

Business East. ONTARIO.

K. Urquhart, tailor, Lakefield, is dead.
James Skirving, physician, Tavistock is dead.
J. S. Holmes, grocer, St. Thomas, has assigned.
A. C. Hodge, grocer, Toronto, has assigned in trust.
Siles Shaw, grocer, St. Thomas, has assigned in trust.
Anderson & Co., tins, etc., Bothwell, have sold out.
John Kastor, hotel keeper, Stratford, has sold out.
L. A. McDonald, grocer, Creemore, has assigned in trust.
D. A. Johnson, harness, Ridgetown, has assigned in trust.
F. Nesbit, grocer, Toronto, has sold out to John Charters.
C. Greet's furniture store, Toronto, has been damaged by fire.
N. Weiss, hotel keeper, Stratford, has sold out to M. Brun.
John Gregor, grocer, Toronto, has sold out to W. Patterson.
Fitzsimmons & Bowne, grocers, Ottawa, have assigned in trust.
V. Tailfefer, general store, Cornwall, has assigned in trust.
E. S. Calkins, fruit dealer, Walkerton, has assigned in trust.
Joseph Mills, hotel keeper, Attwood, has gone out of business.
J. W. Lowe, general store keeper, Alexandria, has assigned in trust.
S. S. Kolfage, dry goods, Amherstburg, has sold out to E. Berube.
T. W. Stevenson, Orillia, has sold out his restaurant to N. Baker.
James Ross, publisher, Stratford, has admitted Geo. H. Chandler.
Fowler & Son, watches, etc., Clinton, have sold out to Robert Coats.
James Johnston, general store keeper, Corrie, has moved to Palmerston.
Leece & McDonald, general store, Woodville, have sold out to D. B. Ross.
H. A. Eastman, grocer, Toronto, is trying to compromise at 75c. in the \$.
A. Nelson, general store keeper, Dundalk, has moved to Manitowaning.
W. R. Tudhope, druggist, Huntsville, has sold out to C. Wattson & Son.
The sheriff is in possession of Bligh & Co., paints and oils, St. Catharines.
J. & C. Smith, wagons, etc., Drayton, has sold out to Peacock & Mitchell.
Cicero McConkey, grocer, Staffordville, is selling out to Leonard Johnston.
Jos. Strong, of the firm of Strong & Co., undertaker, St. Thomas, is dead.
The sheriff is in possession of Win. Mitchell's grocery store, Goderich.
Lewis Thorne, general store, Seaforth, the stock advertised for sale by trustee.
Bolger & Buckle, tailors, Stratford, have dissolved, Buckle will continue alone.
R. Wilson, soda water manufacturer, Kincardine, has sold out to George Wakefield.
Mitchell & Richards, tailors, Paris, have dissolved; W. D. Richards will continue alone.

Mrs. J. Bingham, hotel keeper, Brantford, has sold out the business to W. H. Thursson.

The stock of groceries and provisions of Thos. Sharp, Toronto, has been sold by auction.

A. G. Hannan, harness, Union, has gone to the United States; he will be succeeded by his father.

Pratt & Tracy, publishers, Stratford, have dissolved, Tracy retiring and G. A. Jamison admitted.

Rossie & Scott, millinery, Wallaceburg, have dissolved; the business will be continued by Scott & Nichol.

E. Robertson, Washago, has sold out his grocery store to Henry Robinson and will run the shingle mill himself.

Dickinson & Cranston, stationers, Woodstock, were burned out; and John Head, of same place, dry goods, slightly damaged.

Geo. Pitman and C. S. Nellis, tins and hardware, Port Rowan, have formed a partnership under the style of Pitman & Nellis.

Pratt, Henderson & Co., manufacturing agents, Toronto, have admitted T. Q. Quertemane into partnership, under the same style.

Morrison & Birmingham, glove manufacturers, Toronto, will dissolve partnership on the 1st of January, Birmingham retiring; the new style will be A. Morrison & Co.

QUEBEC.

