

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

L. J. O'Leary, veterinary surgeon, Pickering, is dead.

J. McAleer, shoe dealer, Peterboro, is offering compromise.

Wm. Addison & Son, builders, Hamilton, were burned out.

P. Burns, coal and wood, Toronto, has assigned in trust.

Osborne Bros., boots and shoes, London, advertise to sell out.

F. Bornhald, shoe dealer, Berlin, has sold out to Buchaupt & Lauffer.

S. H. Pocock & Co., saw works, Hamilton, are removing to Toronto.

Scharlach & Co., manufacturers of cigar boxes, Hamilton, have assigned.

C. Gillespie, hardware dealer, Toronto, has sold out to J. W. Nichlin.

Christie, Brown & Co., biscuit manufacturers, Toronto, were burned out.

E. R. Martin, general storekeeper, Amherst Island, has assigned in trust.

R. W. Robinson, general storekeeper, Schomberg, succeeded by R. Y. Manning.

Albert Side, Jr., shoe dealer, Chatham; stock advertised for sale by trustee.

Williams & Ohlman, shoe dealers, Galt, have dissolved; G. L. Williams continues.

Jas. Noble & Son, gents' furnishings, Strathroy, has called a meeting of creditors.

H. C. Montgomery, dry goods, etc., Brantford, has called a meeting of creditors.

Wm. Croft & Son, fishing tackle, etc.; A. W. Croft admitted, and style now Wm. Croft & Sons.

Phillips & Agnew, dry goods, Toronto, have dissolved; W. R. Phillips continues as W. R. Phillips & Co.

A. E. Williams & Co., real estate agents, London, have dissolved; Turner retires and A. A. Campbell takes his place; style the same.

**QUEBEC.**

Jos. Lamarche, produce dealer, Montreal, has assigned.

Belair & Co., boots and shoes, Montreal, have dissolved.

Patterson & Allan, jewellers, Montreal, have dissolved.

Lymburner & Co., silverplaters, etc., Montreal, have dissolved.

A. B. Desrochers & Poitras, stone cutters, Montreal, have dissolved.

J. Boucher, general storekeeper, Drummondville, has assigned in trust.

S. Waddell & Co., railway supplies, Montreal; S. Waddell of this firm dead.

Mederic Bouchard, general storekeeper, Les Eboulements, has assigned in trust.

Bachand & Gauthier, general storekeepers, West Wickham, has assigned in trust.

**NOVA SCOTIA.**

H. H. Harrison, painter, Dartmouth, has assigned.

Jas. Harrison & Co., painters, Halifax, have assigned.

Rockwell & Co., musical goods, Wolfville, have assigned.

Anderson & Bill, general storekeepers, Liverpool, have dissolved.

Mrs. Wm. McDonald, dry goods, Dartmouth, is selling off at auction.

Squires Eldridge & Sons, general storekeepers, Sandy Cove, have assigned.

Black Bros. & Co., hardware, Halifax, have admitted Wm. M. Black as partner.

C. & W. Anderson, grocers, Halifax; C. W. Anderson has sold out to John H. and Gibson Anderson and W. B. McDonald.

**NEW BRUNSWICK.**

Geo. A. Blair, tailor, Chatham, is dead.

John K. Taylor, tailor, Carlton, was burned out.

Elias G. Langley, carriages, Peticodiac, was burned out.

Vaughan & Bros., iron dealers, etc., St. John, have assigned.

Holstead, Barnes & Co., general storekeepers, Salisbury, have dissolved.

**Underselling the Fellow Next Door.**

"Leisure is cheap at that chap's shop, Mr. Spicer," said a fellow-passenger in a Cambridge horse-car, pointing to the sign. "A superior lounge for \$5," in a furniture dealers window.

"That is rather tempting," replied the other, "but the fellow next door undersells him," and he directed attention to the baker's window, in which was the legend, "A family loaf, ten cents."—*Boston Bulletin*.

