

Business East.

ONTARIO.

W. Esler, grocer, Ottawa, has gone away.
 H. P. Begg, grocer, London, has assigned.
 Geo. Glasgow, grocer, London, has sold out.
 F. Macdonald, grocer, Toronto, has sold out.
 A. Lininger, hotelkeeper, Sandwich, has sold out.
 S. Springstead, grocer, Hamilton, has sold out.
 Wm. Marshall, shoe maker, Lindsay, is dead.
 N. J. McMurray, butcher, Rockwood, has assigned.
 O. F. Baker, hotelkeeper, Hespeler, has moved to Galt.
 W. Amos, dealer in flour and feed, Galt, has sold out.
 Feek & Kirkwood, plumbers, Guelph, have dissolved.
 Wm. Gervais, carriage maker, Ottawa, has gone away.
 T. Sherwood, general storekeeper, Fergus, has sold out.
 A. T. Colter, general storekeeper, Greenock, has sold out.
 T. M. Rowland, dry goods dealer, Niagara, has sold out.
 R. W. Keeler, general storekeeper, Mitchell, has assigned.
 J. Jackson, general storekeeper, C. C. more, has assigned.
 D. A. Merrick, dry goods dealer, Toronto, has assigned.
 Forrye Bros., hardware merchants, Peterboro, have dissolved.
 E. H. Bennett, general storekeeper, Orangeville, has sold out.
 Jas. A. Milne, general storekeeper, Stirling Falls, has assigned.
 Robert Fulton, blacksmith, Egmondville; intends closing here.
 Northwood & McKay, barley dealers, Chatham, have dissolved.
 Mrs. McKeon, hotelkeeper, Rat Portage; offers business for sale.
 R. Keeler, shoe maker, Mitchell; succeeded by his son J. A. Keeler.
 A. Soanes, dealer in confectionery, Lindsay, was sold out by landlord.
 Thos. Owen, shoe maker, Loniesborough, has removed to Amberley.
 A. K. Applegath, dealer in dry goods, St. Thomas; selling off stock.
 Wm. Campbell, general storekeeper, Lawrence Station, has sold out.
 John Mott, general storekeeper, Bosworth, has sold out to Jos. Sanderson.
 Peter Kearney, general storekeeper, St. Augustine; sheriff in possession.
 Peter Kearney, merchant, Township W. Wawanosh, has assigned in trust.
 T. H. Hern, dealer in picture frames, Lindsay; stock advertised for sale by sheriff.
 Carter & Howson, general storekeepers, Teeswater, have dissolved; Howson continues.
 Latimer & Boulger, hotelkeepers, Ottawa, have dissolved; George Boulger continues.
 E. J. Thompson & Co., wholesale jewellers, Hamilton, have admitted David Thompson as partner.

QUEBEC.

P. Poulin, hotelkeeper, Sorol, has assigned in trust.
 Evans Bros., coal merchants, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Clavette & Sigouin, plumbers, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Alfred Fortier, general storekeeper, Capelton, has assigned.
 Dubord & Co., commissioners, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Cavals & Co., restaurant keepers, Montreal, have dissolved.
 A. E. Edwards, jeweler, Montreal, has assigned in trust.
 Jacobs & Rittenberg, jewellers, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Meunier & Normandin, hotelkeepers, Montreal, have dissolved.
 D. Masson & Co., wholesale grocers, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Laverdue & Barsalon, restaurant keepers, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Boxer Bros. & Co., wholesale dealer in crockery, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Jas. Goulden, druggist, Montreal; Jos. Goulden doing business under this style has assigned.
 The following were burned out in Hull:--
 L. N. Doiron, jeweller; Dr. L. Duhamel, druggist; Edmond Aubry, physician and druggist; Edouard Landry, baker; Jacques Goyette, hotelkeeper; Jos. Seguin, grocer; J. B. Villeneuve, barber; Jos. Beaudin, physician; Antoine Carriere, grocer; I. Lafeeche, grocer.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Fulton & Crowe, produce merchant, Halifax, have dissolved.
 Chapman & Archibald, dealers in boots and shoes, Truro, have dissolved.
 S. Sichel & Co., piano manufacturers, Halifax, have sold out to the Halifax Piano Co.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Hamilton & Mills, general storekeepers, Port Elgin, have dissolved.
 C. S. Goggin, general storekeeper, Grand Lake, was burned out--insured.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Robertson & Tatlow, real estate agents, Victoria, have removed to Vancouver.

