

CURRENT NOTES—Continued.

suggest the idea to customers. An attractive patriotic display in the window, which can be put in on Monday, May 21, and left in all week, is deserving of attention.

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Canadian Books. The sales of Canadian books have greatly increased during the past five years. Once it was hard work to sell a book by a Canadian, but success won abroad has given several of our writers a home reputation. There is also quite a business done in old Canadian books, now out of print, and the number of collections is considerable. The regular dealer does not partake of the profits made in this branch of trade, as it is mostly conducted at second-hand shops. The library of the late Sir John A. Macdonald, which is to be sold at his residence, Earncliffe, in Ottawa, by public auction, May 18, contains a good many Canadian books, as well as other works, and there will, probably, be quite a competition for books that have been in the library of the old chieftain. It is unfortunate that these book auctions should divert money from the regular trade, but there seems to be no way of remedying it.

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American Library Association. The twenty second general annual meeting of the American Library Association is to take place in Montreal on June 6, and will continue until June 12, inclusive. The meeting is held in Montreal for the first time, and is at the invitation of the governors of McGill University. The particular speakers and papers will be announced later. Section sessions will prove a marked feature, as in previous years. The committee have provided for instructive entertainment interspersed with the regular business programme. Some of the subjects which will come up for attention on the part of delegates are the following: Local Library Promotion, including the topics of the Reading Public, Work with Children, and the Traveling Library Movement; Library Work with Children; College and Reference Libraries; Canadian Libraries and Literary Topics; Purchase, Care and Lending of Photographs. These will be supplemented hereafter. These meetings have come to be recognized as so important

and useful that few librarians care to miss the advantages offered.

After the conclusion of the meetings a post conference is contemplated, when a trip to the Saguenay will be made at a moderate expense, and with good opportunities for sightseeing and personal acquaintance.

THE TRADE IN WINNIPEG.

A WINNIPEG correspondent writes: The stationery and book trade up here has been quite brisk during the Winter, both in the wholesale and retail establishments.

The Consolidated Stationery Company, although handicapped by the fire in January,



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are now comfortably settled in their handsome new warehouse, and are rapidly placing new goods in stock. The senior member of the company, Mr. Henry Bell, is at present East on a purchasing trip.

General regret was felt, both in and out of the trade, at the death of Mr. A. B. Clarke, of the wholesale firm of Clarke Bros. & Co. He was well liked, and bore the respect of all who knew him.

Mr. W. D. Russell, of Russell & Company, has returned from a business trip East. He visited New York before returning. This firm annually visits the Eastern markets, and their representative also visited Great Britain last season.

One of our successful booksellers, Mr. C. J. Campbell, or "Tote" Campbell, as he is generally called, has been East with

the Victoria hockey team. He is one of the "star" players.

There has been a brisk demand for illustrated war papers and books on the Transvaal. Fitzpatrick's book on the Transvaal is having quite a run. The demand for flags has also been quite marked.

Bullman Brothers have issued a fine series of six lithographed post cards. One of the most popular of the series shows the departure of the Winnipeg contingent, and a photo of our very much lamented Major Arnold. This firm are now quite settled in their new block, and have one of the most complete lithographing and bookbinding establishments in the Dominion.

The most popular and best selling books up here are "Janice Meredith," "Richard Carvel," "The Sky Pilot," "Black Rock," "Red Pottage," "Deeds That Won the Empire," "Fights for the Flag," "Wild Animals I Have Known," "Ione March," "Stalky & Co.," "When Knighthood was in Flower," and "Number 5 John Street." "David Harum" is still having a steady sale.

The Eastern travelers seem to be fond of Winnipeg air. Messrs. Young, May, Langton, Davidson, Anderson, Smith and Jeffrey have recently visited the metropolis of the West.

Messrs. Russell & Company have published a little book, by Lawrence H. J. Minchin, supervisor of music in the Winnipeg schools, entitled "Hints on Teaching Music in Schools" (price 25 cents). It is filling a much felt want, and is having a ready sale.

ANON.

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Mr. James Herbert Woods, who has lately resigned his position on The Toronto Mail and Empire staff to enter a new branch of work, is one of the best known of the younger members of the Canadian press. Mr. Woods is a native of Quebec, where his father still resides. Some years ago he was connected with the Winnipeg press, and joined the staff of The Toronto Mail and Empire as reporter about 1893. When The Montreal Herald passed under the control of Mr. James Brierley's company, Mr. Woods was appointed news editor, a position he filled with success until he was appointed city editor of The Mail and Empire, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Alexander Fraser. This position Mr. Woods held with acceptance until a few weeks ago, when he gave up journalism for publishing, taking a responsible post with the Publishers' Syndicate, Toronto.

The stock, etc., of Watson & Campbell, stationers, etc., New Westminister, B.C., is advertised for sale by tender.