

ment journalist of that day, publisher of the *British Colonist* newspaper. At his death, which took place in December, 1853, the business was purchased by Thomas Maclear and W. C. Chowett, between whom a partnership was formed in February, 1854, and the business carried on under the style of Maclear & Co. In April, 1856, W. W. Copp entered the firm, and on the 1st July, 1857, the senior partner sold out his interest and withdrew. In July, 1861, the style of the firm was changed to W. C. Chewett & Co., and H. J. Clark was admitted as a partner. In 1869 the name of the firm was again changed—the then senior partner, W. C. Chewett, having withdrawn in April, 1865—to Copp, Clark & Co. In June, 1870, C. Fuller was taken into the firm, and at the same time the workshops over the store in King Street east being found inadequate for the increasing manufacturing business, the firm secured the premises now occupied by them for that purpose, Nos. 67 and 69 Colborne Street. In the early winter of 1873, their wholesale trade having grown to large proportions, and demanding more attention than they could give it, in conjunction with the retail, they determined to dispose of the latter, which they did, to Hart & Rawlinson, and thenceforth have confined themselves to a wholesale trade, first at 47 Front Street east, and for five years past, at the fine warehouse now occupied by them, No. 9 Front Street west.

While the style of the firm has changed, as will be seen, the practical men have been the same, Mr. Copp having been connected with the business for more than forty years, Mr. Clark more than thirty years, and Mr. Fuller more than twenty years. The first named takes charge of the financial interests of the firm, the second the general superintendence of the whole business, and the third the management of the workshops, and H. L. Thompson of the wholesale department. In the workshops the staff employed varies from eighty to one hundred, while about twenty hands are employed in the warehouse. The change into an incorporated company and the apportioning of stock to three deserving employes makes a change that is worthy of note.

THEN AND NOW.—The business begun by the late Wm. Warwick, thirty-five years ago, in the town of Woodstock, has grown from the small local establishment then established, later a branch in Stratford, till now, when a change in the firm takes place by the admission of George R. Warwick, it occupies a foremost position amongst the business houses of Ontario's commercial capital, Toronto.

The removal from the original location was a necessity for a man of the eager, pushing temperament of the founder of the house, and so the change was

made, and shortly after, in addition to the regular business of a wholesale stationer and bookseller, he added that of publishing school books and other works. In 1869 a bindery was added. This branch of the business has increased very much, until it became necessary—the firm being appointed bookbinders to the Ontario Government, and adding largely to its general work—to purchase the most improved and complete machinery to be had, the bindery now being fully equipped in all its parts.

In 1880 Guy F. Warwick became a partner, and on his father's death, the same year, he succeeded him in the chief control of the business. On the 1st inst. his brother George was admitted a member of the firm, which now bears the name of Warwick & Sons.

The new partner has had a fitting training for the post he now occupies. Commencing at the lowest place in his father's warehouse he worked up through the different grades, spending the last couple of years "on the road." He has thus become acquainted with a large number of the trade, being one of the few who has visited the Pacific Coast (British Columbia) in quest of business.

A NEW IDEA.—We are in receipt of a catalogue * which is so original in its design as to merit particular notice. The manager of the Willard Tract Society, from an intimate knowledge of the contents and wants of Mechanics' Institutes and kindred libraries, and knowing that those who select the books are often at a loss what to buy, has conceived the idea of arranging a list of books, not in the ordinary every day catalogue, for their guidance. The aim has been, while avoiding anything that might be considered strictly religious, to give the names of books and authors that have a tendency to elevate and improve the human race. The list does not embrace such novels as those of Sir Walter Scott, and others of great note, but gives those who in the by-paths of literature add to the information and improvement of the reader. At the same time some of the names are so well known as to naturally suggest themselves to the enquirer. Emily E. Holt's series of "English Life in the Olden Time," and the "Golden Ladder Series," are well known, while such names as Dr. Macaulay, Editor of *The Leisure Hour*; R. M. Ballantyne, W. H. G. Kingston, Jackson Wray, Grace Stebbing, and Dr. Gordon Staples, are to those acquainted with the good literature of the present day as household words.

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