

reports "The House of Mirth," "Fair Margaret," and "The Deluge," as leading sellers in the fiction line.

L. Clyde Davidson, Barrington street, says just now he finds "The Gambler," "Fair Margaret," and "Tales of the Road," the best fiction sellers. In addition to his stationery and book stock he is showing lines of goods suitable to the holiday trade, yet staple trade goods, such as office and desk furnishings, purses, etc.

E. P. Meagher's stationery business is now conducted under the firm name of E. P. Meagher, Limited, and the business (retail) is being extended. Religious goods are a special line to which Mr. Meagher pays great attention, and fancy goods are added to the regular stock for the holiday trade. Mr. Meagher also conducts a lending library in connection with his establishment, and is known as a hustler.

The purchase by the Bank of Commerce of property on the corner of George and Granville streets, opposite the provincial buildings, as a site for the bank's new building, will wipe out one of the oldest stationery stands in Halifax. Thirty years ago it was occupied by ex Alderman Thomas L. Connolly, who carried on a large wholesale and retail business. Subsequently Mr. Connolly, who is the father of J. L. Connolly, the Barrington street stationer, removed to Cape Breton, and for some years the shop floor of the building has been, and still is, occupied by Clifford H. Smith, stationer. Mr. Smith's lease does not expire until May 1 next, and he is undecided so far whether he will take another shop in the city and continue in business, or remove from Halifax altogether.

Wood Brothers, dry goods, Granville street, have purchased the brick and stone building back of them on Hollis street, occupied by the MacDougall Pattillo Co. wholesale stationers.

The book and news department at the Halifax Hotel, which, with the cigar stand, has been under lease to A. Hobrecker, is to be conducted by the hotel company after the first of the new year. Mr. Hobrecker's lease expiring at that time. It is understood that E. F. Heffler, who has conducted the cigar and book and news departments for Mr. Hobrecker for some years, will continue to do so under the hotel company's management.

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TORONTO.

Holiday Trade Booming—Important Visitors to the City—The Langton & Hall Stock Sold—The Usual Exodus to England.

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HOLIDAY trade is now in full blast, many preferring to buy early in the month and so avoid the tremendous rush during Christmas week. The picture post card is a big feature, especially in the smaller stores, where it has all but displaced the calendar. In the department stores the cheap gift book, the juvenile and the annual, are the specialties. Vast quantities of these will be disposed of during the coming fortnight.

The Tyrrell store is the headquarters for the best class trade. Never before has this store shown so wide a range and such excellent quality. The booklover can spend an hour or so there with the greatest delight.

More detailed notices are given elsewhere of the establishment in Toronto of branches of Macmillan & Co. and the Harmsworth publications.

At the meeting of the creditors of Langton & Hall, Limited, held last month, the sale of the stock was authorized, and McLeod & Allen were appointed to dispose of it. It is understood that a sale en bloc has just been effected.

Mr. H. M. Caldwell, head of the publishing house of H. M. Caldwell & Co., Boston and New York, paid a hurried visit to Toronto early this month, en route from Chicago to New York. Mr. Caldwell is a Canadian, and he took the opportunity of his stay in Toronto to run out to Newmarket, where his father still resides. Bookseller and Stationer exchanged greetings with him in the office of McLeod & Allen.

Another New York publisher who paid a short visit to the city on the 4th inst., was Mr. Hurst, of Hurst & Co., the publishers of so many standard editions. Mr. Hurst, too, can claim some connection with Canada. His father, who, as a young man, had been employed in a printing office in London, England, emigrated to this country and settled in the Muskoka district. From there he moved to Iowa, later starting the present business in New York, which has now been conducted most successfully for thirty years. While in Toronto, Mr. Hurst made his headquarters at the office of his Canadian agents, McLeod & Allen.

The book department of the W. A. Murray Co., Limited, are clearing out a large stock of American publishers' left-overs at 35c. A recent window display of some hundreds of copies of brightly bound books made a great hit, but was certainly rather risky just before Christmas, when it is the usual aim of dealers to clear out regular stock.

Mr. E. C. Walker, manager of the wholesale department of the Methodist Book & Publishing Co., sailed for England on the 24th ult., via New York. He is buying for the Fall trade of 1906, and incidentally will pick up some good fiction for Spring. He expects to be back in Toronto by the middle of January.

Mr. Charles J. Musson, president of the Musson Book Co., Limited, is another Toronto publisher at present visiting the Old Country.

E. H. Harcourt Co. are now located at 255 Wellington street west. The past month has been a busy one with them fitting up their office and factory, but this is now very nearly completed and they have some of their machines running. They have a large number of orders already on hand, and as soon as the Spring opens up they will extend their present factory by building to the rear of the lot, making total length of building 121 feet. It is their intention to erect on the lot west of their present factory a large warehouse, plan with speci-