

unanimously. The following directors were elected: J. C. Macintosh, Thomas Ritchie, Edw. Stairs, George E. Faulkner, F. H. Oxley; the first-named is the only member of the former board. In the financial statement issued by the company \$1,750 was set down for directors' pay last year; it was moved in amendment that this be made \$500, which was voted down, and a motion carried to make it \$1,000. The new directors were authorized to receive proposals, if thought expedient, for the disposal of the business.

Messrs. H. Shorey & Co., of Montreal, adopt the shrewd plan of making their announcement for the fall, that "Our representative will have the pleasure of calling upon you with samples of our manufactured clothing," on the back of a cabinet photograph of the Premier of Canada. And the portrait of "The Old Man" is good. The curly hair; the alert, good-humored look; the "administrative nose" (according to Fowler & Wells, or perhaps to Lavater) almost as large as *Grip* pictures it, are all there. There, too, is presumably the red tie which his organs say Sir John Macdonald always wears when he comes up to occupy the red parlor at the Queen's.

Messrs. Wm. Kennedy & Sons, founders and machinists at Owen Sound, are importing a heavy and expensive piece of machinery from Hamilton, Ohio. A turning and boring mill, weighing 22½ tons, will be added to their plant. The stone foundation, made necessary by the great weight of the machine, is being laid.

#### BOOKS AND STATIONERY ITEMS.

At Edinburgh, on the 5th inst., a bronze statue of William Chambers the *litterateur* and author, founder of the publishing firm of W. and R. Chambers, was unveiled by the Lord Provost.

A "reputashun," said Josh Billings, "once broken, may possibly be repaired, but the world will always keep their eyes on the spot where the crack was."

Next to acquiring good friends, the best acquisition is that of good books.

The News-agents' and Booksellers' Union, of Great Britain, appears to be doing good work. At a recent meeting the chairman called attention to the fact that the last issue of the *English Illustrated Magazine* contained, among other extraneous advertising matter, Mr. Quaritch's bookselling catalogue, which extended to forty pages, and thus increased the weight of the magazine, thereby saddling the newsagents with a corresponding increase in the amount of carriage they had to pay upon their consignments. So the secretary wrote to the publishers of this magazine, Messrs. Macmillan & Co., who replied that the heavy catalogue mentioned was inserted "through inadvertence," and that it should not occur again. A well-known Midland bookseller tells the *British and Colonial Stationer* that from his parcel of March magazines, weighing twenty-four pounds, he removed no less than three pounds of superfluous advertising sheets, and in another case he took a quantity of samples of ladies' dress materials from a journal.

That a London magazine should be edited from Scotland is curious enough; that the editor should reside in Glasgow makes the fact all the more wonderful. James Payne in the case of *Chambers' Journal*, and W. E. Henley in the case of the *National Observer*, have satisfactorily proved that such a feat can be very well done from Edinburgh, but then Edinburgh is Athenian in many senses, while Glas-

gow is Philistine, foggy, and vulgarly commercial. Yet Dr. Donald Macleod, the editor of *Good Words*, lives and labors beside the Clyde. He has a genial presence and a strong personality. As one of the Queen's chaplains he has frequently preached at Balmoral, and is a great favorite with Her Majesty. He has been an athlete in his day, and he still sings a comic song with wonderful unction.

On the 19th March, an international exhibition of the paper, printing, stationery and fancy goods trades was in progress in London. There are a number of exhibits of very great interest, and some of them have not been before shown to the trade, notably the improved Linotype machine, the new style of the Winder composing machine, and the Thorne type-setting and distributing machine. Oldfield's newly patented multi-color printing apparatus is there. The "Winder" type composing and distributing machine is now in operation. The machines compose pica and bourgeois type, with minor composers beside them for italics and small caps—excessively simple in appearance and decidedly interesting to practical men.

Customer—"I'll give you a dollar for that book. That's every cent it's worth." Clerk—"I—I—" Customer (interrupting)—"A dollar, or nothing." Clerk—"Very well, sir. Thanks. Cash! I was trying to say that the retail price of the book was 75 cents, but you wouldn't allow me to."—*Yankee Blade*.

