

Very few British authors have ever acted in this way. The majority of them, when applied to, have always willingly given us their early sheets, and enabled us to republish the works here, and neither they nor us have been losers by the transaction.

It is apparently a sad thing to be "a Colonist," when a foreign author or publisher is permitted by an over dose of British generosity to thus lord it over us.

Yours, etc.,

GEO. MACLEAN ROSE.

25 Wellington St.,
10th Nov., 1884.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. ISLAND, }
October 29, 1884. }

Editor BOOKS AND NOTIONS.

DEAR SIR,—I am afraid I cannot say very flattering things for the past few months, although the prospect for a good fall trade is exceedingly good. Crops are greater than the average, excepting potatoes, and it is supposed prices will be good. I think our business men are now much more solid than ever before, many of them having gone through the crucible of purification, and having lived through the stagnation consequent upon the failure of the Bank of P. E. Island and other casualties, I am of opinion that when trade revives it will do so on a much more healthy basis.

Yours very truly,

T. L. C.

BRANDON, Oct. 28, 1884.

Editor BOOKS AND NOTIONS.

DEAR SIR,—I do deal quite extensively in fancy goods, but no stationery, as my nextdoor neighbour is in that line. Business here has been rather dull this summer, but is picking up now a little. We have three booksellers here just now, and all seem to make a pretty good thing out of it, but they all handle other lines as well as books, paper, etc. I can think of no news at present that relates particularly to the book trade. Wheat to-day dropped to 40c. per bush., and the ruling prices for some days have been 42 to 50c. for No. 1, but as there has been an immense yield this year I do not expect times to be so dull in the coming winter as they have been this summer. Some fields in this district have yielded 40 bushels per acre of good sound wheat. On the whole I think times will continue to improve here from this out. We have good prospects of an increased immigration next year.

Yours very truly,

N. J. H.

LONDON, Ont., Nov. 8, 1884.

Editor BOOKS AND NOTIONS.

DEAR SIR,—Books, stationery, and fancy goods are like all other goods up this way, slow! The late failure of James Campbell & Sons has affected several of the dealers, but I expect they will all weather through. This practice of accommodation notes is bad! When dealers begin to ask for it so largely as Jas. Campbell & Sons, then the trade should have made other arrangements. From all accounts the smallest dealer gave the most accommodation; for instance, one man buying \$400 worth of goods, and giving notes for \$1,800. The outcome

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