

Business East.

ONTARIO.

J. Thring, grocer, Parkdale, has sold out.
 F. J. Cross, soap manufacturer, Windsor, is dead.
 A. S. Colver, jeweler, Toronto; stock seized by sheriff.
 Robt. Spencer, tailor, Kingston; stock damaged by fire.
 John Noble, blacksmith, Markdale, has assigned in trust.
 Geo. S. Hobart, druggist, Kingston; stock damaged by fire.
 H. Simmon, dealer in clothing, Stratford, has assigned in trust.
 J. M. Wilson & Co., grocers, Ingersoll, have assigned in trust.
 J. W. Cuthbertson, dealer in tinware, Bothwell, has sold out.
 D. Bigley, hotelkeeper, Stratford, has sold out to E. Shipman.
 Isaac Lindsay, general storekeeper, Phelpsston, has assigned in trust.
 H. Hogben, restaurant keeper, Toronto, has been closed by landlord.
 J. A. Kirk of the Stratford Shoddy Mills, Stratford, was burnt out.
 Smith & Saddler, plumbers, London, have dissolved; Saddler retires.
 A. E. Fish, dealer in gents' furnishings, Belleville, has assigned in trust.
 The following were burnt out at Brampton:—
 D. A. McNichol, harness maker; Geo. Tait & Co., tailors; and L. Waldo, fruit dealer.

QUEBEC.

Jos. T. Denis, baker, Montreal, has assigned.
 Zephir E. Martel, trader, Montreal has assigned.
 Geo. Venner, merchant tailor, Montreal, has assigned.
 G. Reinhardt & Sons, brewers, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Robitaille Jacques & Co., grocers, Quebec, have dissolved.
 A. Tenny, general storekeeper, South Stukely, has assigned.
 Courteau Bros., cigar manufacturers, Montreal, have assigned.
 D. H. Rochon, general storekeeper, West Farnham, has assigned.
 Jacob Rosenthal, manufacturer of caps, &c., Montreal, has assigned.
 E. Jacot, manufacturer of watches, Quebec; damaged by water and smoke.
 McDougall, Logie & Co., paint manufacturers, Montreal, were burned out.
 Arnd & Arpin, manufacturers of boots and shoes, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Turcotte Cyprien, dealer dry goods, St. Gabriel Village, has assigned in trust.
 Mayotte & Sherwood, tailors, Montreal, de mand of assignment made on them.
 Bolduc & Co., Valleyfield mill, Valleyfield, have dissolved; T. Bolduc continues.
 Brunet, Laurent & Co., dry goods merchants, Quebec, stock damaged by water and smoke.
 M. O'Kane & Co., Mary Ann McKeown, wife of John O'Kane, Montreal, has ceased doing business under this style.

Commercial Traveller's Banquet.

On Monday night, December 27th, the North-west Commercial Traveller's Association held their annual banquet in the Grand Union Hotel, when the largest turnout of members and their friends since the birth of the association was made. One hundred and fifteen persons sat down to a sumptuous dinner, such as few caterers can place before their guests, while the large dining hall was beautifully draped and decorated for the occasion.

The chair was occupied by Mr. Thomas Johnson, president of the association, and Mr. J. J. Fanning, the vice-president, occupied the vice chair; while among the guests were Honorable Premier Norquay, Hon. C. P. Brown, Hon. Dr. Wilson, Alderman Pearson, Mr. Kenneth Mackenzie, president of the Board of Trade, Mr. J. H. Ashdown, Mr. G. F. Galt, R. J. Whitla and others.

Dinner being served and partaken of the President commenced the toast list with "The Queen," which was enthusiastically drunk the whole company singing the national anthem.

Chief of Police Murray then sang "Hearts of Oak" in fine style and was loudly applauded.

"The President of the United States" was next proposed and drunk, and in the absence of Consul Taylor, Mr. Joseph Mulholland responded in his usual humorous style, and was followed by a few remarks from Mr. J. E. Steen.

Mr. Doll, of Toronto, then favored the company with the song of "Old Black Joe."

