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**A USELESS LAW SUIT.**

AS most of our readers are aware, THE CANADA BOOKSELLER AND STATIONER was at one time called BOOKS AND NOTIONS. When it passed into the hands of its present proprietors, many improvements were made, and the book and stationery trade in every part of Canada began to take active interest in it. Many of them pointed out that the title was not at all appropriate. It did not represent the trade for which the paper was published. Notions is more a department of a dry goods store than of a bookseller and stationer's. Several better titles were suggested, and finally the present one was agreed upon. The word "Canada" was introduced to distinguish it from papers published in the United States and Great Britain.

Hunter, Rose & Co, wholesale booksellers, issue a monthly circular, containing their own and a few other announcements, and devoted chiefly to the Copyright question. This publication they call "The Canadian Bookseller and Library Journal." Some time after this paper appeared under the new title it dawned on Hunter, Rose & Co.

that people everywhere would confound the two papers, and had their solicitors notify us that we had no right to use the word "Canada." They were informed in answer that while we held that no firm could copy-right this word, yet if they could show that their business had suffered or would suffer in the slightest degree by any similarity in titles, we would be quite willing to endeavor to amend ours. This they failed to do. As a matter of fact, THE BOOKSELLER AND STATIONER, with its large circulation in every part of Canada and abroad, and its extensive business connection, was much more likely to suffer on this account than The Canadian Bookseller and Library Journal.

They twice applied for an interim injunction before trial, but both applications were refused. The case went on and was finally carried to the Divisional Court, when their absurd contention was thrown out by the two judges, Hon. Chancellor Boyd and Hon. Mr. Justice Robertson.

The case was fought with a good deal of bitterness on their part. Many unkind things were said and done against this paper and its publishers. Some of the Toronto papers gave incorrect reports of the trials, for which they were twice forced to apologize the following day. During the progress of the case an effort was made to induce the publishers of THE BOOKSELLER AND STATIONER to buy Hunter, Rose & Co.'s paper, but it was not considered for one moment. The good-will of the Rose business would be worthless to us. They admitted that their paper was chiefly sent free, and already all the best firms are advertising

with us. Their expenses must be enormous, but at the lowest calculation they are three times as much as they were willing to dispose of their property for.

This is the third unsuccessful attempt made to injure our business. On two former occasions, within the last six or eight years, efforts have been made at a meeting of the Booksellers' and Stationers' Association to get a resolution passed by which THE BOOKSELLER AND STATIONER should cease to be the organ of the association. These were, of course, voted down. During all these years we have gone on attending to our own business, getting out a good paper and steadily increasing our circulation and influence in every part of the Dominion. Not one unkind word has ever been printed or said by this company against Dan A. Rose, or the firm with which he is connected. On the other hand, the publishers of THE BOOKSELLER AND STATIONER have gone out of their way to do a good turn for the head of the present concern, George Maclean Rose.

We owe our readers an apology for encroaching upon space that something more valuable to them should occupy, but we feel that an explanation is necessary, in view of the many unreliable reports which have been published. We trust, however, this is the last of it.

**IMPURE LITERATURE.**

AT the meeting of the Council of Women in Quebec Lady Aberdeen made an important statement on this subject. Her Excellency referred to the evils of impure literature, which was being studied by the Council with the aid of the National Council