

Eastern Business Changes.

ONTARIO.

Wm. Lozo, London, sold out by bailiff.

T. Wagner, tailor, Hamilton, has assigned.

J. E. Duffy, Elgie House, Orangeville, is dead.

J. H. Evans, dealer in harness, Strathroy, has sold out.

H. Bingham, merchant, Williamsburgh Tp., has assigned.

L. Lamping & Co., foundrymen, Kemptville, has assigned.

J. M. Hunter, dealer in groceries, Port Hope, has assigned.

Green Bros., dealers in jewellery, Parkhill, have sold out.

J. Buckley, dealer in furniture, Cornwall, have assigned.

Jas. B. Garrett, dealer in groceries, Wellington, has assigned.

C. W. Stevens, general store-keeper, Court-right, has sold out.

Taylor Bros., general storekeepers, Burks Falls, have dissolved.

Dodwell & Saunders, machinists, Claremont, have been burned out.

A. T. Harshaw & Co., dealer in dry goods, Napanee, have assigned.

S. & J. Armstrong, general store-keepers, McKellar, have assigned.

J. Milligan, dealer in musical instruments, St. Thomas, has assigned.

The estate of J. H. Dufton, Stationer, &c., Stratford, has been sold out.

London Wall Paper & Picture Frame Co., London, are out of business.

McCaffrey & Dow, general store-keeper, Kingleake, have been burned out.

R. Kennedy, dealer in groceries, Toronto, has been damaged by fire; insured.

J. O. Guy & Son, dealers in coal and grain, Oshawa, & tyle now Oshawa Coal Co.

C. M. Eddington, dealer in stationery, &c., Thamesville, has moved to Courtright.

R. H. Kilpatrick, dealer in furniture, Blenheim, stock sold out to P. Labadie & Co.

J. L. Dunn & Co., dealers in varnish, Windsor, store house burned; partially insured.

M. Springer & Co., dealer in drugs, Strathroy, has dissolved; and W. H. Stepler continues alone.

Parkhill Banking Co., Parkhill, have dissolved; and R. A. Rogers retires; L. T. Rogers continues under old style.

Chas. Lightfoot, dealer in Hardware; Harry Scott, general storekeeper; Eastman & Co., general storekeepers, Wheatley, all have been burned out.

QUEBEC.

H. Cawthorn, dealer in fish, "Montreal, is dead.

J. Carrol, dealer in cigars, &c., Montreal, has assigned.

J. Leblanc, dealer in flour, Carlton, has assigned.

J. C. Beauvais, tailor, Montreal, has compromised.

C. Lemarche, dealer in carriages, Montreal, has assigned.

Napoleon Larivee, dealer in dry goods, Montreal, is dead.

W. E. Potter, dealer in paints, Montreal, have assigned.

Montreal Waterproof Clothing Co., Montreal, have dissolved.

Muntz & Ingalls, manufacturers agents, Montreal, have dissolved.

A. Frigor & Co., manufacturers of biscuits, St. Henri, have dissolved.

J. Hoolahan, dealer in fancy goods, Montreal, demand of assignment made on him.

NOVA SCOTIA.

J. W. McCormick, Clements, has assigned.

C. Siefert, general storekeeper, Westchester, has assigned.

J. Monaghan & Sons, masons, &c., Halifax, Jas. Monaghan is dead.

R. A. Nisbet, dealer in drugs, Halifax, auction sale of stock advertised.

T. J. Weatherby, dealer in tinware, &c., Springhill, sold out Pugwash business to McLeod & Ross.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

F. Cassidy, dealer in dry goods, Chatham; sheriff in possession.

A New Railway.

THE first sod of the Calgary and Edmonton railway was turned at Calgary on Monday last by Hon. Mr. Dewdney, amid much enthusiasm on the part of the people. This important event marks a new era in the history of Calgary and the great territory of Alberta. The first great event in the history of that territory was the construction of the Canadian Pacific railway. The construction of the Calgary and Edmonton railway is a matter of little less importance so far as the territory of Alberta is concerned, than was the building of the great trans-continental road. While the Canadian Pacific crossed the territory from east to west, the new railway will open up the country from north to south. There is a grand country awaiting settlement between Calgary and Edmonton through which this road will pass, while the contemplated southern extension of the road from Calgary to Macleod will also be through an excellent country. The entire region north and south is a country where stock-raising, farming, dairying, etc., should reach the climax of perfection, while the territory is not without mineral and timber wealth, there being great opportunities in both of these industries. The road from Calgary to Edmonton will at once become the highway to the great Peace River country, and along this highway in time will flow the great commerce which will eventually be built up in these vast northern regions. THE COMMERCIAL wishes that the flourishing young city of Calgary and the rich territory of Alberta will gain every expected advantage from the construction of this railway. The business men of Calgary have worked hard for the road, and they are to be congratulated upon the movement now made to carry out their desires. The people of Edmonton and northern Alberta generally are also to be congratulated upon the fact that their isolation will soon be broken. Those who had the courage to go into these northern regions with the belief that the value of the country would soon attract settlement and bring in a railway to them, will soon have their hopes realized. Flourishing settlements will grow up all along the line of the railway, and general development may be expected to follow the building of the road.

The Far West.

THE COMMERCIAL has secured the services of one of the ablest writers in British Columbia, and hereafter the readers of this journal will be kept posted upon the commercial situation in the Pacific province, by a writer on the spot, who is in every sense competent to furnish interesting and trustworthy information, free from political bias and sectionalism.

Items About Trade.

Chase & Sanborn have advanced prices 1c on all their coffees.

The severe drought throughout the southwest has damaged the corn crop and is causing strength in this cereal.

Oats are stronger in the States owing to the damage from drought in the west. In Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Illinois the crop is said to be very poor.

The Watrous Engine Works Company of Brantford have received the gold medal and two certificates of merit from the Melbourne Exhibition held last year for their sawmill exhibited there.

The Toronto *Empire* of July 19 says: Most of the orders for foreign dried fruit have gone forward. They are larger than usual, and buyers placed them with more spirit. The past season has been a most satisfactory one to the local trade. All of them made money. The market is now bare, or almost so, while in former years there was usually considerable stock on hand. Prunes are now almost entirely cleared out, while it is probable that the market will be bare of currants, Valencia and Sultan raisins before the new crop arrives. Late mail advices give favorable reports on the condition of Valencia raisins and currants, and the reports of a poor crop of Sultanais are confirmed. The Smyrna fig crop will not be as good as was anticipated.

Berry Bushes.

The woods of Manitoba and the Northwest at present show a remarkable, delightful and interesting appearance on account of the wonderful profusion of berries that everywhere enriches the forest. The woods in every direction are purple with ripe, beautiful and delicious fruit; the bushes bending down beneath the load of berries that cluster every twig on every branch of every tree. The saskatoon is found all over the Northwest and extends to the north as far as the forest belt branches. The tree is clean, beautiful, without thorns, the leaves much resembling those of a pear tree, and in spring the saskatoon bushes add much to the beauty of the forest by the multitude of white blossoms with which the trees are beautified. When the buffaloes inhabited the country, saskatoon berries were much used in the manufacture of pemmican. The tree is one of the hardiest found in the country, and although it does not grow to a large size, it makes a beautiful shade tree owing to the delicacy of the leaves, the abundance of the blossoms and the profusion of fruit which it carries in good seasons. It is, however, doubtful if the berries could be improved by cultivation. The tree is in every sense a wild one, and the largest and best fruit is always found on bushes that grow in the shade.—Pilot Mound Sentinel.