

being done, the roller is ready for the press.

To show the intricateness of some of the work a few figures are given. One roller with a surface of 216 square inches had in it 42,436 pieces of brass, or 196 pieces to the inch. Another had 28,890 on the same surface. Remember, too, that this is one roller only, and that in a single pattern as many as 8 rollers are often used. A year or two ago, when very heavy patterns were in vogue, it required a skilled workman to weeks and some days to make the rollers for one half pattern.

WALL PAPER NOTES.

Mr. Foster, of Watson, Foster & Co., who has just returned from New York, looked after some designs for next season. Though most of the designs are made in their own factory, Mr. Foster believes in using the best of other people's ideas also.

M. Staunton & Co. report business satisfactory, and their line for 1897 has taken well with the trade. While putting in the new winding machines recently, described elsewhere, the factory had to shut down for a week, and although further ahead with orders than last year, they are now working overtime so as to be able to make early delivery.

The interests of the Canadian wall paper trade are being well looked after for the coming season. Mr. F. S. Foster, of Messrs. Watson, Foster & Co., was in New York last month looking after their American business, and also picking the very latest and best designs obtainable and any new ideas that were coming out. Mr. Sidney Boxer, the firm's representative, accompanied Mr. Foster to assist in this very important task of selecting suitable designs.

CHRISTMAS CALENDARS

The Fleming H. Revell Co. have a lot of pretty calendars this year. Both those of a religious and those of a literary tone are picturesque and handsome. We notice several that will appeal to a wide circle of buyers. The motto calendar has beautiful designs in flowers and birds and the mottoes are taken from well-known writers like Johnson, Cowper, Browning, etc. It is a pretty ribbon-tied calendar at 25c. "Our Onward Way," (35c.), has church views and natural scenery and is illustrated with texts. Two calendars done up in light cardboard boxes will charm the taste. "Time and Tide" with lovely sea shore scenes, (50c.), and scripture texts has fancy gilt borders. "The Faithful Promiser," (75c.), is done in the highest art style with country views and texts and illuminated border. The calendar is becoming more and more a Christmas or New Year's gift, and this year's productions are even superior to those of last.

THE TORONTO DEPUTATION.

THE Toronto publishing and bookselling interests waited on the Ministers Nov. 19. Mr. A. S. Irving headed the deputation from the Wholesale Booksellers' Section of the Board of Trade, consisting of Messrs. Richard Brown, Wm. Briggs, G. R. Roberts, H. L. Thompson, D. A. Rose and Mr. Davies. Mr. W. Bryce attended as an individual publisher. Mr. Irving presented the memorandum from the section asking:

(1) That fashion magazines be allowed in free to booksellers, as they are now to subscribers.

(2) That the regulation providing that books for public libraries come in free of duty be amended so that duty should be paid on all books purchased by libraries, and a rebate allowed on certificate being forwarded to Ottawa.

(3) That books for college purposes may be brought in by booksellers on the same terms as when bought by colleges direct.

(4) That prayer books and hymn books be subjected to the six-cent a pound rate.

The section were united in these requests. They made no recommendation in their memorandum regarding the tariff on books. There was, therefore, no disagreement among them as some of the daily news, paper reports implied. Mr. Bryce, at his own request, explained his point of view which was opposed to the abolition of the 6c. duty. This introduced the tariff question, and the Ministers asked some questions, and several of Mr. Bryce's contentions were disputed.

Mr. Irving said that the best solution of the whole book question lay in a Canadian copyright law which would give Canadians the control of their own market.

Mr. W. J. Gage protested against wholesale importers being obliged to make sworn declarations necessary to the importation of free school books. As it is, they have to swear that the books will be used by none but pupils, and there are many works, such as Scott's novels, that will inevitably be

bought by the general public. The wholesalers cannot follow or direct the retail sales and so cannot take the oath.

THE COPYRIGHT INJUSTICE.

We could multiply instances of the trivial contempt displayed by British and United States publishers for the Canadian publisher and the Canadian consumer.

A late instance of it has arisen over "Trilby." The cheap 50c. edition, which Messrs. Harper authorized Mr. Foster Brown, of Montreal, to issue in Canada, is all sold. A Canadian house wanted some paper editions and ordered the Colonial edition from the English publishers. But they would not sell, because they had handed the Canadian market over, body and bones, to the New York publisher. Messrs. Harper must, therefore, authorize a fresh issue of their Canadian edition, or send in their more costly American editions. The chances are they won't wish to see any more of the Canadian edition. We shall have the pleasure of buying the more expensive American book.

After all, what are we here for, except to minister to the pleasure of the publisher abroad?

TRADE NEWS.

MORTON, PHILLIPS & CO. report that business with them has been on the increase. There is a considerable increase in sales over last month, and also over the corresponding month of last year.

Mr. Wm. Macpherson, recently of Hart & Macpherson, Winnipeg, is to travel in the West Indies for the Marcus Wood Co., Ltd., of Belfast and London. Mr. Macpherson has many friends throughout Canada, having traveled here for Collins & Sons, of Glasgow. He has always shown himself an earnest and shrewd business man, and should do well for his firm.

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