The President proposed the toast of "The army, navy and volunteers," which was drunk with great enthusiasm.

He paid a high tribute to the gallant 90th, describing their eagerness to go to the front without waiting for any reinforcements, and illustrating their case with a very apt quotation from Shakespeare's King Henry V.—

"If we are marked to die, we are enough
 To do our country's loss; and it to live,
 The fewer men, the greater share of honor,
 God's will! I pray thee, wish not one man more."

No, faith, my coz, wish not a man from England:
 God's peace! I would not lose so great an honor,
 As one man more, methinks, would share from me,
 For the best hope I have. O, do not wish one more."

Mr. James Porter recited in a stirring manner the "Charge of the Light Brigade," and was followed by Capt. Whitla who responded in a spirited speech for the army and volunteers. Mr. Steen followed him with a short reply for the navy.

After Mr. Kelland had rendered the song "Sailing," Mr. Harden as an old volunteer paid a high tribute to the bravery of the boys who last spring marched to the front.

The president proposed the "Provincial Legislature," which was drunk with the usual "They are jolly good fellows."

Premier Norquay in a neat speech responded and took credit to the Legislature for having done considerable to further commerce by the liberal subsidy given last year towards branch railway construction. He was followed by the Hon. C. P. Brown in an apologetic strain, regarding some acts of the Legislature which were not endorsed by all men in trade. Hon. Dr. Wilson also replied briefly.

The toast of "The Mayor and Council of Winnipeg" was drunk and responded to in a pithy speech by Ald. Pearson.

"The Commercial and Manufacturing Interests" was the next toast, and was responded to by Mr. Kenneth Mackenzie, President of the Board of Trade, Mr. G. F. Galt, Mr. J. H. Ashdown and Mr. James Burridge.

Mr. Mackenzie contrasted the commerce of the city now, with the time, when in an eastern mercantile house, he worked 18 hours a day getting off goods to the then "Great lone land," a country he and other eastern men had only very hazy ideas about then.

Mr. Galt referred to the prominent part commercial travellers had not only taken in extending commerce, but in keeping it within safe and legitimate limits, and stated that in this respect the travellers of the North-west had done their duty well to themselves and their employers.

Mr. Ashdown expressed astonishment at the rapid growth of the Commercial Traveller's Association of the North-west, and thought it argued well for the growth of Winnipeg's trade. Being the pioneer merchant present he had watched the city's trade development since 1869, and was satisfied that it had been something extraordinary. Referring to assistance to commerce from our Legislature, he hoped they were only commencing that good work, and that they would give a stimulus to settlement in Manitoba itself, which would make a large commercial field there, without one having to go to the North-west Territories.

Mr. Burridge gave some interesting figures regarding the growth of manufactures in Canada during the past 35 years, and expressed the belief that Winnipeg must soon begin to take its place as a manufacturing centre.

The toast of the Sister Societies was responded to by Messrs. Doll and Thwaite, from Toronto, and a gentleman from Montreal.

"The Ladies" brought out an eloquent response from Mr. Thomas Gilroy, who was warmly applauded. He was followed by Mr. Joseph Mulholland in a short speech bristling all over with funny sayings, and tinged with a sorrowful alloy regarding the speakers' own bachelor loneliness.

After the toast of "The Press," the company sang "God Save the Queen" and "Auld Lang Syne," and brought to a close one of the happiest gatherings that has ever met in Winnipeg.

The following are the names of the new stations on the C. P. R. Southwestern, west of Manitou, with their distances in miles from Winnipeg:

stations.	miles.
Manitou.....	102
First Siding.....	114
Pilot Mound.....	125
Crystal City.....	130
Clearwater.....	135
Cartwright.....	145
Long River.....	156
Kil'arney.....	164
Little Pembina.....	170
Cherry Creek.....	183

The line will be open for general business on Thursday, January 7th, and a mixed train will leave Manitou on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings at 7.30 o'clock, arriving at Cherry Creek at 4.30 p. m. in the evening. A mixed train leaves Cherry Creek every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7.55 a. m. arriving at Manitou at 5:05 p.m.