Octave Bertrand, saloon keeper, Montreal, is dead.

McGarry & Morton, grocers, Montreal, have dissolved.

N. Marleau, grocer, Beauharnois, has assigned in trust.

P. A. Burget, grocer, Lauzon, is trying to compromise.

St Pierre & Frere, hotel keepers, Montreal, have dissolved.

C. Verville, hats, caps, etc., Valleyfield, has assigned in trust.

L. A. Filiatrault, general store, St. Sauveur, has assigned in trust.

W. W. Beckett, general store, Sherbrooke, has assigned in trust.

Eusebe Leveque, general store keepers, St. Paudel, has been burned out.

Duplessis, & Lemieux, trailers, St. Jean Baptiste Village, have dissolved.

Patrick Doran, undertaker, Montreal, the stock advertised for sale by bailiff.

Joseph Lavallee, general store keeper, Berthier en bas, has assigned in trust.

The estate of C. E. Delano, fancy goods, Montreal and Ottawa, has assigned in trust.

A. D. Ritchie & Co., lumber, Three Rivers and Lac a La Tortue, are trying to compromise.

Valpy, LeBas & Leseur, general store keepers, Grand Palos, have dissolved; the business will be continued by Valpy & LeBas.

NOVA SCOTIA.

T. W. Messenger, Kingston, has assigned.

A. McInnis, grocer, New Glasgow, is reported away.

John Hutt, general store, Port Hedway, has assigned.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Clift, Wood & Co., commission merchants, St. John's, Thomas Clifte of this firm is dead.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

James McMurry, liquor dealer, Black Brook, has assigned.

Duncan Bros., dry goods, St. John, have assigned.

THE failures in the United Kingdom for the week ending November 3, reported to *Keppel's Mercantile Gazette*, numbered 91, are compared with 170 and 226 in the corresponding weeks respectively of 1883 and 1882. England and Wales had 74 failures as against 152 and 209 in the weeks specified, Scotland 15 as against 15 and 12, and Ireland had 2 as against 10, 1883 and 6 in 1882.

Correspondence.

THE BIG WHEAT DEAL.

To the Editor of the Commercial.

SIR,—In your editorial last week on the "Big Wheat Deal" you were correct in your estimate of the philanthropy of the undertaking. Not much of that article can be expected from such a combination as the C.P.R., the Bank of Montreal and the new grain syndicate. The philanthropy of the C.P.R. is heard from daily through the men at the end of their track, who complain of being kept in a state of semi-starvation, and left in a condition of impecuniosity at the end of a hard season's work, through the peculiar pay manipulation of the Company's contractors. That of Bank of Montreal is about as good as that of other banks, which means the last dollar from the debtor should he starve thereafter.

The whole arrangement means that instead of lowering rates to all grain shippers the C.P.R. and the new Syndicate being one, will stand a little loss if necessary on the Big Wheat Deal and claim to be philanthropists, but make it up out of the extortionate freight now charged, thus taking money out of one pocket and putting it into another.

Your statement that you will give the combination credit for any advance they make upon the price of grain may be fair enough in one sense, but it is scarcely so to the grain dealers of this province who have sunk thousands of dollars in elevators and warehouses along the Company's lines, and who have not to compete with the very railway they are now shipping their grain over. On its very face this arrangement shows unfairness, and without the subterfuge of a philanthropic Syndicate resorted to, instead of lowering rates all round, the Company descends to a system of trickery not sanctioned by any precedent in the history of American railways.

But the policy of keeping up a feeling of discordance between farmers and other interests of this country may suit the C.P.R. The Company has every reason to fear a feeling of unity among the people of Manitoba. They can purchase cheap and pliant tools among supposed friends and readers of the farmers who will work zealously to prevent unity being reached. But perhaps the grain business of the Northwest is intended to be a monopoly like so many other things in this country, so it would only have been justice for the C.P.R. managers to have started this monopoly before enticing so many men into investing money in elevators and warehouses along the lines.

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