

Business East. ONTARIO.

Nicholas Brady, hotel, Forest, has sold out.
George Lozar, hotel, Ridgetown, has sold out.
N. Thompson, butcher, Ridgetown, has sold out.

C. Froy, general store, Crosshill, has assigned in trust.

James Newell, wagons, Alvinston, has been burned out.

Isidore Beauino, grocer, Curran, has been burned out.

Walker & Son, tins, Highgate, have moved to Comber.

George Rowe, shoes, Herwood, has been burned out.

John Dawe, blacksmith, Mitchell, has assigned in trust.

M. McPhadden, tins, Sunderland, has assigned in trust.

H. B. Seely, saw and grist mill, Bardolph, has been burned out.

James Hamilton, general store, Uxbridge, has assigned in trust.

Barber & Leslie, gents' furnishings, Belleville, have been burned out.

The American Lumber Company, Toronto, has assigned in trust.

J. C. Hurst, dry goods, Brantford, has called a meeting of his creditors.

Edwin Chalcraft, stoves and tins, Woodstock, has removed to Brantford.

Samuel Raper, general store, Cedar Grove, has sold out to Hovey Bros.

Hewitt & Raymond, pianos, Brantford, are about dissolving partnership.

J. A. S. Stewart, publisher, Richmond Hill, has sold out to T. F. McMahan.

Alex. McMillan, knitting factory, Rockwood, has called a meeting of his creditors.

The premises of Angus McFee, jeweler, Belleville, were recently damaged by fire.

Octave Latremouille, dry goods and groceries, Ottawa, has called a meeting of his creditors.

The Union Supply Co., Toronto, have admitted Samson Bone into partnership under the same style.

QUEBEC.

F. X. Robert, grocer, Vercheres, is dead.

Charles DeVillers, general store, St. Ours, is dead.

Gauvin & Mailloux, Fraserville, have been burned out.

Louis Bethraune, baker, Montreal, has assigned in trust.

Jackson Bros., last manufacturers, Montreal, have suspended.

G. W. Moore & Co., tobacco, Quebec, have assigned in trust.

Sifroid Desjardins, general store, Chicoutimi, has assigned in trust.

P. Donovan, wholesale lumber, Montreal, is retiring from business.

Relit. Constantino, upholsterer, Montreal, has been partially burned out.

Pierre Bourdon, general store, Contrecoeur, will shortly remove to Lavaltrie.

Charbonneau & Co., confectionery, etc., St. Hyacinthe, have assigned in trust.

John Ferguson & Co., pulp manufacturers, Sherbrooke, have been succeeded by Symmes Bros.

Chapdelaine & Carlin, carriages Sorel, have dissolved. Arthur A. Chapdelaine, continues the business.

E. Bernier & Co, roofers, etc, Montreal, have admitted Pierre Leclerc as partner under the same style.

Gault Bros. & Co., wholesale dry goods, Montreal, have admitted Robt. W. McDougall and Leslie Hamilton Grant as partners under the same style.

Alex. McArthur & Co., paper, Montreal, have dissolved. J. Widmer Nelles, the special partner retires, and Alex. McArthur continues under the same style.

The Sheffield Hardware Trade.

The *Ironmonger* of January 5 has the following regarding the condition of certain branches of the hardware trade in Sheffield :

Sheffield manufacturers are this week suffering some of the inconvenience which arises from good-naturedly adhering to the old custom of employing their hands during the week preceding Christmas as long as they choose to work. This year the order books by no means justify the amount of work put in hand, and as a consequence there is something approaching a famine in many establishments now that the holidays are over. Few houses have sufficient unexecuted orders on hand to relieve them of their anxiety for the next few weeks, and unless there should be a sudden change in business the first month of the new year is not likely to prove very prosperous. A large number of cutlery, electroplate, and tool firms are fairly prosperous; tool firms are devoting the best part of the present week to stocktaking, and for the time of the year, stocks are in many cases found to be somewhat heavy, partly owing to the shortness of orders during the last quarter of the year, and partly through the desire to keep the hands employed as fully as possible. Some of the foundries and rolling-mills have not resumed operations, being still engaged on repairs to boilers, machinery, etc., and there is but small encouragement in the way of orders to push on the work. While the new year opens gloomily in the saw, file, cutlery, electro-plate, and some other portions of the edge tool trades, in a few smaller branches there is a better outlook.

The agricultural-tool makers are pretty well supplied with work, the orders for scythes, reaper-sections, and machine-knives are very promising; the garden tool firms report the receipt of a fair crop of orders, and shipping-lines for sheep shears are, so far, satisfactory. The mildness of the season dissipates the hopes of the skate-makers, who have barely booked any orders at all; but on the other hand the builders' and contractors' tools manufacturers and other dependents upon outdoor operations are reaping additional advantage. The preliminary business under the new patents act has been rather heavy in Sheffield this week. A large number of firms have been reserving their novelties and inventions for some time back until the new year, and ironmongers and other retail dealers may expect a heavy crop of circulars and novelties claiming their attention during the next few weeks. At Rotherham the retrospect is bad and the prospect but little better. In the stove-grate trade it may be

doubted whether the outlook is at all encouraging, as the Scotch houses on the one hand and the Birmingham on the other are cutting deeply into districts which used to be almost the preserves of Rotherham. This latter still has, however, abundant energy and great resources and advantages, and will not give up the trade without a severe struggle.

General Notes.

SUPPLEMENTARY letters patent have been granted to A. Harris, Son & Co. for the purpose of increasing their capital stock from \$250,000 to \$750,000.

A leading American Watch Company proposes to make dials numbered consecutively for twenty-four hours. The idea meets with popular approval, and applicants to patent this scheme in American have been refused.

The total yield of the gold mines of Nova Scotia during 1869, it is stated, was 14,800 ounces, the value being about \$300,000. The highest yield in any year was in 1868—27,314 ounces, and the lowest in 1874—9,140 ounces.

RECEIPTS of butter at New York in 1883 were 1,554,519 packages of which 386,228 were exported, against 1,339,901 packages received in 1882. Of cheese, 2,426,323 packages were received, and 1,957,958 exported, against 2,350,559 received in 1882.

Lager beer, which thirty years ago, was practically unknown, in the United States, is now made by 2,500 establishments in that country, with more than \$150,000,000 capital invested. The value of the production each year is said to be over \$200,000,000.

The Director of the United States Mint has informed Congressman Bland that there are between 5,000,000 and 6,000,000 trade dollars still outstanding. The remainder of the 35,000,000 originally coined is thought to have been exported or remelted.

The nominal capital of the various companies brought before the British public last year was much less than in the previous year, being only £35,801,500, against £84,391,047 showing a decrease of £49,089,547. The capital offered amounted in aggregate to £25,626,330, against £52,113,560.

A NEW departure in American railroad practice has been taken by the Gould lines, which are reported to be on the point of establishing a school of telegraphy for young men who are in the service of the companies, or who intend to enter it. This will have the effect of supplying this important branch of railway work with well-trained hands.

JOHN L. McMILLAN, who is making a type-setting machine in Illinois, N. Y., with which he expects to set 5,000 ems an hour, says that \$500,000 was spent on the Alden type-setting and distributing machine before it was given up as impracticable, and that \$1,000,000 was wasted on the Page machine, whose patent right was subsequently sold for \$10,000.

The firm of P. Lorillard & Co., New York, tobacco manufacturers, believe in sharing their prosperity with their operatives. Acting upon this belief, they distributed to their employees on last Christmas Day \$16,500, divided in proportion to the average earnings of each