The State of Trade.

Special telegrams to *Bradstreet's* indicate that the industrial agitation in favor of fewer hours' work daily has largely disappeared elsewhere than at Chicago. At New York it has been a practical failure, while at Chicago the attitude of manufacturers in several leading lines in locking out some 47,000 employes who demanded a shorter working day, promises to arrest the progress of the movement. Supplementary reports to *Bradstreet's* show that within about two weeks there have been strikes at leading industrial centres to secure fewer daily hours of labor aggregating 200,000 employes, that 150,000 have secured concessions without striking, and that not over 42,000 of the 200,000 strikers have secured their ends. This indicates that over 100,000 employes are

working fewer hours per day than one month ago, a small proportion of the total number claiming to be interested. With the favorable change in the industrial outlook general business is reported to have made some advances, notably at such cities as Detroit, Indianapolis, Peoria, Omaha and Dubuque, and like advices come from Savannah, Dallas and New Orleans. There is, of course, a marked improvement at Chicago, in part due to the receipt of delayed orders, the total volume being equivalent to an average week's business at this season. At Cincinnati and Milwaukee trade is quiet, labor troubles still having a depressing effect. At St. Louis it is duller and prices are not steady, being shaded notably in dry goods. At the larger eastern cities there is no improvement visible. Philadelphia reports trade sluggish and unsatisfactory. Baltimore advises that it continues checked, and Boston that it is inactive, though there is less fear of interruptions from labor disturbances. New York commercial paper is scarce with rates steady at 4 1/2 per cent. for best names. Mercantile collections have improved at St. Louis, Dubuque, Burlington and at New Orleans, but are slow and unsatisfactory at most other points. Interior money markets are generally easy. The demand at Kansas City has been largely for renewals. Funds are in good request at St. Paul, and commercial paper is offering with increasing frequency at St. Louis. The Chicago money market is quiet. Leading iron markets are duller, and deliveries on contracts continue to be delayed. Prices are weaker. Louisville tobacco receipts are light. Burley lugs are 1/2c higher. The distribution of dry goods has not met expectations, being particularly light from commission houses. Decreased consumption and heavy stocks of sugar depress prices both at New York and London. The consumption of coffee is also light, but the rate of exchange lends some strength to the market. The number of business failures in the United States reported to *Bradstreet's* this week was 156, against 172 last week, 164 in the second week of May, 1885, 187 in 1884, 166 in 1883, and 118 in 1882. Canada had 30 last week, against 17 last, and 22 in the like week last year. The total in the United States January 1 to May 14 is 4,314, against 5,007 in 1885, a decline of 493 in 134 days, or nearly 5 1/5 failures daily. The total in 19 weeks of 1884 was 4,174, in 1883 was 4,106, and in 1882 was 2,781.—*Bradstreet's*.

Speculating Clerks.

On this fertile theme London *Truth*, speaking of employes who attempt to speculate with any legitimate savings they may have made, says: "That clerks, with their limited experience and still more limited means, can ever expect to make money by speculating, is one of those things which proves the credulity of the human mind; and those young gentlemen would undoubtedly be saved from a great deal of worry and vexation if they could only penetrate to the actual opinion of the stockbrokers who listen to their parrot-chatter about stocks with straight faces, and good-naturedly consent to be pestered with their unprofitable and trivial ransactions."