

least, and it saves trouble. I had the volume registered to secure copyright.

Whenever we can get a reasonable Canadian Copyright Law and Canadian publishers see their way to publishing the works of Canadians, except at the risk and expense of the authors, I may hope for an edition of those Idyls to be published for the general public, and not before.

So you see, dear editor, there is no need to advertise my books at present.

The pirated New York edition of my "Chien d'or" has an immense sale in Quebec. I could give any Canadian publisher Canadian Copyright for it, and shut out the pirated edition. But our publishers lack courage in regard to Canadian books. You may think it a strange assertion, but it is true, fifty years ago it was easier to print, publish and sell a book in Upper Canada than it is now.

I am, dear sir, with respect, yours,  
Niagara, 27th Nov., 1888.

W. KIRBY.

#### *Editor Books and Notions:*

DEAR SIR,—Trade is quiet, but steady. The fall having been an open one farmers were slow in marketing, and merchants complain. We look for a good holiday trade. Import orders were judiciously given, and stocks are not as unwieldy as in former years. No changes of any importance have taken place in business houses here.

WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, Nov. 27th, 1888.

#### *Editor Books and Notions:*

DEAR SIR,—Following are a few notes of the doings of the trade here:

Mr. M. T. Hensworth has retired from business. He carries with him the good wishes of every member of the trade. His stock was purchased by Horne & Jones, who have opened out in a new stand on Dalhousie Street.

A new tariff of newspaper rates has been in operation here since 1st September, and has so far proved satisfactory. Among other changes, a charge for delivering evening papers has been adopted, and terms made strictly payable in advance.

Business this fall has been reasonably good and the outlook is cheering. Yours truly,

J. R. SALMOND.

Brantford, 29th Nov. 1888.

#### *To the Editor of Books and Notions.*

DEAR SIR,—Enclosed find the sum of one dollar to pay for BOOKS AND NOTIONS for two years. I look regularly for your spicy little paper, to keep me posted on what is going on in the trade, and if it did not come to hand I certainly would miss it. Christmas trade was a little slow this year, until the last two or three days; then it came with a rush, on the whole, just about the same as last year, which was better than I expected, considering the want of sleighing. Christmas cards, cheap lines and booklets sold well this year, also low priced plush goods. Wishing you a successful year in 1889, I am, yours truly,

Mitchell, 28th Dec., 1888.

R. O. SMITH.

#### *To the Editor of Books and Notions.*

DEAR SIR,—Under the ruling of Superintendent Crawford our printed matter now ranks as merchan-

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### NET TRADE PRICE-LIST

OF THE

## STANDARD BASE-BALLS

No.	Name of Ball.	Price per doz.
1.	LEAGUE *†	\$12.00
2.	PROFESSIONAL.. *†	9.60
3.	AMATEUR *†	7.50
4.	OXFORD *† (Trade Mark)	6.00
5.	PRIZE *† (Trade Mark)	4.80
6.	CLUB *†	4.00
7.	STAR REGULATION †	3.25
13.	BOYS' LEAGUE †	2.00
8.	DAISY † (Trade Mark)	2.40
9.	IXL †	1.50
14.	BOYS' DEAD †	1.20
10.	YOUNG AMERICA..	1.00
11.	FLASH..... (Trade Mark).	.54
12.	YOUNGSTER..... (Trade Mark).	.42
15.	LITTLE PET..... (Trade Mark).	.35

\* Each Ball wrapped in tin foil.

† Each of these balls put up in a separate box of nice appearance.

The "Standard" Balls were first placed on the market in 1885. they proved a success at once; whenever placed in comparison with other makers balls, their superiority was promptly recognized, and orders for them came in, far beyond our ability to supply them. We have now placed ourselves in a position that we feel sure enables us to fill without delay any orders which you may favor us with during the coming season. Knowing the goods we are presenting this year to be far ahead of all our previous efforts, we expect the demand will be correspondingly great, and are now ready and prepared for it

In place of any elaboration on the merits of our goods, we ask the favor of your order for a **sample box** (containing **16 kinds**, amounting to **\$5.00**), and which you may return at our expense, if, on prompt examination, the goods do not meet your fullest approval.

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