

Business East.

ONTARIO.

Geo. S. Booth, grocer, Parkdale, has sold out.
 W. T. Parrish, hardware, Port Perry, is dead.
 Wm. Osborn, dry goods, Toronto, has sold out.
 A. Campbell, baker, St. George, was burned out.
 J. J. Elliott, tins, St. George, was burned out.
 McLean & Co., tailors, Parkdale, have dissolved.
 J. W. Drury, clothing, Belleville, has assigned.
 Munro & Co., dry goods, Belleville, have assigned.
 Leger Honore, shoe dealer, Ottawa, has assigned.
 Robt. Wilson, hotelkeeper, Brampton, has sold out.
 Edward Walsh, shoe dealer, Pembroke, has assigned.
 Job Cousins, pump dealer, London, was burned out.
 J. G. Begg, general storekeeper, Melbourne, has sold out.
 Wm. Gosnell, general storekeeper, Fargo, has sold out.
 Halloran Bros., carriage materials, Hamilton, have dissolved.
 Jos. Edmonds, groceries and liquors, Toronto, has sold out.
 Alex. Robertson, shoe dealer, Toronto, has given up business.
 Wm. Gibson, hotelkeeper, Nipissing, has removed to Powassan.
 E. Labelle & Co., general storekeepers, Casselman have assigned.
 G. M. Weber & Co., manufacturers of pianos, Kingston, have assigned.
 Robt. Stark, druggist, Woodstock, is succeeded by Dr. W. C. Perks.
 W. H. Broughton, carriages, Galt,—stock advertised for sale by tender.
 J. Richardson & Co., general storekeepers, St. George, were damaged by fire.
 J. C. DeHarnois, gents' furnishings, Windsor, foreclosed under chattel mortgage.
 Estate of Alvin Watson, general storekeeper, Wheatly, was sold out to Harry Scott.
 London Crockeryware Manufacturing Co., London, have called a meeting of creditors.
 Sutherland Bros., general storekeepers, Newmarket, is compromising at 60c in the \$.
 F. Dignum, tailor, Parkdale, has formed a partnership with J. W. Isaacs; style now Isaacs & Dignum.
 Excelsior Straw Works, Toronto, have dissolved; Fred. Swannell retires and Chas. Brasier continues under same style.
 O. D. Glasgow, fruit dealer, Toronto, has formed a partnership with John Willis, fruit dealer, under style Willis & Glasgow.

QUEBEC.

H. Leduc, tailor, Montreal, has assigned.
 Chas. Jutras, grocer, Montreal, was burned out.
 E. Charette, grocer, Montreal, was burned out.
 J. L. Gaudette, shoe dealer, Montreal, has assigned.

N. Fournier, general storekeeper, Scottstown, has assigned.

Frederick Keasey, grocer, St. Gabriel Village, has assigned.

F. X. Paquette, grocer, Montreal, was damaged by fire and water.

Cobban & Co., wholesale mouldings, etc., Montreal, have sold out to F. J. Phillips.

NOVA SCOTIA.

J. A. Beck, grocer, etc., Halifax, is dead.

Wm. McDowell, tobacco, etc., Lockeport, is dead.

S. P. Clements, general storekeeper, Liverpool, is dead.

Leithead Bros., saw mill, West River Station, have assigned.

J. P. Wambolt, grocer, Halifax,—style now Wambolt & Wentzell.

W. C. Chisholm & Co., general storekeepers, Hetherton, have dissolved.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

P. Gratton, general storekeeper, Buctouche, is dead.

Tohn Maltby, liquor dealer, Newcastle, has assigned.

Arthur Everitt, dry goods, St. John, has suspended payment.

D. J. Buckley, general storekeeper, Rogerville, has assigned.

Jas. Collins, boots and shoes, Portland, has assigned and gone away.

Foreign Crops.

