

Leicester shoe exporting firm of Edwin H. Wynne, of St. Savior's Road, sends an illustrated circular in the same envelope with a lithographed letter. The other, James Lulham & Co., of Northampton, sends a typewritten letter and by concurrent mail a price list of their shoes. These circulars, as we have said, come to a Canadian dealer in dry goods who does not sell boots or shoes at all—and herein lies one of the elements of these Canadian trade papers' deception.

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HARMFUL REPRESENTATIONS.

At various times in the last twelve months, enquiries have come to us from export houses in England and Scotland about the accuracy of certain representations made to them by the travelling agent of two weekly trade journals, The Montreal Trade Review and The Canadian Journal of Commerce, with respect to Canadian trade and circumstances connected therewith. It was stated to us by merchants in London, Manchester, Ashton, Bolton, Sheffield, Edinburgh, that this agent declared these journals to be subsidized by the Canadian Government or recommended by that Government. And we have been asked as to the correctness of these declarations.

We have, therefore, made enquiry at Ottawa as to the truth of the assertions made and as to the genuineness of the references given in England by these trade journals, namely, to the Honorable the Secretary of State for Canada, and the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture for Canada, whose names had been used by this agent to substantiate his representations. We give below the official answers to our enquiries, and the statement of the Canadian Government with respect to the pretension of these journals to represent it:

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Ottawa, 30th January, 1903.

DEAR SIR,—The Secretary of State some time ago gave me communication of the letter you wrote him on the 11th