

**Business East.****ONTARIO.**

A Geiger, baker, Hamilton, away.  
 Mrs. Lee, millinery, Lindsay, has assigned.  
 D. & J. Kenny, milliners, Surin, have sold out.  
 George Darvill, furniture, London, has sold out.  
 W. J. Cluff, shoes, Toronto, has assigned in trust.  
 T. L. Bayeur, shoes, Belleville, has assigned in trust.  
 C. D. Newton, grocer, Toronto, has assigned in trust.  
 Wm. Spencer, broker, etc., London, is out of business.  
 Richard Postaus, fruit grower, Oakville, has suspended.  
 George Maurer, shoes, Ayton, has moved to Teeswater.  
 Wm. Smith, blacksmith, Oil Springs, was burned out.  
 Chas. Dietrich, jeweler, Toronto, has given up business.  
 E. Moore, fancy goods, Kingston, has assigned in trust.  
 H. Kelly, hotelkeeper, Port Elgin, has moved to Burgoyne.  
 T. J. Hempton, general store, Sharlet Lake, has assigned.  
 Alfred Jeanerett, jeweler, Elmira, has assigned in trust.  
 J. R. Sterling, grocer, St. Thomas, has assigned in trust.  
 Mrs. Cunningham, shoes, Mitchell, has assigned in trust.  
 John Alexander, leather, Hamilton, is offering to compromise.  
 Wm. Mitchell, dry goods, Mount Albert, has assigned in trust.  
 George A. Marlatt, M.D., Alvinston, has moved to Fingal.  
 James Keys, hotelkeeper, Burgoyne, has sold out to H. Kelley.  
 Miss Sutherland, fancy goods, Harriston, has assigned in trust.  
 Wm. Soutacott, tailor, Blyth, intends removing to Exeter.  
 Louis Durham, grocer, Harrisburg, has sold out to A. Durham.  
 James O. Simpson, dry goods, Alexander, has assigned in trust.  
 D. M. Leitch, groceries and shoes, Alvinston, is giving up business.  
 Charles Southcott, tailor, Exeter, intends removing to Toronto.  
 J. C. Chamberlain, jr., grocer and stationer, Ottawa, has assigned.  
 M. Wilkie, hotelkeeper, Port Elgin, has sold out to Andrew Shiels.  
 R. W. Woodroffe, jeweler, Ingersoll, has sold out to George Mason.  
 S. Crabb & Co., shoes, Toronto, had their stock damaged by fire.  
 Globe Fire Extinguisher Co., London; Henry Weld of this company dead.  
 J. D. Ivey & Co., wholesale millinery, London, are moving to Toronto.  
 A. Friendly & Co., manufacturers of overalls, Toronto, have assigned in trust.  
 Hincks & Co., millinery, Toronto, have dissolved; Ann Hincks continues.

Alex. Wetherell & Co., dry goods, Hamilton, had their stock damaged by fire.  
 W. O. Whiting, fancy goods, Toronto; stock sold for 40c on the dollar.  
 Burling & Davis, furniture, Aurora, have dissolved; Robert Davis continues.  
 Cavanagh & Armitage, grain dealers, Toronto; A. Armitage of this firm dead.  
 Smith & Peard, grocers, Oshawa, have dissolved; style now Smith & Adams.  
 Thomas Mighton, general store, Vandecar, has sold out to A. R. W. Burrows.  
 A. Watson & Co., produce and commission merchants, Toronto, have dissolved.  
 C. Wilson & Sons, scale manufacturers, Toronto, had their stock damaged by fire.  
 M. Neagle & Co., grocers, Guelph; their stock being sold under chattle mortgage.  
 A. Shiels, liverykeeper, Port Elgin, has sold out livery and gone into the hotel business.  
 Thomas Logan & Co., general store, Teeswater, have sold out to Maurer & Thomas.  
 T. R. Robertson, shoes, Carleton Place, is offering to compromise at 60c on the dollar.  
 Miller & Vanderwort, grocers, Belleville, have dissolved; style now Vanderwort & Davis.  
 Townsend & Woolrick, general store, Brookholm, have dissolved; R. S. Townsend continues.  
 The following were burned out at Petrolia: Cameron & McLean, tailors; S. J. Morwood, grocer; William Noble, jeweler.

