

THE STATIONERY MARKET.

With the exception of the Paper Trade and the ordinary lines of Educational and Office Stationery, it is a matter of fact that but little is done in this branch of trade in Canada. The more important lines of Commercial and Domestic Stationery are too much neglected; and in the "thousand-and-one" useful, ornamental, and withal inexpensive articles of Stationer's Sundries, which are produced in such variety by the English stationers and patentees, nothing to speak of is done. The trade in many of these novelties, which attract in their ingenuity, usefulness, elegance, and their adaptability for saving labour, is a profitable one, and draws other custom; and it is a pity our country dealers do not pay more attention to their importation. Perhaps the wholesale houses are at fault; but there ought to be more disposition on the part of the retailers to encourage the importation of this class of goods, and a greater interest taken in them when brought to their notice. If the Trade will get hold of and examine the beautifully illustrated catalogues of such houses as the following, we venture to say that they will find on every page some article or other which will commend itself as "something that will take," and will find ready and profitable sale for:—

IN STATIONERY AND STATIONERS' SUNDRIES.

LONDON.—Perry & Co.; Jno. Cooke & Co.; Dean & Son; Spicer & Co.; A. Pirie & Co.

BIRMINGHAM.—John Heath; Myers & Son; Windle & Blyth (Walsall).

EDINBURGH.—Macniven & Cameron; Alex. Cowar & Co.

LIVERPOOL.—Geo. Philip & Son.

GLASGOW.—W. Collins, Sons & Co.

IN FINE ARTS, ARTISTS' AND PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIALS.

LONDON.—Geo. Rowney & Co.; Marion & Co.; Shaw, Sons & Co.; Goupil & Co.

BIRMINGHAM.—E. Mander.

GLASGOW.—Jno. Spencer.

To the above list a few notable American houses might be added, who give special attention to the manufacture of this class of goods; but the absurd protective system favoured by the Americans, shutting out all foreign competition, gives the opportunity to these houses to hold their goods at such rates as to prevent any trade being done with them in this market.

NATIVE MANUFACTURES.

With respect to native manufactures, we are pleased to chronicle a steady advance and improvement in the Trade. The paper mills of the Messrs. Buntin, at Valley-field, near Montreal, who are the principal paper makers of the country, as well as the mills of Messrs. Angus, Logan & Co., we learn were never more busy; while those of Messrs. Barber, of Georgetown, Messrs. White, of Streetsville, and Messrs. Taylor Brothers, Toronto, in the west, are fully occupied. The trade of these houses, as yet is limited to special and ordinary lines—printing papers, wrappings, blottings, and commercial envelopes. Still it is gratifying that in these specialties the bulk of consumption is supplied by our Canadian houses, and we trust that in other lines—in foolscaps and writing papers—we may soon see our houses creditably competing with British manufactures.

BOOK-BINDING.

In Blank-Books and General Book-Binding an immense trade continues to be done over the country, and this, too, with the disadvantage of a restrictive and impolitic tariff, which levies a duty of fifteen per cent. on the cloths, leathers, mill-boards, and other materials in use in book-binding, and which, undoubtedly, should be done away with.

In the face of this obnoxious tariff, so repressive of native manufacture, it is worthy of note, and creditable to the industry and enterprise of the firm, that the issues of office and pocket diaries, wallets and portemonnaies, got up by Messrs. Brown Bros., of this city, have almost entirely superseded importations; and it is a pity, we think, as regards

HOME BOOK-MANUFACTURE AND REPRINTING.

that some arrangement could not be come to between the Canada and British Government, whereby the reprint of such works as the demand might justify, may be undertaken in the country, which could be made more equitable and remunerative to the author or copyright holder, while it would be equally as sensible as to permit American reprints of such copyrights to come into the country.

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