

## TRADE CHAT.

T. F. Knight, stationer, Yarmouth, I. S., has assigned.

Trudel & Demers, stationers, Montreal, have dissolved partnership.

The Montreal Paper Co. now consists of T. P. Bishop and James C. Blisset.

Mr. Richard Brown and Dr. Briggs have returned from trips to the other side of the pond.

Mr. J. T. Perrott, manager of the Barber & Ellis Co., has been on a trip to the Pacific coast.

George William Curtis, late editor of *Harper's Weekly*, and once prominent in U. S. politics, is dead.

Thomson Bros., booksellers, Vancouver, are losers by a fire in Calgary, where they owned some buildings.

Mr. J. T. Day of Quelfh was in town a few days ago. He professed to be buying goods and looked to be very busy.

The New Westminster Board of Trade has been considering the advisability of establishing a paper mill in that western city.

The wife of Mr. H. P. Davies died a few days ago while her husband was in Europe buying for next year's sporting goods trade. Mr. Davies had been married but two years.

A considerable addition is being made to the Lachute paper mills. It is intended to put in another machine, which will give work to some thirty additional hands.

The booksellers in Hamilton are lessening in number. Hunter, Grant & Co. are said to be liquidating their affairs, and Messrs. Midgely Bros. are going to confine themselves entirely to their printing trade.

The report from Quebec that the Canada Paper Co. has purchased the pulp mill at St. Raymond and intended to start a paper mill there is denied by the company's managers as being altogether foundationless.

The Methodist Book Room have had their retail store renovated and decorated, and it is now more handsome than ever. Messrs. Solomon and Anderson are to be in the house during the exhibition period in order to receive all outside dealers who may visit the Book Room.

Messrs. Perry & Co., Limited, steel pen makers, of London and Birmingham, have determined to pay an interim dividend on the ordinary shares for the past half year at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum. The half-yearly dividend on the 5 per cent. preference shares will be as usual.

A Brantford, Ont., despatch says: Mrs. Cotes (Guthrie Grafton) has arrived here from India on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Duncan. She states that she will shortly publish a book on "Life in India," and her visit is believed to be partly connected with its disposal. She is better known to booksellers as Sarah Jeanette Duncan.

The Ottawa Free Press very foolishly says: City booksellers who deal in school books and other public school requisites are feeling rather blue. A recent change has been made in several of the drawing books, histories, etc., which will leave a very large stock in many cases to be sold off for what they will fetch. Some of the books

now made obsolete have only been in use some four years.

The Art Lithographic Publishing Co. have issued a very beautiful catalogue of their Christmas cards, gift books, and booklets. In itself it is a beautiful production of printers' art, and contains lists of goods which have an excellent reputation in Europe and in America. For freshness of design and beauty of execution, their work holds a high rank. Messrs. Geo. H. Evans & Co., 13 Wellington East, are sole agents for Canada.

Mr. G. E. Bryant of Warwick & Sons has returned from a very successful trip in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. He reports trade exceptionally good as far as the Rockies. Manitoba people are jubilant over the quality of the grain harvested this season, and trade prospects in that Province are brilliant. While in Winnipeg he had time to visit the exhibition, and says it was the best stock show he ever saw without exception and one that the country should be proud of.

The latest despatch received by the Dominion Government from London with respect to the copyright question shows that the copyright act passed by the federal parliament two years ago and reserved for the assent of the Imperial Government has become a dead letter, owing to the failure of the home authorities to confirm it within two years. Lord Salisbury in his latest despatch insists that the Canadian Government must now adopt the United States Government's view of the international copyright question and grant copyright to American authors applying therefor.

A collection of rare and ancient books has been sold by auction in Vancouver, B. C., very recently. Among them was a copy of plates from many of Hogarth's pictures, which show very fine art in engraving and are well preserved. Original copies of Addison's *Spectator* are of rare interest, as are also the more modern ones. There were a host of other books, all old and many of them most unique in binding and print. Several of the author's editions were among the lot, and these without correction or amendment make the works of especial value.

A fire broke out about 3 o'clock on the morning of the 27th of August in the American Rattan Company's building, on Niagara and Tecumseh streets. The building was a very large one and extensively used for manufacturing purposes, but the fire gained so much headway before the firemen arrived on the scene that it was almost completely destroyed. When the fire brigade arrived the general alarm was sounded. When all the reels arrived they succeeded in confining the fire to the three upper flats, but the lower flat was much damaged by water. The most of the wood-working machinery was saved, being on the lower flats. The building is owned by the Kennedy Power Co., who rent it to the Rattan Co. The insurance on the machinery is \$3,000, on the stock \$11,000, and on the building \$12,000. The loss is not covered by insurance, it being in the neighborhood of \$40,000.

"Though last, not least" seems to be the motto for Warwick & Sons' fifth annual excursion and picnic, which is arranged to be held at Lorne Park on the 3rd Inst. About 350 of the employees and their friends are expected to participate, and judging from our

experience of similar events in the past there will be a very enjoyable time if the weather is propitious. An excellent string band has been engaged, an attractive program of games prepared, and as the firm bears the expense of the excursion and prizes, and will be present to see that everybody is happy, the prospects of a grand outing are brilliant. Messrs. J. I. Robertson, Jas. Murray, Jr., and C. Johnson, who are the standing excursion committee, are experienced in the art of arranging successful and satisfactory parties of this nature, and are sparing no trouble to "beat the record" this time.

In the office of Mr. A. G. Parmelee, Commissioner of Customs, one morning last month, that gentleman and Mr. Jessop, the appraiser, might have been seen listening gravely to the pleasant music of two harmonicas—mouth organs, as they are commonly called—played upon by two business men from Toronto, George W. Royce, of Whaley, Royce & Co., and J. W. Lester, of W. H. Bleasdel & Co. These two gentlemen went to Ottawa and made music upon the harmonica in order to prove to Mr. Parmelee that it is a musical instrument. Hitherto mouth organs, of which several thousand dollars' worth are imported every year into the Dominion, have been classed as toys, and a duty of 85 per cent. exacted upon them. Hereafter, as a result of the interview, all mouth organs of sixteen reeds or more will be classed as musical instruments, upon which the duty is 25 per cent. A reduction was also obtained in duty on cases for violins, clarionets, guitars, and other instruments, which have heretofore been classed as grip-sacks and valises. They will still pay 35 per cent., but the specific duty of 10 cents is struck off. Another matter which was discussed but not disposed of finally was a proposal for the reduction of the duty on metal for plates upon which music is printed. This now pays 35 per cent., while engraved plates ready for printing pay only 25 per cent.

## MAGAZINES.

Two Tales for Aug. 20th contains A Net of April Fishes, by Elizabeth Cavazza, and Two Nights in the Wilderness, by W. Thompson.

With each copy of Demorest's Magazine for October a reproduction of the latest picture by Mrs. Harrison, the wife of the President, called A White House Orchid, painted from an orchid grown in the White House, will be presented to every buyer.

The September number of The Art Interchange is more than usually attractive. It has an entertaining biographical sketch of the famous young American sculptor, Paul Bartlett, with illustrations of some of his works. Among these is the celebrated "Bear Tamer," which is in the Art Museum in New York. A new department—"Views by Her"—is exceedingly clever. The writer, whoever she is, understands art topics, and she has a lively way of poking fun at those who don't. Is she quite right, however, in saying that patriotism has nothing to do with art? This is, at least, an open question. Current art events are intelligently touched upon, and there are some uncommonly good reviews of art books. A curious article on