

from a small Book Store Mr. Sharp has, through energy and diligence, succeeded in building up a large and profitable Book and Stationery business. Since his residence in St. Mary's he has always taken an active part in municipal matters, having sat 10 years at the Council Board, and is now serving his second year as Mayor of the town. As already noticed some months ago, he is publisher of "History Notes" and other books for the use of schools. At the meeting of Booksellers in January he was present and took a prominent part in the meeting. He was elected member of the Executive Committee of the Association. His absence in Europe, however, prevented his taking any active part. The late President having declined re-election, the Association unanimously elected Mr. Sharp as his successor. His well known ability as a good practical speaker, his experience in presiding over the Council of his town augurs well for a successful year for the body over which he has been elected to preside.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.—We are favoured by a Toronto wholesale house with the following letter from the four booksellers in a western town.

DEAR SIRS,

The undersigned Booksellers & Stationers of ——— have combined together and agreed not to supply the public schools here with school books or school supplies by *tender*, as they have been doing for the last number of years. We have been losing money, and wish to protect ourselves by selling direct to the families, or to the scholars; we will ask you not to give any figures to trustees should they submit any tenders for your consideration. The books they must have, and can get them from us in the regular way. We will take it as a favour should they write you in the matter to kindly refer them to the trade in ———, consider our interest and we will reciprocate.

Toronto, O.

Yours truly,

We commend the above to the trade, as it is a move in the right direction; there is no doubt that in places where the Board of School Trustees is supplied by tender that prices are cut so close as to leave no room for profit. The proper and legitimate way is for the scholars to buy their books from the stores direct, without the intervention of any Board of Trustees. While the aggregate loss to the dealer is large, the saving to the individual is practically nothing. There are some other towns and cities in Ontario, to the dealers in which we would say, "Go and do likewise."

Grade Notices.

BROWN BROS., send us one of their handsome Country House Diaries for 1886. They make 14 varieties, and about 150 for pocket use.

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