



The use of gas for illuminating libraries is found to destroy the leather bindings of books.

A dividend of three cents in the dollar has been paid to the creditors of M. Simpson, the insolvent toy dealer of Berlin, Ont.

Harry Stone, the absconding Montreal fancy goods dealer, succeeded in getting away with 4,000 belonging to his creditors.

The young Emperor of Germany is said to have learned in his youth the trade of a bookbinder. His father also knew how to work at the same calling.

The firm of S. Weaver, who has a large fancy goods store in Kingston and one in London, Ont., has made an assignment. Liabilities \$34,000, assets not yet known.

Mr. G. Jackson, stationery dealer, Leamington, was in the city for a few days in the early part of December. Mr. Jackson made some extensive purchases for the Christmas trade.

BOOKS AND NOTIONS, published by the J. B. McLean Publishing Co., of Toronto, is a journal that anyone interested in mercantile pursuits will derive benefit from reading.—Winchester Press.

We have received, and acknowledge with thanks, a copy of the handsome catalogue issued by Messrs. J. & A. McMillan, St. John, N.B. This firm do a large business in bookselling, publishing, printing, and bookbinding.

The Canada Paper Co. have got out the 1892 edition of their very useful combination calendar and diary, every leaf of which illustrates a tint of paper manufactured at the company's works. It is a most convenient tablet to have hanging in office, store or private room.

Louis H. Tache, Joseph O. C. Mignault, Edouard, Rodier, all of Montreal; Joseph De L. Tache, notary, of Quebec, and Arthur Clement, St. Hyacinthe, are seeking incorporation as "The National Publishing Company limited." Montreal is to be the headquarters of the concern, and the proposed capital is \$40,000.

Among the many Christmas editions that have found their way to our mail box is BOOKS AND NOTIONS, claiming to be the official organ of the Canadian Book Stationery, Fancy Goods, Music, and Wall Paper trades. The twenty-four pages of letter press, illustrations and advertisements are neatly printed and do credit to the publishers.—Petrolia Advertiser.

A good example of the system of some of the wholesale houses occurred this week. An Ottawa dealer ordered 2,000 exercise books from W. J. Gage & Co. The paper was in the pile and had to be ruled and cut, the covers printed and embossed, and all

this was done and the order filled inside of twenty-four hours from the receipt of the order.

Mr. J. D. Spence, very well known to the trade through his long connection with W. J. Gage & Co., a connection extending over ten years, has transferred his services to the Barber & Ellis Co., for whom he will continue to go over his old ground.

The lines of scaling way manufactured by Geo. Stewart & Co., Edinburgh, are brought before the attention of the Canadian trade by an advertisement in this issue. The Lion Brand will, we are assured, be in strong request here as it has wide sale in the United Kingdom. The trade should take a note of it for use when ordering.

On 8th Dec. Adair Bros., fancy goods dealers, of York street, Toronto, made an offer of 60 cents on the dollar to their creditors, which was accepted. James Adair has retired, and the business will be managed by John Pearce. The terms were one-fifth down and an equal amount every two months until the amount is paid.

Parsons, Bell & Co., wholesale booksellers, Winnipeg, are offering a number of school books for sale at low prices. Retailers who want a few books, by writing to Parsons, Bell & Co., will probably be able to buy at a figure that will give a good profit. The books in stock will be found in their advertisement in another column.

Lyon's blue-black writing and copying ink—for which R. Miller, Son & Co., Montreal, are the agents—is used exclusively by the following, viz: The Bank of England Midland Railway Co., London and North-Western Railway Co., and many other concerns. The advertisement of the ink appears in another page.

Brown Bros., are now in the very rush of their account book business. Their order list is a very large one, and the stock made up for trade is going off rapidly. The massive and beautiful ledgers and other office books that are now being forwarded by this house to the banking, insurance, railway and commercial offices of the country are more numerous than ever before.

The Literary Digest, published by Funk & Wagnalls is a well-named periodical. It contains the pith of all the most select matter

in current numbers of the leading magazines. For persons whose time is too limited—and this means nearly everybody—to read all the magazines, the Literary Digest is a boon. The ability with which the very marrow of the contents of the standard magazines is extracted and reproduced really makes the paper an interpreter of the thought of the authors. The art of compression is illustrated in this Digest as in no other periodical.

The Barber & Ellis Co. have got out a model Catalogue. They issued a very good one last year, but it suffers by comparison with this one, which comes up to the best that any stationery house has issued. The fulness, the classification, the orderly arrangement and convenience of reference make the book a remarkably authoritative one on all questions that concern dealers in stationery, etc.

There is nothing more uncertain than a parliamentary or municipal election. The contest just closed in Toronto was another proof of this. Voters do not consider the suitability of the candidate as much as his prejudices, either political or social. At the present moment the Toronto School Board needs above everything one or two men well up in school books and stationery. Two such candidates offered: Messrs. Gundy, of Gage & Co., and Rutter, of Warwick & Son. Unfortunately they were defeated, and their valuable services lost to the Board for this year. It is to be hoped that they will again offer themselves. For their consolation it may be added that it is very seldom that candidates are successful the first time they run.

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