**QUEBEC.**

Emil Prevost, lumber, Valleyfield, is dead.  
 E. Carbray, grocer, Montreal, has assigned.  
 E. Marceau, general store, Isle Verte, was burned out.  
 Theophile Dussault, tailor, Quebec, has assigned in trust.  
 Vaillancourt & Laberge, painters, Quebec, have assigned.  
 Lafleur, Bourdon & Co., shoes, St. Henri, have dissolved.  
 Frank Keller & Co., fur dressers, Montreal, have dissolved.  
 Kirk, Lockerley & Co., wholesale grocers, have dissolved.  
 Wm. Rutherford & Co., lumber, Montreal, have dissolved.  
 Damien Chaput, general store, St. Hyacinthe, has assigned in trust.  
 Harte & Mortimer, Moxie Nerve Food, Montreal, have dissolved.  
 Louis Beland, dry goods, Sorel; demand of assignment made on him.  
 Narcisse Pilote, tailor, Wolton; demand of assignment made on him.  
 Bedell, Glassford & Co., wholesale fancy dry goods, Montreal, have dissolved.  
 Bourret, Berland & Co., vinegar manufacturers, Montreal, have dissolved.  
 Pinkerton & Turner, manufacturers boots and shoes, Montreal, have suspended.  
 Leclerc Ulderic & Co., butchers, Montreal; demand of assignment made on them.  
 C. Huston & Co., wholesale clothing, Montreal, have sold business out to E. A. Small & Co.

**NOVA SCOTIA.**

Archie Dakin, drugs, Digby, away.

**NEW BRUNSWICK.**

McEachran & Tait, general store, Chatham, have dissolved.

John J. Munroe, trunks, St. John, style now S. J. Munroe & Son.

**Flax Growing By The Mennonites.**

The Mennonites, or followers of Simon Menno have a history as strange as that attaching to the Spanish Gipsies betrayed by George Borrow, and among those who have occasionally heard of the Mennonite villages or settlements in Minnesota and Manitoba few are aware how long the sect has been in existence or who its original founder was. So far as 1496 a man named Simon Menno was born of humble parentage in the Dutch province of Friesland. Being of an exceptional gentle, earnest, modest and affectionate nature, he held war and its horrors and crimes in detestation, and forbade his people to resort to arms, even for the purpose of maintaining civil order. Withdrawing from the church in which he had been ordained a priest, he applied himself to a study of the creed held by the German Anabaptists, and set himself earnestly to the task of gathering together the scattered remnants of the sect in Holland and North Germany. Persecution drove him out of Holland, and he settled in Holstein, where he found not only protection, but was allowed to establish a printing-press for the diffusion of his religious opinions. Here he died in 1561. Several colonies of Mennonites sprang up in honor of his memory, but the most powerful and numerous was that established in Pomerania. In an evil day for their tranquillity the greatest warrior King that ever was born to a throne succeeded to possession Brandenburg. Frederick the Great—for it is of him we are speaking—soon had occasion to demand that every male adult in his little kingdom should follow the drum. When encountered by the mild resistance of the Mennonites, who refused under any circumstances, to take up arms, the hero of Leuthen and Rosbach commanded the followers of Menno instantly to leave his dominions. Fortunately the exiles from Pomerania found a protector in the Emperor Paul of Russia. He had heard of their skill and industry as agriculturists, and invited them to settle down in his Courland provinces. As their numbers increased the military ambition of the Colossus of the North grew yet more rapidly. The unhappy wanderers were again compelled to flit to the shores of the Sea of Azov, where they established themselves in that Tartar wilderness, which is now known as the Crimea.

Here they thrive exceedingly, and replenished the earth, making the barren desert to blossom like a rose. Yet even there they were pursued by the inexorable demands made by the iron rule of Holy Russia. Rather than comply with conditions which their unworldly religion forbade, they sent emissaries to North America, to seek settlements in a country which promised them permanent emancipation from the molestations of the recruiting sergent.

Hitherto the flax grown in Russia, although enormous in quantity, has been inferior in quality to that produced by Holland; Belgium, and Ireland. Yet it has lately constituted the most important export sent to this country by the subjects of the "Great White Czar." If, following the example of Peter the Great and the Empress Catherine, he had been satisfied to confine himself to improving and developing