

THE MONTREAL TRADE.

FROM BOOKSELLER AND STATIONER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

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THE book business has been quiet this month, the trade now being between seasons. The opening of the colleges brightened up the trade for the up-town stores during the early part of the month, but now that the rush for school books of all kinds is over and the tourist demand has almost ceased the down-town stores find the situation quiet. Perhaps, too, the political turmoil; the Valleyfield strike, and the return of our South African heroes have turned peoples' attention from the book to the newspaper. However, there are still quite a number who patronize the bookstore.

"The Master Christain" continues to be the best selling book. Some would have us think that this work will be as popular and as long-lived as "Barabbas." The holiday edition, bound in cloth, with a gilt top, will likely prove to be a good holiday gift book. "Boy" is also selling well. This is certainly Marie Carelli's month. The "Redemption of David Corson" is also meeting with a great success. "Sons of the Morning," by Phillpotts, is selling only fairly well; Phillpotts never did "take" with Montreal book-lovers. "The Girl at the Half-way House" is being strongly recommended by bookmen who ever venture to do such a thing as recommend. "Quisante,"

by Anthony Hope, deserves more attention than is being paid to it. "The Reign of Law" is still finding buyers, nor has "To Have and to Hold" finished its course.

Lieut.-Col. Denison's book is striking a responsive chord in Montreal, particularly in military circles. The author has many friends in these parts who seem to be appreciating his reminiscences. The Montreal News Co. report its sale to be satisfactory and increasing. It is a book that will grow in favor.

Some new religious works are: "The Ways of Men," by Eliot Gregory (\$1.50); "Winning Out," by O. S. Marden (\$1); "Recollections of a Missionary in the Great West," by Brady (\$1.25), and "Studies of the Portrait of Christ" (\$1.50).

A unique novelty is being shown by The Montreal News Co., Limited, in the form of "A Bachelor's Calendar." On a card, of hunter-green color, is to be found a set of bachelor's weapons for a night at the club, including a boot lace, a poker hand, chips, the ante, a smoking outfit, and a mug of foaming beer (what they do with the boot lace at the club, I don't know). The card is a 9 x 12 inch beveled edge panel mount. The calendar is put up in a box and will retail at \$1. It bids fair to be one of the hits of the season, and there is nothing a bachelor would appreciate more as a holiday present. A patriotic calendar, bearing the photographs of six South-African heroes, is shown to retail at 50c.

Mr. C. Theoret is issuing a book dealing with the forms of procedure in the Province of Quebec. It will contain all the forms relating to the code of civil procedure to the

revised statutes of Quebec and the Bar Association. In all, there will be 676 forms. In cloth it will sell at \$5. From the same press is coming forth a treatise on "Habeas Corpus in Civil and Criminal Matters," by Mr. L. Brunet advocate of the Quebec bar.

S. Carsley & Co. have bought the stock of books and fittings of the estate of Wm. Drysdale & Co. on St. James street, and Mr. Drysdale has taken the book debts. The Carsley Co. have been having a special sale this month.

From present appearances animal stories will be popular with both old and young this Christmas. "Mooswa," "Tommy and Grizel," and the different books by Mr. and Mrs. Seton-Thompson will all be suitable for holiday presents. The young folk will revel in animal stories of a simpler nature. Ginn & Co. have issued a beautiful little set of books whose simplicity, elegance, and illustrations will be bound to make them salable. They sell from 50c. up. Among the titles are: "Ways of Wood Folk," "Seed Babies," "Bird World," "Little Wanderers," "Friends and Helpers," and "Wilderness Ways." "Pretty Picture Songs" and "A New Wonderland," by Frank Baum, and published by R. H. Russell, two illustrated books for children are works of a high order. "In and Out of the Nursery" is a book of the same class.

Mr. C. W. Coates, of St. Catherine street, reports that the new enlarged edition of the Canadian Hymnal is meeting with the success that its contents justify.

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