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side, New York; Hours at Home, New York; House and Home, New York; Illustrated Monthly Fireside Gem, Waterville, Me.; Illustrated New York News, New York; Illustrated Companion, New York; Illustrated Record, New York; London Illustrated Standard, London; Krums of Komfort, New York; La Vie Parisienne, Paris; Merry Maker, New York; Music and Drama, New York; Metropolitan and Rural Home, New York; Modern Stories, New York; Our Country Home, New York; People's Journal, Washington, D.C.; Public Herald, Philadelphia; Police Gazette, New York; Police News, New York; Rambler, Bridgeport, Conn.; Social Visitor Magazine, Boston; Standard, New York; Treasury Home, Waterville, Me.; Truth Seeker, New York; Vanity Fair, New York; Welcome Friend, New York; Welcome Visitor, Augusta, Me.; Youth and Home, Cadiz, O.; Yank, or the Columbian, Boston; Young America, Washington, D.C.

The booksellers of Montreal are experiencing somewhat of a reversion to the old style of bookselling. For some seasons the book trade, at its best, has been gradually losing its individualistic character. The public has been expecting less and less of the seller of books. Formerly, a bookman was the only person that could dispose of a book, for he was called upon to be acquainted with the different publications, to size up his patron's taste and suit it. Of late, however, people have been content to buy much of their reading material from the wrapping clerk, and consequently we have found the departmental store transgressing upon a trade it has no right to have. The trouble has been that one or two books have been the rage of the hour, the departmental stores have been able to handle these as they would notepaper and have succeeded in thus destroying a large part of the bookman's trade. They do not pretend to keep a stock of books to meet the wants of a bookworm; they are content to leave this slower trade to the bookman. But they have taken advantage of their opportunity to deprive this latter trader of the most profitable half of his business, placing him in such an uncomfortable posi-

tion that we have often heard prophesied "the passing of the bookman."

During the past few months there has been an important reversion. There is no raging book, and the department stores have not been able to make a big splash with any one work. If they intend to stay in the trade they must do a little more stocking than they have been doing and it is not likely they will consent to do this. The bookman, then, should not adjudge the present situation in the book trade as unfavorable. If he grasps his opportunity he will be able to take a new lease of life and the girl behind the departmental counter will be forgotten. Now is his opportunity to wield his knowledge of books with mighty force and thus win back by his argumentative powers any trade he lost by the cutting of prices. It is a pleasure to be able to say that several bookmen have recognized the golden moments this month.

The case of Henry Graves & Co., London, against Geo. T. Gorrie, Toronto, for alleged infringement of copyright on the "What We Have We'll Hold" picture, will shortly be argued before the Ontario Court of Appeal. On this case the whole question of copyright in the colonies on pictures registered in Stationers' Hall, London, turns. Messrs. Greaves are appealing from decisions in the courts below, on the grounds that the British Copyright Act of 1862 and the Berne Convention of 1887 provide copyright on "literary and artistic works" in the colonies as well as the United Kingdom. The respondent, Gorrie, argues that the Act of 1862 does not so apply, and that neither does the Act of 1886 govern the case. He also argues that the Berne Convention does not confer copyright on pictures in the colonies. The question is a very interesting one. Dealers who handle reproductions of paintings, not knowing anything about their being copyrighted or not, and without the means of discovering whether the law is being violated or not, are concerned in the issue of this court.

The business of the late E. N. Hunt, dealer in wall paper, pictures, etc., London, Ont., is advertised for sale.

NOTES OF THE TRADE.

A COPARTNERSHIP has recently been registered by Albert M. McLeod and W. G. Stanfield, as McLeod & Stanfield, booksellers and stationers, Sydney, C.B.

Bourne & Co., dealers in fancy goods, etc., Ottawa, have sold out.

J. K. Davis, wall paper dealer, Vancouver, B.C., has given up business.

T. J. Kelly, bookseller and stationer, St. Thomas, Ont., has sold out to W. Cornforth.

Mrs. J. C. Lester, dealer in fancy goods, Arnprior, Ont., has removed to Smith's Falls.

The School Board of Vancouver, B.C., has decided to furnish the pupils with school books at cost.

P. V. Ayott, stationer, Three Rivers, Que., is offering to compromise at 30c. on the dollar, cash.

J. M. M. Duff has been appointed curator for Timmis, Noble & Co., wholesale stationers, Montreal.

Bailey Bros. Co., Limited, stationers, etc., Kamloops, B.C., have been succeeded by Smith Bros. & Vernon.

Albert Demers & Co., dealers in sporting goods and men's furnishings, Montreal, have moved into new and larger premises, next door to the old stand. The firm make a specialty of sporting goods of all kinds and the growth of their business in this line as well as in the men's furnishings has forced them to take up larger premises.

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