

gan suits, introducing the well-known features of Lord and Lady Lansdowne, is a creditable piece of work.

**NEW COMPANY.**—Notice has been given of an application for a charter of incorporation, for *The Canada School Journal Printing and Publishing Company*, with a capital of \$10,000. The applicants are Edwd. Westhead Arthy, Supt. of Schools, Quebec. Herbert C. Creed, Master of Normal School, Fredericton, N.B.; Wm. James Gage, Printer and Publisher, Toronto; Jas. L. Hughes, Inspector of City Schools, Toronto; Jacob Martin Kennedy, journalist, Toronto; John Lanyon Robertson, journalist, Toronto; Joseph D. Seaman, Charlottetown, P.E.I., School Teacher.

**CHARMING.**—Handsome engravings, good paper, and typographical work as nearly perfect as can be, make the Christmas number of *The Publisher's Weekly* the finest number of a trades journal imaginable. A book of 200 pages full from cover to cover with illustrations from the various holiday works, and letter press of great interest, it becomes an added volume to our library, and no mean one either.

### PERSONAL.

**MR. JOHN F. ELLIS**, manager of the Barber & Ellis Co., left for England on the 24th ult. As he has the knack, when away from home, of picking up something new and good for the Stationery trade, we may look for some attractive novelties on his return.

**MARRIAGE.**—In Brandon, Man., on 13th November, Mr. F. C. Paterson, bookseller and stationer, to Miss Margaret Frances Cameron of Kemptville, Ontario.

## Grade Reviews.

THE BOOK AND STATIONERY TRADE OF TORONTO has not been up to the mark, but the last few days has shown a manifest improvement in books of a holiday character. The offering of thousands of volumes of miscellaneous literature, in a great measure adapted to the season, both at auction and in stores opened for the purpose, must have an effect, and the legitimate dealer has to succumb to the dishonest actions of others. Thousands of dollars worth of books imported by James Campbell & Son, have lately been hawked about by those who in good faith, unfortunately advanced money on them, and as these must be turned into cash, whatever the loss, it is easy to imagine the effect on Christmas trade wherever chance may distribute them, but Toronto will undoubtedly suffer the most.

In cards there is less doing; none appearing of very new or chaste designs, while mediocre ones are carried by American druggists into the shops of every retailer at prices much below those paid by the wholesale importer.

In fancy goods the variety on show is not equal to that of former seasons, but still lovely articles are to be found both in jewellery and glassware, and there

is every prospect that all desirable notions will be cleared out before the year's end.

Paper of all kinds has been in fair demand and prices well sustained. Collections are too much behind.

**NEW YORK.**—The paper market lately has been very quiet, and although not much has been doing, the feeling has been rather in favour of an advance than otherwise. The agreement among the writing manufacturers to shut down during the latter part of this month, and the uncertainty of the government policy, depending on the Presidential election, cause a feeling of distrust, so that mills are not anxious to accept orders to any extent. The general make is decidedly short, and this fact will sustain prices for a while, and although higher rates may be looked for, few care to speculate thereon.

In envelope and fine writing trade is certainly brisker than of late, but for other lines there is little demand.

Blank books and ledger papers are being pushed up by the official order respecting rags.

It seems as if sealing wax would again come into use, fashion apparently so orders it, and there is an enquiry for fancy seals.

Borrowers can obtain any amount of money on first class security, and at low rates, say about 5 per cent., but there is not much demand.

**OUR FAIR PACIFIC PROVINCE.**—British Columbia, although one of the youngest of the Provinces of the Dominion, nevertheless, is well represented in the stationery line generally.

In Victoria, the capital city of the province, containing about 10,000 inhabitants, there are four very fine Stationery and Bookselling establishments, where almost everything in the line, or in the way of fancy goods connected with the stationery business can be found.

The oldest firm in the business is that of Messrs. T. N. Hibben & Co., originally established under the name of Hibben & Carswell, in the year 1858. The present firm is conducted under the name of T. N. Hibben & Co., and consists of T. N. Hibben, C. W. Kammerer and W. H. Bone; their stock is valued at about \$35,000.

The next in order is the store of M. W. Waite & Co., established in 1877; M. W. Waite being at the head of the firm. They carry a well-selected stock of general stationery and fancy goods of an estimated value of at least \$20,000.

Mr. Charles Morton opened his store in the same lines as the two former, in the year 1882, and at the present time appears to be doing a fair business.

J. B. Ferguson & Co. are the late arrivals, having opened during the present year with an extensive assortment of all classes of stationery and books, valued at about \$18,000.

Manufacturing for the before mentioned establishments, is the firm of R. T. Williams,\* bookbinding and blank book manufacturing in all their branches, having extensive machinery for ruling bill-heads and all classes of general work.

\* Publisher of the *British Columbia Directory*, a creditable work as to style and content. What specimens of book-work we have seen from our far off Western Province, have all been excellent.