**The Population of Montreal.**

The census of Montreal just completed by the municipal officials gives a population within the city limits of 185,540. This figure, while exhibiting a most gratifying growth of population, is quite within the expectation of what the census would show, the extension of the city having gone on by leaps and bounds in the last five years. Since the last Dominion census taken in April, 1881, there have been annexed to Montreal the villages of St. Jean Baptiste and Hochelaga, and the population within the present city limits was at that time as follows:

	1871.	1881.
Montreal city.....	107,225	140,747
St. Jean Baptiste. ....	4,408	5,874
Hochelaga.....	1,061	4,111
Total.....	112,694	150,732

In this decade our population increased 38,038; in the last five and a half years it has grown by 35,000, or within 3,000 as many in about half the time as during the ten years 1871 to 1881. That most gratifying result has been due to two principal causes, the National Policy and the construction of the Pacific railway.

The suburbs, it is well known, have very largely added to their population in the last five years, and it is well within the mark to place it at 25,000 at this time, giving a population of 210,000 for the city and suburbs of Montreal. In fifteen years we have nearly doubled in population; the city will now rapidly increase of its own growth, and, with the maintenance of a commercial and railway policy that has given the whole country a marvellous degree of material development and prosperity, must in a few years become one of the first cities on the continent.—*Montreal Gazette*.

The Virden flour mill has been closed down, owing to the scarcity of grain.

The C.P.R. shops at Yale, B.C., have been destroyed by fire—loss \$100,000.

CHAS. PILLINO, of Brandon, is arranging for the formation of a stock company to start a creamery at that place.

W. A. PRIST, formerly clerk of the town of Portage la Prairie, has returned to that place from Ontario, and will open in the stationery business.

ABOUT 150,000 bushels of No. 1 hard wheat have been marketed at Emerson this season. The merchants of the place have enjoyed a very good winter trade.

It is thought a Government savings bank would be a great accommodation to the large number of men working on the C.P.R. in the mountains. Citizens of Donald, B.C., are agitating for a bank.

WHEAT was stiff at 62c at Brandon last week, and owing to the advance in prices, there was a more active movement. Oats were worth from 35 to 40c, the latter for seed. Pork brought 4c, and in one or two instances it was reported that a fraction above this price was paid.

E. H. H. STANLEY and C. E. Bagshaw have formed a partnership for the purpose of commencing in the general store business at Birtle, Man., under the style of Stanley & Bagshaw. Mr. Stanley's Arrow River business will be continued as usual by himself, and will have no connection with the Birtle enterprise.

AT Portage la Prairie 60c. is paid for wheat of good quality. Notwithstanding the advance very little is moving. Oats and barley are also very scarce: in fact there is none at all on the market, except at the oatmeal mill. Beef is worth \$5.50 per cwt; pork, dressed, \$4.50 to \$4.80. Potatoes are worth 75c per bushel; eggs, 25c per doz. and butter 18 to 20c per lb.

SHIPMENTS of grain to Europe from the port of Montreal during last year increased 40 per cent. As compared with 1885 the increase in the shipments of wheat, which was almost entirely American, arriving by the Welland canal and St. Lawrence route, was 64 per cent. and in corn 90 per cent. Shipments during 1886 were as follows: Total shipments of grain of all kinds, 17,000,000 bushels; of wheat, 7,000,000 bushels, and of corn, 4,500,000 bushels.

MANITOBANS are not the only ones who believe that the C.P.R. Co's. freight charges from this province to Lake Superior ports, are exorbitant. The *Montreal Trade Bulletin*, in comparing the tariff between Winnipeg and Port Arthur with the through rates, says: "The fact is, that from interior points in Manitoba, over a distance of 500 miles, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company has no fear of competition, and it grinds the poor Manitobans down to comparative serfdom, exacting from them the last fraction they can stand upon their produce, but as soon as it enters the competitive field, its views regarding more favorable terms, immediately expand to almost a first cost basis. This, however, is no consolation to the farmers in Manitoba who are without competition, and are consequently at the mercy of a monopoly. The rates should be more equalized."