

trade, but to their very existence. Indeed, that books should have been sold, at this distance from the source of supply, after paying duty, freights, insurance, shipping charges and cost of handling, at the same equivalent, in currency, of the sterling price—and the English publication price, in the main, being so reasonable, is an evidence of the slender profits the trade have hitherto been content with. Moreover, with the expansion of the trade, large and varied stocks have had to be maintained; rents and salaries have been increased; risks have been extended, greater intelligence required, and a ceaseless and ever-increasing demand, mental and physical, on the importer has been made—and all this, besides the advance of the British publishers, has rendered an increase imperative.

Were it necessary and had we space at disposal, we should like to make an extract from the letter of a very intelligent correspondent (a bookseller in Pembroke, on the Ottawa) supplementing our argument, drawn from the professional requisites and necessity of culture and experience in the bookseller, for a more liberal margin of profit. But we refrain; and we trust that the public may take no exception to the very reasonable advance which has been decided upon, and the necessity for which, is most vital to all interests. Where practicable, in the case of those books imported in large quantities and of special editions, the price will remain the same as hitherto; but, as a rule, all British books will be sold at the rate of thirty cents to the English shilling; and American books and reprints will be sold at their publication price *in gold*, or the currency equivalent.

MR. MATHEWS ON IMPERIAL RELATIONS. — Mr. Mathews of the *Mail* staff, of this city, has had published, with the joint imprimatur of Messrs. Longman & Co., London, and Adam, Stevenson & Co., Toronto, an earnest and thoughtful work on the connection and value of the colonies to the mother country. The work is entitled, "A Colonist on the Colonial Question," and a review of its pages will win for the author the credit of pains-taking industry, hearty patriotism, and if not far-reaching thought, — an amount of serious reflection which the importance of the subject under discussion and its prospective, if not immediate, interest to every Canadian, demands.

ITEMS.

NATIVE.

Mr. Johnston, C. E., of Ottawa, has issued the prospectus of his forth-coming map of the whole Dominion of Canada, from Newfoundland to Vancouver Island and the Northern and Western States. It is said to be compiled from the best data to be found in the Government Department, having its accuracy and completeness certified by the most competent authorities. Its size, we learn, is to be about 7 ft. x 5 ft.; and its price, \$10.

Messrs. Hunter, Rose & Co., have in press for early publication a native Copyright Edition of Mr. Anthony Trollope's new story, "The Golden Lion of Granpere." They have also been preparing an interesting work on the Niagara region, historical and geological, by an old resident of the District.

Messrs. E. A. Taylor & Co., of London, Ont., have ready their cheap reprint of Mr. T. S. Arthur's new temperance volume, "Three Years in a Man-Trap." The

author of "Ten Nights in a Bar-room," is equally earnest and effective in this new work, which promises to have a large and wide sale.

Mr. D. W. Beadle, of the "Canada Farmer" staff, has brought out an important work on the cultivation of Fruit, Flowers and Vegetables and their value for cultivation in our own climate. The work is entitled, "The Canadian Fruit, Flower and Kitchen Gardener," and it will be found a valuable contribution to native Horticultural literature, by an able and practical fruit-grower. The volume seems thorough in its treatment and has the advantage of a number of wood-cuts and coloured drawings. We commend it heartily to the attention of practical men, and with this volume we would direct the attention of farmers and grain-growers to the admirable pamphlet of Dr. Hurlbert on "the Climates, Productions and Resources of Canada," illustrated with coloured maps, showing the chief zones of the Grains and Grasses. The latter is published by Mr. Lovell, Montreal; the former by the author.

Messrs. Copp, Clark & Co. issue the first instalment of the Hon. Col. Gray's work on "Confederation; or, the Parliamentary History of Canada, from the Conference at Quebec in 1864, to the admission of British Columbia in 1871." The work is largely a compilation of the labours of the various Confering Commissioners, speeches, debates, &c., which preceded Confederation; but even of this character, the work has its value to the future historian and fact-hunter.

Messrs. Adam, Stevenson & Co., it will be seen from other paragraphs, are issuing in book shape the recent lecture of Mr. John Macdonald on "Business Success;" and a reprint of Earl Dufferin's "Letters from High Latitudes." They are preparing, for the next educational term, a text book on Algebra, from the pen of Mr. Jas. London, Dean of University College, which it is expected will be placed on the curriculum of the University and be authorized for use in the Common and High Schools of the Province.

ENGLISH.

Messrs. Cassell, Petter & Galpin issue a second edition of the second series of "The Cobden Club Essays." The volume embraces a collection of important papers on international, social and economic subjects which, by their able discussion, will excite the attention of all thoughtful minds.

Messrs. Macmillan & Co. issue an important volume of "Essays and Lectures on Political and Social Subjects," by Prof. Fawcett, M. P., and Millicent G. Fawcett.

Messrs. Strahan & Co. have ready Mr. Peter Bayne's historical drama in verse, "The Days of Jezebel," which is said by the critics to be a dramatic poem of a very high order.

Messrs. Longman issue Sir Edward Creasy's new work on "The Imperial and Colonial Constitution of the Britannic Empire, including Indian Institutions," which will be found an interesting study to our political men.

Messrs. F. Warne & Co. have just issued a new revised edition, embellished with 500 illustrations, of Prof. T. Rymer Jones' popular introductory work on zoology, entitled "The Animal Creation."

Mr. John Murray has just published a volume of the "Letters and Journals of Lord Elgin, late Governor-General of Canada, Viceroy of India, &c." Edited by Theodore Walrond, C.B., with preface by Dean Stanley.

Messrs. Edmonston and Douglas have brought out a second large edition of the translation of M. Taine's "History of English Literature," which is in much demand.

Messrs. Geo. Routledge & Sons have just ready, a new work by Mark Twain, entitled, "Curious Dream, and other sketches," which, no doubt, will be hailed by the admirers of this humourist.

Mr. John MacLaren, of Edinburgh, has issued the lectures delivered by the Rev. Dr. Rainy in reply to those of Dean Stanley on the Church of Scotland; and, we notice, that the professor has been presented with a testimonial, of the value of over three thousand dollars, a