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**TENNYSON'S POEMS.**—We direct attention in another column to the advertisement of Macmillan & Co. of London and New York, of the various new editions of Tennyson's Poems. Over a year ago Macmillan & Co. acquired the English Copyright of Tennyson's Poems, and now they announce that they have purchased the Canadian Copyrights held by Dawson Bros. of Montreal. Macmillan's will now be the only complete and authorized editions that may be legally sold in Canada. They have brought out a number of fine editions from the popular 12mo, to the elegant library edition in seven vols. They are all beautifully printed and the Canadian Trade will be pleased to have a complete edition that they can legally handle.

**EARLY BUYING.**—Both in the *The American Stationer* and in *Geyer's Stationer* there are articles on the negligence of retailers buying goods early enough, and at the last moment sending in their orders only to be often disappointed.

No such complaint can be made in Canada. On the contrary, the Retail Trade is protesting very strongly against the system adopted of soliciting their orders too early.

This will form one of the subjects of discussion at the forthcoming Convention.

**ONTARIO BOOKSELLERS' ASSOCIATION.**—The first Annual meeting will be held in Toronto on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 4th and 5th of August.

The first session will commence at two o'clock on the 4th, another session in the evening; and one in the forenoon of the 5th.

On Wednesday afternoon it is the intention of the Toronto Trade, booksellers, stationers and fancy-goods dealers to give an invitation to all members of the Association and their ladies to have a sail on the Lake. A boat will be chartered for the occasion, and with light refreshments, pleasant music, and the happy intercourse of men of the trade from all parts of the Province, it is to be surmised that a delightful afternoon will be spent. Of one thing we can assure the members, nothing will be left undone by the Toronto Trade to make the occasion a pleasant one.

Of course those Toronto dealers who are not already members of the Association, as well as those outside the city, will by joining the Association be come entitled to all the privileges of the Convention. Our lady newsmen will, we hope, take part with us.

**HOW THE CONVENTION WILL BE CONDUCTED.** The Executive Committee propose that when men go to the expense and trouble to come to Toronto (though it may be considered that they will have plenty of time to buy goods) they shall not come for nought. Arrangements are being made to discuss practical subjects on matters connected with the trade, such as: The policy of buying goods six months or more in advance; the question of buying net or long prices with discount off; necessity of uniformity in price. &c.

Each subject will be opened by a speech of about 20 minutes by some man well posted in the subject—to be then left open for discussion.

This should be of great benefit particularly to those new in business.

A Constitution will be framed which will state explicitly the aims and objects of the Association. Any crude early legislation, if such there was, can thus be amended.

One of the most important matters, as far as a first year of an organization is concerned, will be the question of local branches in cities and towns. In fact, the Association will not be properly complete and in working order until every such place has its working branch and many other practical topics.

**THE OUTLOOK.** How about the future? Will the Provincial Association of Booksellers be a success, or like a former attempt, prove a failure? As far as the