

WE are pleased to chronicle the fact that added to his many other enterprises—W. Bryce, of London—has commenced the manufacture of a really good class of playing cards. The sample sent of his "Round Cornered Indexed Playing Cards" is neat and well finished, and recommends itself favourably to one who has some knowledge of the "paste board." Some cool evening soon we will try their merits at the whist table.

WE learn from the *American Stationer*, that C. M. Ward, the New York agent at the Globe Field Co., has kindly arranged that his office, 28 Bond Street, may be used by stationers visiting the city as their headquarters. Award him the prize for thoughtfulness. In connection with this announcement we may state that the Booksellers' and Stationers' Association having engaged an office at 20 Wellington St. east, Toronto, it will be the pleasure of the Secretary to shew attentions to any of the Trade, not only from any point in Ontario, but also those from a distance who have occasion to visit the Queen City of Canada.

THE illness which compelled the absence of T. J. Day from his duties as President of the Booksellers' Ass'n., on the last day of the session, happily proved to be but temporary. After three days' indisposition he "is himself again."

N. T. WILSON, in his letter to the Association was in error, in naming 2 cents as the United State rate of postage—it should be 1 cent. This makes the difference still more glaring.

B. & J. F. MEEHAN, Bath, England, send us a new catalogue of rare, valuable and useful works, which they say have all been bought within the month.

W. C. HOLLAND, of Bothwell, has purchased the Post Office book store in Ingersoll, and has moved to that town. He still continues the Bothwell business, having a manager to represent him.

W. H. Bleasdel & Co., Toronto, hand us their very complete Fall Catalogue of Fancy Goods.

A complete catalogue of Sheet Music, dated this month, has been forwarded to us by Strange & Co., Publishers, Toronto.

TRADE Collections are reported by the Toronto Wholesale Trade as slow. Some are grumbling in good earnest. Prospects for the Fall Trade are good. There is every indication of more than average crops in Ontario, while reports from the North-West speak of overflowing granaries; of the Eastern Provinces we can say nothing. Good crops mean good business and the buying to some extent of luxuries. Fancy goods, of which retail dealers are holding but very limited stocks, should be in good demand.

Now is the time when those immense profits on school readers are going to fall into the laps of the fortunate retailer!

TRADE.—"Trade in August," said an out of town dealer, "does water run up a hill?" No, but sometimes you can pump it up. Still no amount of for will bring much business to the bookman outside the centres of trade. In Montreal and Toronto and such places tourists buy more or less of nick-nacks; through them book purchases seldom exceed a cheap novel.

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