

THE TRADE IN MONTREAL

MONTREAL booksellers are now getting into the active work of the school book and school supply trade, and it is a very pleasant relief after the comparatively dull months of July and August. The school trade is expected to be a good one this year as a number of new books are authorized, and these are now being stocked by booksellers throughout the city. E. M. Renouf has had a number of new text books authorized this Fall, besides many published last year, which are to be again used. Among these are the Canadian edition of Nelson's Royal Crown Reader series, with special Canadian matter; The Empire Songster, which will be used both in Public and High Schools, and a new edition, specially adapted to Westmount Schools; a new edition with additional matter of the series of Curtis' Oral Lessons in French, and Dr. Peterson's School Poetry, for junior and senior classes. The last mentioned has been very well received, and the price, 45 and 75c., is most reasonable. The books came out late last Fall, and will have a considerably wider use this year.

The books which were published by E. M. Renouf and which are again authorized this year are: English—Renouf's Easy Exercises in English; Lamb's Tales from Shakespeare; King Robert of Sicily; The Vicar of Wakefield—Sankey's extracts; Gardiner's Outlines of English History. French—Curtis' & Lawless' Progressive French Readers, I. and II.; Lawless' Grammaire Française; Lawless' Exercise to the same; Longman's French Grammar; Longman's French Composition. Latin—Fabulae Faciles; Kennedy's Latin Primer. Greek—Ritchie's First Steps in Greek; and in Physiology, Barnett's Making of the Body.

All the text books published by F. E. Grafton & Sons last year are again renewed this year, including their Arithmetic, and Arithmetic Exercises, Advanced Geography and Elementary Geography, Grafton's Word and Sentence Book, the Historical Readers and their copy books. Messrs. Grafton & Sons are bringing out this year a new Canadian edition of Prang's Drawing Book, graded from No. 3 to No. 4, from the series published by Prang. These have been authorized this year and promise to be very successful.

The new guide book for tourists, "Sights and Shrines of Montreal," published by F. E. Grafton & Sons, has had a ready sale. It is written by William D. Lighthall, M. A., and dedicated to the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Montreal, of which he is a prominent member. "The present description of Montreal," says the author, "is written in view of the erection by the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of a number of historical tablets of marble, marking spots of special connection with the past. As a setting a general account of the city was thought desirable, both for the information of strangers and to

act as a record for the citizens." This was the object of the book and it more than fulfils its purpose, making a very readable volume, from the historical sketch of the site, with which it opens, to the legendary and historical bits with which it closes. The map accompanying the book is undoubtedly the most complete yet issued in a volume of this kind.

Among the new books of the month, Williams' "The Lightning Conductor," is taking a foremost position. It is the true story of a motor car trip through Europe by an Englishman and his American wife, very humorously told, and though the book has only been out a few weeks, it is now in its ninth edition. Henry Holt & Co., New York, are the publishers.

We are getting rather weary of repeating that "Lady Rose's Daughter" continues among the "best selling books of the month," but such, nevertheless, is the case in Montreal.

"The Wings of The Morning," by Louis Tracey, relates the adventures of the hero and heroine after the wreck of the good ship "Sirdar," in a manner that captivated us in our boyhood, and will still hold its charm. "Count Zarka," a new romance, by Sir William Magnay, (Ward, Lock & Co.) is, to some extent, historical and its reception so far proves that the demand for the much abused historical novel still exists.

"The Blackmailer," by John Oakley, (Ward, Lock & Co.), is a novel of recent publication which is taking well. "Fool's Gold," "a study in varieties" as it is called, by Annie R. Stillman, (Fleming H. Revell Co.), is a romance in which "plot and action yield a large tribute to the strong purpose of the book." The value of gold, gold in the metal and (figuratively) in the human character, is contrasted with the counterfeit in both the spurious coins and the hypocrite's character.

"The Love Letters of Margaret Fuller," "genuine letters written by the Sibyl of New England transcendentalists," promises to make a sensation among those interested in her character. An introduction is supplied by Julia Ward Howe, and the reminiscences of Ralph Waldo Emerson, Horace Greeley and T. Congdon are also added. D. Appleton & Co., New York, are the publishers.

"The Mettle of The Pasture" is another Kentucky story, by James Lane Allen, author of "A Kentucky Cardinal." "Perverved Proverbs," by "Col. D. Streamer," is now selling quite well in Montreal. "British Political Portraits," by Justin McCarthy, is a volume published by The Outlook Co., composed of articles which have been appearing in The Outlook Magazine. The series is being continued in that magazine.

New books which are promising for the Fall include "Letters Home," by William Dean Howells, "The Maids of Paradise," by Robert W. Chambers, "The Proud Prince," by Justin Huntly McCarthy, and "The Heart of Hyacinth," another Japanese story by Onoto Watanna.