

they like that kind of treatment themselves? If they say that it is not their fault, but is due to the condition of the Canadian law, why do they block us when efforts are on foot to amend that law? The whole thing is a gross injustice, most discouraging to every Canadian literary man, and would not be tolerated by any community on earth but Canada—a patient, long-suffering mule, which does not seem to know enough even to kick.

THE HOLIDAY TRADE.

Since about Sept. 20, the book and magazine trade has been improving, and the outlook for a good holiday business is favorable. There is more money in the country than for several years, and no reason exists why the book and stationery dealers should not get their share of it. By improving their advertising in the local papers, by making bright displays in the windows, the dealers have a chance of getting the most lucrative holiday trade in many years. One dealer reports that in November he always gets an active intelligent lad to canvass the town and district for his magazines and Christmas papers and that he has found it pay surprisingly well.

CANADIAN EDITIONS.

The Toronto Public Library is one of the most complete and valuable, and its purchases of books are made with due regard to price and value. Mr. James Bain, jr., the chief librarian, says he always recommends Canadian editions, where they exist, in preference to every other. This is certainly a strong tribute to the Canadian copyright editions. There can be no doubt that our publishers are producing volumes the equal of those turned out in London or New York, and frequently at less prices, so that the Canadian market has nothing to complain of in this respect.

The Canadian Magazine for October has sold remarkably well, as it deserves to do. Its articles are varied and most interesting. Principal Grant has a paper, in his usual brilliant style, on Newfoundland and Canada. R. W. Shannon writes an amusing little sketch upon some Misquotations of well-known authors. Mr. S. T. Wood,

who is both a humorist and a philosopher, contributes an admirable study on social amelioration. An illustrated article on "Some Recent Premiers of Newfoundland," by P. J. McGrath, is readable. Rowing in Canada, by R. K. Barker, will interest all who honor a healthy national sport in which several Canadians have won fame. Sir John Bourinot completes his series upon the makers of Canada. In fiction, the number is strong, the contributors including A. Bridle, Cutcliffe Hyne, Edgar Smith, Charles Shaw. Mr. Ewan, The Globe's war correspondent, writes with force and insight upon foreign affairs. There is a new department, "Idle Moments," to which H. C. Boulton and others contribute humorous brief sketches.



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An Englishman, Beckles Willson, has undertaken to write a history of The Hudson's Bay Company. He is now in Canada, gathering information on the subject. Though, of course, he has access to all the ordinary channels of information, still there are many drawings, maps, memoirs and other memoranda, in the possession of descendants of factors and traders in the company's service, which would add very much to the interest and value of the work, if they could be obtained. Mr. Willson asks BOOKSELLER AND STATIONER to state that all such forwarded to him, in care of the company, 1 Lime street, London, England, will be gratefully acknowledged, and will be carefully returned as soon as copies have been made.

T. C. Allen & Co., Halifax, N. S., have just issued a series of little volumes of English classics for school use. The subjects chosen are selections from The Spectator, chiefly the Sir Roger de Coverley papers; Macaulay's essay on Milton; Milton's four poems, "L'Allegro," "Il Penseroso," "Comus" and "Lycidas." They are admirably edited, with useful introductions to each volume, by competent Nova Scotian educationists. The volumes have a fine typographical appearance in bluestiff papers, and sell for 15c. each. They are worthy of their publishers, and the Province whose excellent educational system they are intended to serve.

The Annual Canadian Catalogue of Books, for 1896, has appeared. Haight & Co., Toronto, issue the work, which is practically indispensable to the bookselling trade, and is a supplement to, and uniform in style with, the Canadian Catalogue from 1791 to 1895. The 1897 catalogue is now in course of preparation.

NEW U. S. BOOKS.

Among the recently announced new books in the United States are: "Grace O'Malley," by Robert Machray, the Canadian writer (Stokes); "Imperial America—the Policy of National Expansion," by W. C. Lever (Forbes, Chicago); Lecky on The American Revolution, being chapters from his "England in the 18th Century" (Appleton); "The Heart of Toil," by Octavo Thanet (Scribners); "The Lost Province," by Louis Tracey, author of "The Final War" (Putnam's); Wessex Poems and other Verses, by Thomas Hardy, the English novelist (Harper's); "Life and Work of Bismarck," by Prof. Munro Smith (Macmillan); "The True Benjamin Franklin," by S. G. Fisher (Lippincott); "A History of the Presidency," by Dr. Edward Stanwood and John Adams; "The Revolution Statesman," by M. Chamberlain (Houghton, Mifflin); "In the Cage; the Story of a London Telegraph Operator," by Henry James (H. S. Stone & Co.); "Trewinnott of Guy's," by Mrs. Coulson Kernahan, a story of London medical student life, and "The Story of Lois," by Katherine S. Macquoid (M. F. Mansfield & Co.).

Two thousand copies of Busch's "Memoir of Bismarck" were sold before day of issue.

Dean Stubbs' book on "Charles Kingsley and the Christian Social Movement," announced by Blackie & Son for immediate publication in the "Victorian Era Series," has been unavoidably delayed.