

Business East.

ONTARIO.

John Williams, cooper, Toronto, is dead.
 Jos Hayneen, tailor, Prescott, has assigned.
 Moses Bilkey, trader, Ottawa, is selling out.
 A. Fisher, Stationer, Wallaceburg, has sold out.
 Wm. Olivor, hotelkeeper, Putnam, has sold out.
 — Murray, tailor, Pontypool, was burned out.
 H. Ray, hotelkeeper, Parkdale, has gone out of business.
 Geo. Walmsley, hotelkeeper, Simcoe, was burned out.
 E. White, machine shop, Pontypool, was burned out.
 B. Humber, dealer in picture frames, Berlin, has sold out.
 E. A. Sinasac, general storekeeper, Hurrow, has sold out.
 Wm. Dunlop, grocer, Simcoe, has sold out to J. E. Baxter.
 I. J. Zavitz, general storekeeper, Ridgeway, has sold out.
 Joseph Taylor, general storekeeper, Valens, has sold out.
 James O'Brien, flour merchant, Hamilton, has sold out.
 Louis Fortier, cigar manufacturer, Ottawa, has assigned.
 W. E. Hendersou, grist mill, Port Colborn, is selling off.
 J. P. Aryell, dealer in fruit, London; bailiff in possession.
 D. Craig, grocer, Walkerton, has sold out to E. Stenabough.
 W. F. Adams, blacksmith, Pictou, has assigned in trust.
 F. E. Black, jeweller, Wingham, has sold out to F. E. Gerster.
 Thos. Julian, harness maker, Prescott, has assigned in trust.
 T. A. Ellis, blacksmith, Culloden, has sold out to C. Walker.
 A. Williams, hotelkeeper, Lucknow, has sold out to T. F. Cain.
 Thos. Goodville, grocer, Brussels, has closed up and gone away.
 H. J. Morton, harness maker, Acton, has gone to Port Huron.
 H. Buschert, hotelkeeper, Fortwich, has gone out of business.
 Wm. Hall, dry goods dealer, Parkdale, is removing to Toronto.
 O. Barrett, general storekeeper, Port Rowan, has assigned in trust.
 E. Voglesang, button manufacturer, Berlin, has removed to Elora.
 H. Porter, grocer, Williamsford Station, has sold out to H. Mercer.
 C. Cornwall, Jr., implement agent, Colchester, has gone out of business.
 T. B. Dedrick, general storekeeper, Port Rowan; damaged by fire.
 M. Miller, hardware merchant, Peterboro, has sold out to Fortye Bros.
 Gilholm & Hogg, saw mill, Galt, have dissolved; R. Gilholm continues.
 Henry Cargill, general storekeeper, Cargill, has sold out to Keeling & Eby.

R. Grass, general storekeeper, Frankford, has sold out to Watson & Sarles.
 A. J. Corkindale, dry goods dealer, Picton, has compromised at 75c in the \$.
 Wm. Richardson, cheese manufacturer, Strathroy, has assigned in trust.
 John World & Sons, general storekeepers, Orilla, have moved to Goodwood.
 Wm. Prosser, auctioneer and livery, Leamington, has sold out livery business.
 J. F. Andrich, hotelkeeper, New Hamburg; intends giving up business May 1st.
 G. H. Atwill, dealer in dry goods, Ridgetown, was damaged by fire and smoke.
 Rice, Davidson & Co., jewellers, Toronto, have dissolved; O. A. Davidson continues.
 John S. McDougall, general storekeeper, Maxville; stock advertised for sale by assignee.
 F. R. Fechen, piano and sewing machine agents, Brockville, is offering to compromise.
 David Breeze, dealer in tinware, Peterboro; has admitted — Bain, and style now Breeze & Bain.
 Ostrom & Langman, dry goods merchants, Brighton, have dissolved; N. W. Ostrom continues.
 Miss M. Thompson, dealer in confectionery, Woodstock; has transferred business to her mother.
 C. M. Cawker, grocer, Bowmanville, has admitted John Allin as partner; style now Cawker & Allin.
 McSween & Campbell, dealers in groceries and drugs, Leamington, have dissolved; Wm. McSween continues.
 Newman & Ruston, manufacturing agents, Toronto, have dissolved; new firm formed—style Newman, Maitland & Co.
 The following were burned out at Nananee: —Hinch & Co., dry goods dealers; H. W. Perry, hardware merchant; J. J. Perry, druggist; Ed. Bowman, auctioneer; W. H. Brantou, grocer; Thos. Symington, grocer; E. Chinnick, jeweler; John Carson, harness maker; Mrs. Schryver, dealer in groceries.
 The following were burned out at Port Rowan: —Geo Pitman, hardware merchant; Mackenzie & Becker, dry goods dealers; P. F. Fick, hardware merchant; Geo. Stewart & Co., druggist; O. Larrett, general storekeeper; Misses Anderson, milliners; Mrs. Cowan, milliner; H. B. Wilkens, jeweler; F. A. Ellis, grocer; Thos. Gordon, blacksmith; W. D. Scott, tailor; Benjamin Pointing, butcher; J. Davis, furniture dealer.

