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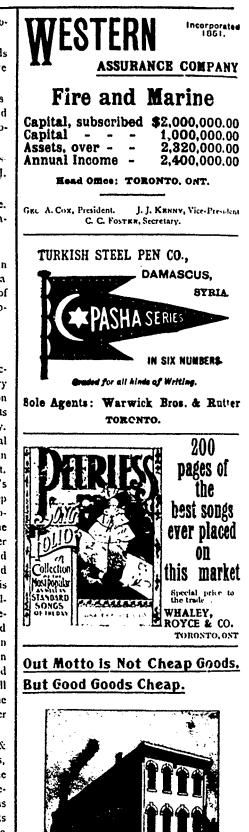
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Andrew Mackinlay, of A. & W. Mackinley, spoke for stationers and stationery manufacturers when the Tariff Commission met at Halifax. The trade of Halifax wants an ad valorem instead of a specific duty. The average duty paid on English Royal Readers, 22 per cent., is higher than on American by from 5 to 1212 per cent. Speaking of general literature, children's books, etc., he said the duty does not keep the English goods out and they find it cheaper to import than manufacture. In :878 the duty on books was changed to 6c. per pound. A delegation went to Ottawa and the result was a change to 15 per cent. ad valorem. The last change to 6 per cent, is a gross injustice. Books for the use of colleges are allowed to come in free. Therefore the colleges supply themselves and dealers find it does not pay to keep them on their shelves. This should be changed. In answer to Mr. Fielding, Mr. Mackinlay said all school books should be free of duty or all made to pay. There was no reason why the colleges should have such an advantage over the normal or other schools.

T. C. Allen, of the firm of T. C. Allen & Co., booksellers, stationers and publishers, also addressed the Commission much on the lines covered by Mr. Mackinlay. He recognized that as long as a revenue was raised by taxation the trade must pay its share. They did not object to that, but to the petty annoyances to which they are subjected. A terrific amount of work is involved in passing a small miscellaneous bill of goods. Simplify the form, minimize the rate of duty and classification of goods.

Sir Richard asked Mr. Allen to put his views in writing and send them to the Commission at Ottawa.



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