

and Prize Books, Maps and other requisites, it is deemed advisable to insert the following information on the subject.

1. The Department has no authority to grant the one hundred per cent. upon any remittance for Library or Prize Books, Maps or Requisites, except on such as are received from Municipal or Public School Corporations in Upper Canada. Books, Maps and other Requisites suitable for Sunday Schools, or for Library or other similar Associations, can however, on receipt of the necessary amount, be supplied from the Depository at the net prices, that is about twenty-five or thirty per cent. less than the usual current retail prices.

2. The admirable books published in England by the Society or Promoting Christian Knowledge, and by the London Religious Tract Society, are furnished from the Societies' catalogues at currency for sterling prices (i. e. a shilling sterling book is furnished for twenty cents Canadian currency, and so on in proportion.) These two catalogues will, as far as possible, be furnished to parties applying for them. Books suitable for Sunday Schools are received from the other large religious societies, Presbyterian and Methodist, and from the various extensive publishers in Britain and the United States, but the list would be too extensive to publish separately.

3. On receiving the necessary instructions, a suitable selection can be made at the Department, subject to the approval of the parties sending the order. Any books, maps, &c, not desired, which may be sent from the Depository, will be exchanged for others, if returned promptly and in good order.

14. PRE-PAYMENT OF POSTAGE ON BOOKS.

According to the Postage Law, the postage on all books, printed circulars, &c., sent through the post, *must be pre-paid by the sender*, at the rate of one cent per ounce. Local Superintendents and teachers ordering books from the Educational Depository, will therefore please send such an additional sum for the payment of this postage, at the rate specified, and the Customs duty on copyright books, as may be necessary.

15. THE BOOK TRADE OF TORONTO.

Looking about us, and casting over the classes that are likely to produce the demand for books, we fail to account for the great strides in the book trade of the Province. True, our imports consist largely of educational books, and these we know are for the consumption of our schools and colleges. Still, besides this proportion of the imports, there is a large importation of books, in miscellaneous literature, and in professional and other high classes, which evinces the great growth of the trade and speaks well for the reading predilections of the people. Large stocks are now kept by the trade, and the demand is largely supplied to hand, instead of, as in former years, having to be written for to order. When we speak of stock it is no meagre affair, when it is considered how wide is the field of literature in this age, and how books are multiplied in every department, on every subject, and from the varied classes of mind.

English books are sold in this Province, in general, at the publishers' prices, i. e. at the same equivalent in our own currency to the British price (23c. to the shilling sterling), without any advance for cost of importation, &c. This is more than can be said of any other class of importers whose goods pay no duty, and it is the best evidence of the extensive facilities of the trade and energy and ability of their managers, in making so advantageous terms with the home producing houses as enables them to give such a boon to the people.—*Globe*.

16. CANADIAN LITERARY ITEMS.

Lieut. Col. G. T. Denison, jr., of Toronto, well known by his numerous military brochures, is preparing for early publication in London, a work on *Modern Cavalry, its organization, Armament and Employment in War, with illustration*.

Mr. Chas. Mair's new book is to be entitled : *Dreamland, and other Poems*. It will bear the imprint of Sampson, Low & Co., London; and Dawson Bros., Montreal. His friends speak of it as being a most creditable contribution to Canadian Literature.

General Early, of the late Confederate army, is living in Drummondville, Ont., where he is engaged in writing a history of the late American war.

Rev. A. McD. Dawson, of Ottawa, has now in the press of Mr. Desbarats two books, "Lenten Sermons, and lectures and addresses on public subjects.

Mr. Edgar, of Toronto, is preparing a new edition of the "Insolvent Act, with notes."

Prof. DeMill's novel "Cord and Creese," now running through *Harper's Bazar*, is to be published in book form.

The new edition of Principal Dawson's "Acadian Geology" will be ready in May.

The last number of the *Atlantic Monthly* thus speaks of Morgan's *Bibliotheca Canadensis* :—"It is easy to see the great industry that goes to the completion of such a work as this, and all who, from taste or necessity, have to do with bibliography, must feel their indebtedness to Mr. Morgan. It has evidently been a labor of love and patriotism with him; and while it has made him acquainted with more worthless books, probably, than were known even to the not wisely but too well read friend of Charles Lamb, it is a real service rendered to Literature."

Mr. Montwett, of the Educational Department, Quebec, is translating into French the late Mr. McGee's *History of Ireland*.

McMullen & Co., Brockville, announce a second edition of *The History of Canada from its first discovery to the present time*, by J. McMullen, Esq., editor of the *Brockville Monitor*.

Another Historical work :—*Histoire de Cinquante ans, 1791, 1841, par M. F. P. Bedard*, will speedily be published in Quebec.

The last number of *Stewart's Quarterly* (New Brunswick) contains probably the last contribution made to periodical literature by the late much lamented Mr. McGee. The paper is entitled "The City of Colleges," and is a description of Oxford, which Mr. McGee visited 1864, at the time, we believe, when the University conferred the degree of D. C. L. upon Sir John A. McDonald.

The poet Sangster has been appointed to the Post Office Department, Ottawa, thanks to Mr. Campbell.

Chief Justice Young in his late oration at the North British centenary in Halifax, thus discourses :—"As I have been speaking of literature, let me say a word upon that of Nova Scotia. A book (*) was published six or eight weeks ago, by Dr. Forrester, which is one of the most comprehensive and judicious works ever written on the subject of which it treats: the art of teaching, and which deserves a higher fame than it is receiving. Another book (†) recently published by a professor in one of our colleges, has caused my interest and admiration—it contains a picture of Roman Society in the time of Nero. The characters are drawn with a skill which entitles the book to an extensive notice. If we do justice to ourselves and the community; if the men among us who have wealth have the spirit to advance such literature, and bring forward our young men and young women of talent, there is no doubt that Nova Scotia will stand independent and respected, and, whatever her political destiny may be, will take the high position for which God and nature intended her."

The following have lately been published :—"The First Bishop of Toronto;" A biography, by Rev. Dr. Scadding, Toronto. "Element de Chimie et de Physique Agricoles." Par Dr. F. A. H. Latoe, Quebec. "Manuel de l'Officier d'Accise." Par J. M. Le-moine, Quebec.

(*) "The Teacher's Text Book."

(†) "Rome in the Olden Time," by Prof. De Mill.

17. GIFT FROM THE QUEEN TO THE COLLEGES, &c.

A communication was lately received from the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos, through the Governor General, by the various Universities in Canada, and by the Law Society of Osgoode Hall, accompanying the presentation from Her Gracious Majesty of two works—"The Early Life of the Prince Consort," and "Leaves from the Journal of our life in the Highlands," with a request from Her Majesty that these books might be received into, and form part of the library. Each of the books contains an autograph of Her Majesty, and are, as may be supposed, highly valued by the recipients. The volumes are beautifully bound, and will no doubt be very much appreciated by these institutions and the Bar, and form a great acquisition to their libraries. It will be remembered that the Prince of Wales was nobly entertained on his visit to Canada in 1868, by the Law Society, and on which occasion he was made a member of the Society.

18. IMMORAL PUBLICATIONS.

We are glad to see that an order has been issued by the Customs Department prohibiting the importation of the *Police Gazette*, and other obscene publications, which are just now so abundant in the States. These filthy papers and pamphlets have lately become so numerous in the neighbouring Republic, that the matter has been brought up for consideration in some of the State Legislatures, and measures will probably be taken with a view to the suppression of such publications.—*Hamilton Spectator*.