The Illinois State Board of Agriculture estimates that there was a reduction of 33 points in the condition of corn in the northern part of the state during the month of July, of 37 points in the central division, and about as much in the southern division.

Wheat, winter and spring, area sown, 1,372,028 acres, a decrease of 28 per cent; area harvested, 774,526 acres, about 56 per cent of the area sown, the remaining 44 per cent being abandoned on account of damage by drought and chinch bugs. The estimated product for the state is 7,470,375 bushels, which precludes the possibility of any surplus over and above the needs of the people of the state for seed and bread. The corn crop has dwindled from a condition of from 100 to 150 per cent at the date of last month's report to less than 50 per cent of the annual product for five years. The continued dry weather and the chinch bug have combined to destroy what seemed a month ago to be the largest crop of corn Kansas ever produced.—*Kansas State Agricultural Report for August.*

The London, *England Post* reports the crops as follows: On the better land the wheat crop will be excellent, and it is believed above an average. But on poorer soil the crop will be bad. The crop may be put down, on the whole, as 10 per cent over the average of the last ten years. This is so far as yield is concerned. The area is, of course, much below the average for this period, while the market prices for the grain are sure to be low. Barley promises to be above the average in the quality of the grain, and to be quite an average for yield on the best barley soils of the west of England, but a report from barley growing Norfolk thinks

that the yield will be deficient. Oats, beans and peas are all decidedly poor, and range from 10 per cent to 30 per cent below an average. But the greatest disaster of the year is the almost entire failure of the feeding crops. Turnips and swedes have been entirely destroyed by drouth and fly in many cases. Coupled with this there is a short hay crop—quite 15 or 20 per cent below an average. With roots a failure, and hay and straw short, next winter will be looked forward to with something like dismay by all stock owners. Even now, when the pastures should supply plenty of keep, the grasses are burnt up, and a diminishing supply of milk can only be maintained at a great cost for feeding and watering.

The August crop report of the United States department of agriculture says: The condition of spring wheat, is not improved in the August returns, but has fallen off, the general average being 78.8, two points less than the August returns of last year. Dakota has made a slight gain and stands highest in condition. The average for Wisconsin is 73; Minnesota, 74; Iowa, 72; Nebraska, 77; Dakota, 88. In the extreme east and on the Pacific coast the condition of spring wheat is high. Corn in all states of the Atlantic coasts is of very high promise. In the central corn regions, however, in the valleys of the Ohio and Missouri, where two-thirds of the crop is grown and the commercial supply is procured, a very heavy reduction has taken place, which has made the national average 80 per cent, instead of 97 per cent last month. The cause is long continued drouth, which has been severest in Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. Nebraska has been scorched on the southern border. The seven corn surplus states stand as follows: Ohio, 82; Indiana, 64; Illinois, 65; Iowa, 90; Missouri, 80; Kansas, 60; Nebraska, 75. Oats, 85.6, which indicates a crop slightly under the average. The average for barley is 86.2, indicating nearly an average crop. Potatoes—There is a great reduction since the first of July in the condition of potatoes, the result of drouth. Fruit—The fruit crop is very poor. There will be few apples outside of New England and New York. Hay—The hay crop is also greatly reduced in the west. The general average is 80. Tobacco—The tobacco crop is in high condition in the seed leaf states, averaging nearly 100 except in Wisconsin.

A deputation of the Winnipeg board of trade interviewed the Postmaster General during his recent visit and discussed the question of the mail service between Winnipeg and Brandon on Wednesdays and Thursdays. At present, although a local train runs west to Brandon on Wednesday and returns on Thursday, no mails whatever are carried, causing delay and inconveniencing the business community very much. The board of trade memorialized the post office department last March, but no change was made in the service. The deputation was successful in securing a mail on each of the local trains to and from Brandon, Mr. McLellan going into the matter fully and expressing his desire to grant every possible facility. As soon as arrangements can be made with the C. P. R., the service will commence.