It has been for some time felt that it was desirable to form a booksellers' and stationers' branch of the Toronto Board of Trade. The first meeting of city firms to take action in furtherance of this project was held on 16th ult. Then on the 23rd March the Wholesale Booksellers' and Stationers' Section formed, with eleven members, representing the following firms:—Warwick & Co., Copp, Clark & Co., W. J. Gage & Co., C. M. Taylor & Co., The Willard Tract Society, The Methodist Book Room, The Toronto News Co., The Rose Publishing Co., Buntin, Reid & Co., The Barber & Ellis Co., Brown Bros. The officers of the section are: W. W. Copp, chairman; Rev. Dr. Briggs, vice-chairman; Edgar A. Wills, secretary. The executive are: Messrs. W. W. Copp, Dr. Briggs, G. F. Warwick, W. J. Gage, Richard Brown.

The *New England Magazine*, which has already given much attention to Canadian people and affairs, has in its April number an article on contemporary Canadian art and artists, by the same Mr. Harte to whose previous articles on Canadian authors we have referred.

#### INSURANCE NOTES.

Bradford is going to have a new steam fire engine and has expressed a desire for electric lights.

The jury in the Hess Brothers' factory fire inquest at Listowel, gave a verdict "that the fire was caused by a criminal and villainous act of incendiarism by party or parties to us unknown."

The winter game of hockey on the ice is one that has made great strides into popularity within a year. In this city not only the gilded youth but the common school boy can be seen, hockey-stick under arm; the bank clerks play the game; the Canadian army as represented by the Infantry School play it; the Granite, the Victoria, the Prospect Park rinks have all witnessed exciting bouts of it during 1890-91 before crowds of spectators. What wonder, then, that insurance men indulge in it? We

observe that in Montreal last week, late in the season as it was and soft though the ice, an exciting game of hockey was played between teams of the London and Liverpool and Globe Insurance Company and the Guarantee Company of North America, the former winning, after good play, by a score of four goals to three. The teams were as under: L. L. & G.—Samuels, goal; Sills, point; Leishman, cover; Fenwick, McCrobre, Hardle and Paterson, forwards. Guarantee—Connors, goal; Dobbin, point; Fenwick, cover; Carters, Rankin, Chadwick and Thompson, forwards.

It is stated by the *Chatham Planet*, respecting the delay which is alleged to have taken place at the recent McKay fire in that town, that no blame can properly attach to the firemen for it. An arrangement exists whereby the fire bell is to be rung by George Young, jr., in case of a fire, but this was not done on that day, and the "call men" did not know of the fire. It seems also that when the teamster drew the engine to the scene of the fire he was afraid, from the appearance of the snow, that it would be unsafe to draw the engine down to the wharf. This led to some delay, as he went away with his team and left the engine on the crown of the hill. Another arrangement has been made by which the bell will be rung without fail in future.

The President says: "A navy is the best guarantee against war; it is insurance." What the navy needs just now is accident insurance.—*Philadelphia Record*.

On the subject of life and endowment assurance for clergymen, the *Christian Standard* says: "From twenty to fifty is the time to save for the future. Usually health and strength and general surroundings are better during this period than any other, and a man can economize in many ways if he will. He is strong then, and can bear heavier burdens, and bear them easier than after a while, when he is old and the world seems turned against him. Now is the time to prepare for the future. Do not wait until it is too late, and then spend years in regretting your neglect. Let us help the older brethren all we can, who when they were young, were deprived of these privileges, but at the same time let us use the opportunities God has placed within our reach, and guard against the need of any such help for ourselves thirty or forty years hence."

At Queensferry, near Hawarden, recently, at the works of Messrs. J. Turner & Co., chemical manufacturers and tar distillers, a still charged with ten tons anthracene oil, exploded with terrific force, owing to the choking of the worm, and shot a volume of flame skyward that was visible ten miles off. The burning oil scattered itself over the yard and set fire to the pitch house adjoining, where hundreds of tons of pitch were stored. The Sandycroft Fire Brigade was promptly on the spot, and, by using ammonia water from a 50,000 gallon tank, they subdued the fire in an hour and a half.—*Journal of Gas Lighting*.

—A commercial traveller coming from the Michigan Central Depot gave away the secrets of the profession in conversation with a friend on a street car, says the *Detroit Free Press*. "Most travelling men," he said, "have little schemes of their own that they work to defray incidental expenses. My strong point is dealing in Canadian coins. My territory is in Ohio, and in all Ohio cities and towns Canadian coins are discounted twenty cents on the dollar. Twenty-five cent pieces pass for twenty cents, and half dollars for forty cents. I have \$20 worth of quarters and halves in my satchel now that I bought in Toledo for \$16. In Detroit I use them to pay hotel and cigar bills and realize their face value."