

about 13,000. Business is fairly good but many people, that is those who have lately arrived, are seeking homes, therefore, as a natural consequence, do not purchase much in the fancy or stationery line, until they have become settled. Our new theatre, the Victoria, has just been completed at a cost of \$50,000. The Nanaimo and Esquimalt Railway will be in running order during next summer, and our great overland route, as you are no doubt aware, is just about finished.

With kind regards,  
Yours very truly,  
R. T. WILLIAMS.

IN reply to our inquiry regarding the Knights of Labour boycotting the Belleville booksellers, we received the following :

BELLEVILLE, Nov. 10th, 1885.

DEAR SIR.—Your P. C. to hand. There is nothing to add that I know of, excepting that they are putting their threat into effect already. I hardly see how they are to get their wants in our line, if all our trade take the same view of the matter that I do. I could not concede their demand on principle, if I had no other reason. I consider it tyrannical in the extreme, and calculated to have the effect of diverting public sympathy from the Knights of Labour Society. They must either patronize some one here handling the *Mail*, or else start a book and stationery store of their own, as I do not think any of those dealing in the *Mail* here will comply with their request.

A. ROBINSON.

### Trade Notices.

A NEW BUILDING.—The Upper Canada Bible Society, and its kindred association, the Upper Canada Tract Society, are having erected on the site of their old building, on Yonge Street, Toronto, a handsome new building which will be ready for occupation in early spring.

The new building will consist of four stories and basement. The ground floor will be the store, with office, vault and packing-room in rear: the shelving for books, (which will be in arched recesses around the walls), the counters and other fittings on this flat will be executed in cherry. The first floor will contain the Board Room, and the offices of the secretaries. The second and third floors will be fitted up in apartments for the accommodation of the Depository and family. The building is to be heated with steam. The front, above the store, will be constructed of Credit Valley brown stone, and will be divided into three bays, with a recessed oriel window in the centre, and the top story will have a large central dormer window, with pediments and side lights.

A SUCCESSFUL COMPANY.—The Third Annual Report of the Willard Tract Depository is a favourable one, showing a rapid growth. The volume of business (exclusive of periodical publications) has been for the year ending June, 1885, \$43,305 in comparison with \$17,049 in 1883, and \$25,783 in 1884. The Report says:—

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