WOODSTOCK seems to have a somewhat live Board of Trade. It sat till one o'clock on Friday night.

THIRTY-SEVEN schooners, employing over 700 men, have already fitted out and sailed for the Banks this season from Lunenburg. Other schooners are being got ready as rapidly as possible, new ones are being launched every week, and business in this line appears to hum in this wide-awake Gloucester of Nova Scotia.—Yarmouth, N.S., Herald.

THE tailoring business of A. R. Morris & Co. is carried on at North Bay under cover of his wife's name. The stock has been mortgaged, and she makes an assignment.——For some years Abram Clegg made money in Peterboro by selling furniture. A little more than two years ago he became involved in a somewhat discreditable affair, and suddenly left the country. Since that time his brother has managed the business, but not successfully, and now Abram assigns.

THE surprising announcement came from Halifax on Tuesday last that the Burrill-Johnson Iron Co., for many years founders and machinists in Yarmouth, had ceased work and dismissed all hands. One story is that the works had not been earning profits of late; another is that Halifax shareholders want the works removed to Halifax.

A FIRE on Barrington street, Halifax, did $20,000 damage to Crowe's building and stock; the Acadian hotel and several other merchants; loss covered by insurance.

AT last week's meeting of the Halifax Board of Trade, between 30 and 40 members were present. A new post-office, discriminating freight risks, increased rates of marine insurance, slow delivery of city mails, were among the subjects discussed. The president and secretary were appointed permanent members of the Philadelphia Commercial Museum. No better indication is required of the interest now taken by Haligonians in their Board of Trade, than the fact that thirty new members were elected at the meeting.

TORONTO STOCK TRANSACTIONS.

Business has been more active, and the market has shown a better tone during the past week than for some time. The feature this week has been the advance in C.P.R. This stock closed last week at 89¾, but this week it advanced as high as 94⅝, and at the close brought 93⅞. The reason for this has been the large increase in traffic receipts during the first three months of 1899, and the prospect of an even greater increase on account of the activity in the west and the bright outlook for business there. Bank shares continue dull. The lowering of the rate of dividend by the Merchants' Bank from 4 to 3½ caused a drop in that stock, which closed at 169⅞. Electrics remain inactive. Commercial Cable shows an advance from 184 to 185⅜, selling to-day at the highest. Dunlop preferred is firm at 115. Toronto Railway lost some of the gain of last week, selling as low as 118⅛, but firmed up at the close and sold at 121. Republic Mining Co. was added to the list of mining stocks on the Exchange to-day, and was quite actively dealt in. It opened at 133, sold up to 134, closing at 133⅜. Among the other mining stocks, Crow's Nest is firm at 178; Payne has advanced from 152½ to 155; War Eagle and Cariboo both show losses, the former closing at 364⅛, and the latter at 136. Following are the transactions:

Ontario Bank, 10 at 128; Bank of Toronto, 15 at 248; Merchants' Bank, 81 at 169⅞-180¾; Bank of Commerce, 49 at 150-151; Imperial Bank, 5 at 214½; Dominion Bank, 227 at 267-267½; Bank of Hamilton, 1 at 191; Traders' Bank, 17 at 118¼-119½; Western Assurance Co., 50 at 164; Dominion Telegraph Co., 20 at 130; Ontario & Qu'Appelle Land Co., 100 at 62; Canada N. W. Land Co., pref., 61 at 52¾-53; C.P.R. Stock, 8,331 at 89¾-94⅝; Toronto Electric Light Co., 45 at 139-139¾; Canadian General Electric Co., 20 at 153; Canadian General Electric Co., pref., 105 at 107-108; Commercial Cable Co., 325 at 184-185⅜; Commercial Cable coup. bonds. $12,000 at 104¼; Commercial Cable, reg. bonds, $1,000 at 104¼; Crow's Nest Coal Co., 71 at 178-180; Twin City Railway, 110 at 71⅝-71¾; Payne Mining Co., 18,500 at 152¼-156; Empress Mining Co., 1,500 at 7; Dunlop Tire Co., pref., 225 at 113-116; Bell Telephone Co., 50 at 178; Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Co., 260 at 108½-110; Toronto Railway Co., 860 at 118⅛-121; War Eagle Mining Co., 23,750 at 363½-367; Cariboo (McKinney), Mining Co., 6,100 at 136-143; Republic Mining Co., 19,800 at 132-134; Canada Landed & National Investment Co., 8 at 101; Canada Permanent Loan Co., 24 at 110½; Freehold Loan Co., 20 per cent., 15 at 80; Imperial Loan & Investment Co., 19 at 90; Western Canada Loan Co., 25 per cent., 80 at 100.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, April 26th, 1899.

STOCKS.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Closing Prices. Sellers.	Closing Prices. Buyers.	Average, same date 1898.
Montreal	250	249	27	....	250	240
Ontario	....	....	....	....	....	103
Molsons	199	199	3	....	....	196
Toronto	....	....	....	....	....	....
Jac. Cartier	....	....	....	114	111	100
Merchants	182	173	114	180	....	170½
Commerce	151	151	210	152	149	136
Union	....	....	....	....	....	103
M. Telegraph	175½	175	138	175	172½	172½
R. & O. Nav.	110	108	625	109	108½	85½
Street Ry.	330	227½	975	331	330½	243
do. New	328	327	650	330	248	241½
Gas	207½	204	1450	206½	205½	176½
C.P.R.	94⅝	89¾	14757	94½	94⅜	77
Land Grant bds.	....	....	....	....	110	110
N. W. Land	....	....	....	....	50	49
Bell Tele.	178	177½	59	180	177½	....
do. New	....	....	....	....	....	....
Mont. 4% stock	....	....	....	....	....	....

—"And you have made Jim Jackson a deacon in your church?" "Yes, sah. Dat is, he's a brevet deacon, sah." "And what's a brevet deacon, George?" "He's a deacon dat don't handle no money, sah."—Pictures and Pencillings.