QUEBEC.

Daniel C. Collins, grocer, Montreal, is dead.
 Isaac Bourgnignon, printer, St. Johns, has assigned.
 J. E. Labrecque, undertaker, Quebec, has assigned.
 D. King, hotelkeeper, Portage du Fort, has sold out.
 F. X. Latour & Co., grocers, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Brault & Co., dry good dealer, Sherbrooke, has assigned.
 J. B. Martel & Co., grocers, Quebec, are compromising.
 W. P. Wood, jeweller, Montreal; bailiff's sale advertised.

John Baird & Co., commissioners, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Jas. McDougall, general merchant, Three Rivers, is dead.
 Octavo Cossette, lumber dealer, Valleyfield, was burned out.
 J. Parizeau, general storekeeper, Belœil Station, has assigned.
 B. Broden, general storekeeper, River David, has assigned.
 E. C. Doin, dry goods dealer, Quebec; advertises his stock for sale.
 G. Chapleau & Co., manufacturers of safes, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Micheal Potvin, blocksmith, Granby, has called a meeting of his creditors.
 McGibbon, McCalman & Co., ginger ale manufacturers, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Gilmour, Renaud & Co., dealers in furniture, Montreal and Coaticook, have dissolved; Geo. Gilmour continues.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Powers Bros., general storekeepers, Yale, have assigned in trust.
 Young & Graw, carriage manufacturers, Chemainus, have dissolved.

NOVA SCOTIA.

C. Dwyer & Co., commissioners, Picton, have dissolved.
 Pattison & Knowles, hardware dealers, have dissolved.
 S. H. Murphy, general storekeeper, Maitland, has sold out to Everett Eaton.
 Pettigrew & Paradis, general storekeepers, St. Arsene & Isle Verte, are offering to compromise.
 Weir & Co., grocers, Halifax; H. V. Weir advertises that he will continue the business in his own name.

Exports and Imports.

A review of our foreign trade shows a very unfavorable prospective. The increase in our imports and decline in our exports is augmented with each succeeding month. The greatest shrinkage, both in volume and in the aggregate value, is in cotton, flour and grain. According to the entries in the returns of the New York Custom House, the imports of foreign merchandise (excluding the entries of goods in transit for interior points) exhibit a comparative increase over the preceding year of \$4,213,155, while the volume of exports of domestic merchandise falls behind that of January, 1885, by nearly \$9,000,000. The excess of imports over exports during the past month is thus \$6,252,960, whereas in January, 1885, on the contrary the excess of exports was nearly \$4,500,000. The specie movement was comparatively light, with a slight falling off in imports and \$1,100,000 increase of exports. The returns for the first seven months of the fiscal year beginning with July, 1885, show that the value of merchandise imported is nearly \$9,000,000 greater than during the corresponding period in the year previous; but a falling off in the specie movement leaves an increase of only \$2,690,000 in the full total. On the other hand, there is a falling off of nearly \$23,000,000 in the exports during this period compared with last year, and over \$20,000,000 in all classes of merchandise and specie combined.