

thing, the possible profits are frittered away in so-called cheap editions, and I have yet to find the retail music dealer in cheap editions who has made anything out of them.

Then again as Canadians we have many disadvantages, in our imperfect copyright laws, as plainly shown in your sensible notice of the case of injustice to the Rose Publishing Co., and reprinted and commented on in the *Toronto World*: "BOOKS AND NOTIONS thus remarks on what it calls 'an anomaly,' but which would be better characterized as an outrageous wrong: ('The copyright law of Great Britain presents some very odd and, sometimes, unjust results. A case has lately come under notice. The Rose Publishing Co. purchased from E. P. Roe, the author of 'He Fell in Love with his Wife,' the right given him by law for the publication and sale of the book in Canada. So far so good. But Ward, Lock, & Co. purchased the English right and placed the book on sale here, thus depriving the Canadian publishers of a part of the market. There is no resort in such a case. Is it any wonder that we crave for the right to make our own copyright laws? Our contemporary draws it far too mild; stronger language would better befit the occasion. Canada's National Policy remains weak and incomplete until it includes our own national control of copyright—aye, and of many other things besides as well as of tariffs. Canadian free traders will have to recognize that in opposing protection they are really hindering the country's efforts to develop its independence, and are helping to keep it in a condition of submission and inferiority.") A great injustice is done to a Canadian publisher, who in buying a British Copyright for Canada, can do nothing, under existing laws, to keep out the original British edition. Also Canadians should have full power to make their own copyright laws, and as a nation receive and give the advantages offered by international arrangements of copyright and instead of our laws being made at Westminster, they should be made at Ottawa. There ought surely to be some stand taken by the trade in these matters and if carefully and firmly taken up, cannot fail to give many benefits and larger profits to all concerned.

Hoping to find that you will open a column of your valuable journal for the ventilation of views in matters pertaining to copyrights,

I am, yours truly,
GEO. H. SUCKLING.

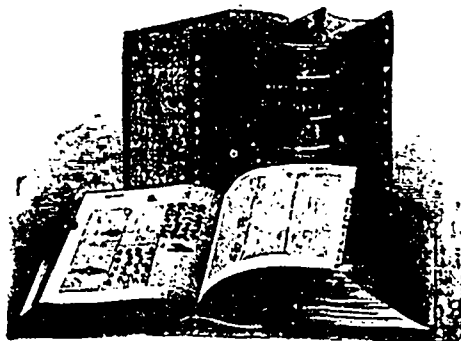
SIR,—I see by the last number of BOOKS AND NOTIONS that the District Association have requested the wholesale dealers of fancy goods not to sell to parties outside of the trade, nor to transient men who open stores merely for the Christmas trade. It is to be hoped they will entirely agree to this request. Would it not be well also, if it could be done, to prevail on the city to impose a heavy license on all church bazaars, raffles and auctions, which interfere, more or less, with legitimate trade. If poor men who peddle goods from door to door, are obliged to pay for the privilege, it is rather strange that rich organizations such as these should be permitted to ruin the trade of the city, while ignoring the burdens on which we are subject.

A YONGE STREET DEALER.

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