. E. Dunham & Co., dye works, have dissolved and the jewellery stock of the Woltz & Co., has been sold at auction.----The dry goods business of J. J. Dunlop at Brandon, Manitoba, will hereafter be done by Summerville & Co.-James Jermyn of Minnedosa, is offering his offering saw and flour mills for sale, ----Gray & Co.. general dealers at Morden, have sold out A. E. Shaultz.---- "Giving up business" is the announcement made by Rogers & Sharpe, grocers of Winnipeg, and Geo. Weir in the same city is opening a branch of his clothiug store at Portage La Prairie.

FIRE RECORD.

ONTARIO. — Ferry Point, 19th. — Edgar Gerow's hotel burned, loss \$1,000 on building, insured for \$1,000 in Mercantile. On contents \$500, insured for \$325 in Royal Canadian; cooper shop and Orange Hall adjoining also burned, loss \$400, insured \$150 in Royal Canadian. — Port Credit, 19th. — The grain warehouses and 13,000 bushels wheat consumed, insured for \$1500 — Petrolea 20 — Fires warehouses and 13,000 bushels wheat consumed, insured for \$1,500.—Petrolea, 20.—Fires damaged the following stores:—J. H. Fraser, & Co., grocery; E. A. Archer, books; H. B. B. Alley, dry goods; N. Wood, barber; D. Manning, butcher; T. King, boots and shoes; Henry Canniff, watchmaker; Express office, and Bell Telephone Co., loss \$15,000, insured. —Toronto, 23rd.—Globe Chemical Works — Toronto, 23rd.—Globe Chenical Works damaged \$1,500, insured.—Cornwall, 24th.— J. C. Ross & Co's., grocery gutted, and H. Pitt's hardware damaged. Ross insured for \$1,500 in Royal. Pitt loses \$5,000, insurance \$3,000.

OTHER PROVINCES .- Vancouver, B. C., 11th. Jos. Spratts' fish-oil and manure factory on Coal Harbor, in front of C. P. R. Co's. pro-perty, destroyed. The inflammable contents made a great blaze, and the efforts of the fire-men with the new fire engine were useless. Loss placed at \$60,000; insurance in Royal, \$5,000; London and Lancashire, \$4,000; Northern, \$7,500; National of Ireland, \$2,25. — - Albert, N. B., 20th.—Fire damaged the following: H. V. Wilbur's store, Murray's store, Dickson's law offices, R. C. Atkinson's store and dwelling, Thos. Fullerton's liquor store owned by W. Oliver, S. McCloskey's dwelling, Union Hotel and Rufus Taylor's residence. Losses as follows: J. H. Dickson, \$2,000, no ins.; H. V. Wilbur \$1,500, ins. \$900, Oulton Hall, \$5,000, ins.; R. C. Atkin-son \$2,000, ins. \$900; W. Oliver \$1,000, ins. \$500; S. McCloskey \$500, no ins.; T. MoLellan \$5,000, ins.; A. Copp \$2,000, no Jos. Spratts' fish-oil and manure factory on

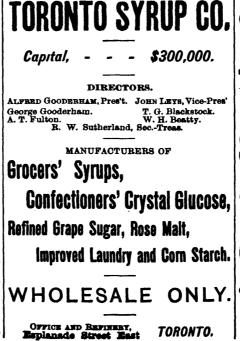
We learn from Chicago under date of 14th inst., that the Lake Shore Railway Company continues to do its work at the Union Stock Yards under the protection of Winchester rifles. The houses, freight cars, and telegraph poles in the yards were covered this morning with notices written with a blue lead pencil on the back of the company's freight dispatching cards, reading as follows :--

"NOTICE.-The sooner you Southern scabs leave these diggins the less of you will be killed. From Committee."

These notices were ornamented with crossed bones, coffins, and other sombre devices.

A building society on the co-operative system, in vogue in England and the United States, has been organized in Winnipeg, under the name of the Manitoba Co operative Build-ing Society, "A new feature is the favorable one to subscribers that a member not having borrowed may withdraw at any time without forfeiture, the sums paid in by him being returned, with only a small reduction for his returned, with only a small reduction for his share of the working expenses. A prospectus will be issued immediately." The officers are: President, Duncan MacArthur; vice-president, Hon. Dr. Schultz; directors, E. L. Drewry, Dr. Orton, M. P., G. R. Crowe, J. J. Dunlop, and K. N. L. Macdonald; secretary t easurer. T. W. Leggo; solicitors, Macdonald, Tupper and Phinnan and Phippan.

-The Editor wrote :--- " The showers last week, though copious, were not sufficient to meet the wants of the millmen," and the com-positor set it up " milkmen."



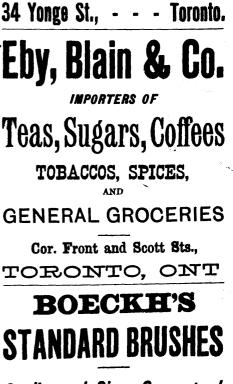
FIRE FROM STEAM PIPES.

After wood has remained a long time in with steam, hot water, or hot air contact pipes, the surface becomes carbonized. Dur-ing the warm season, the charcoal absorbs moisture. When again heated, the moisture is driven off, leaving a vacuum, into which the fresh air current circulating around the pipes rapidly penetrates, and imparts its oxygen to the other the second causing a gradual heating and eventually combustion. The rusting of the pipes contributes also to this result, inasmuch as the rust formed during the hot season may be reduced by the heat of the pipe to a condition in which it will absorb oxygen to the point of red heat. The same, Glaser's Annalen, notices that a building was set on fire by pitch distilled out of a pipe plank placed nearly three inches above a steam pipe, which dropped on the pipe and took fire the pipe and took fire.



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