

publishing method of the new world, viz.: popular e litior, as cheap price, and a large sale.

Canada having grown up amid the cheap re-publication system of the American trade, and for thirty years having had her educational necessities and intellectual life fed, to a great degree, from this source—legally permitted, by Imperial enactment, in consideration of the circumstances of her position—it can occasion no surprise, therefore, that possessing industry, labour and enterprise, she is now desirous of manufacturing for her own demand, particularly as in doing so she has due regard to the author's interests,—nay, places him at an infinitely greater advantage with regard to both Canadian and American markets than is possible under any existing arrangement, while, at the same time, endeavouring to do justice to her own industry.

The measure just passed, it need hardly be added, is no selfish one on the part of the Canadian book-trade: neither would there have been any necessity for it had the English publishers adapted themselves to the wants and circumstances of a new people—bound to educate themselves and rise intellectually to the standard of older peoples at the most economical outlay their slender means can afford; neither does it do injustice to the author-producer, except as it may arbitrarily adopt a plan whereby an adequate remuneration shall be secured for the author, which will return him, if the Act have fair play, a royalty likely to bulk up more largely in the liberal per-centage from a large sale, than the English large per-centage from the limited sale; and that without cost of collection, or any publisher's levy for advertising charges, commission on sales, or the thousand and one items that qualify the financial result to English authors from the product of their brains.

COVERS FOR BINDING.

The publishers have issued a handsome cloth case for binding the completed volume of "THE CANADIAN MONTHLY" during the present month. The cost will be 40c., or by post free for 50c. City subscribers can have their volumes bound, including case, for 75c. The publishers will issue gratuitously with the July number an elegant tinted duplicate title-page, preserving the emblematic character of the magazine cover. Subscribers had better, therefore, wait receipt of this before binding the volume.—Let our friends help us in extending the circulation with the new volume.

THE NATIVE BOOK TRADE.

PREPARING FOR THE FALL.

THE Toronto wholesale houses are active in preparing for the autumn business, which, it is thought, will be large and important. The trade generally is healthy and active, and indicates increased prosperity, notwithstanding the advance in prices. All of the importing firms are represented in England this year. Mr. James Bain, jr., represents Messrs. Jas. Campbell & Son. Mr. H. J. Clark, of Messrs. Copp, Clark & Co., and Mr. Warwick, have been gone some weeks. Mr. Adam Miller goes about the middle of July. Mr. Adam, of

Messrs. Adam, Stevenson & Co., leaves this week, and is to be joined in London early in August by Mr. John Lovell of Montreal. Mr. Lovell, it is known, is not an importer but a publisher; but he goes to Britain with the purpose of conferring with English authors and publishers, in conjunction with Mr. Adam, on the subject of the new Copyright Act recently passed by the Dominion Legislature.

So much misunderstanding exists in England on this matter among the trade, and so little do authors and publishers know of the liberal concessions of the Act, that it is thought that before discussion arises there as to the merits of the Bill, accurate statements should be put forth in regard to its provisions, and a full and frank explanation made of the circumstances of our position in relation to the subject, in justification of the action taken by our Parliament. We trust these gentlemen may meet with success in their conference with the trade. Mr. Adam's purchases for his firm will be large and varied. The departments of the book trade are numerous; and each year shows a steady increase in all its branches. The retail trade of the country continues to grow very satisfactorily; and it is a matter for congratulation that the intellectual life of the young Dominion is not lagging behind in the race for material riches.

ITEMS.

NATIVE.

Messrs. Adam, Stevenson & Co. issue this month, with the imprimatur, also, of Mr. John Lovell, Montreal, Mr. Richard Lewis' practical text book on Elocution, with selections of the most choice readings in Oratory, Fiction, Poetry and the Drama. The work has been specially prepared for public readings, self-instruction, and for use as a manual for Schools and Colleges. Exercises and instruction for the cultivation of the speaking voice and for expressive reading and oratorical delivery are given in the work, which will be found an admirable text book on the subject of elocution.

They also issue in an elegant crown 8vo. His Excellency Earl Dufferin's graphic "Letters from High Latitudes," being an account of a yacht voyage of 6000 miles to Iceland, Jan Mayen and Spitzbergen. The sale, now that our new Governor General has taken up his residence in the country, will no doubt be immediate and large.

The first volume of *The Canadian Monthly*, in a handsome cloth case, is issued by this firm, and is undoubtedly one of the most important and attractive publications that has been issued from the native press. The contents of the volume are varied and interesting, the contributors are notable and prominent men, and the style of the contributions does credit to Canadian scholarship and culture. The publishers are indebted to Mr. James Campbell, wholesale bookseller, for the elegant emblematic design on the cover. Its chaste and appropriate character will, we are sure, be admired. Messrs. Hunter, Rose & Co., the printers of the Magazine, deserve a hearty acknowledgment of their mechanical skill and taste in the dress and execution of the periodical.

Mr. John Macdonald's eminently practical and important lecture delivered before the Young Men's Christian Association, on "Business Success, what it is and how to secure it," is one of the new issues of Messrs. A., S. & Co. It merits an extensive sale in its separate book form.