

Taylor also refused to be dictated to, and there the matter rests. No other dealers handle the *Mail*.

W DRYSDALE & Co., Montreal.

Our holiday trade never was better. Cash sales some 50 per cent. in excess of former years, and whole trade far ahead of our expectations.

The cheaper cards sold very well, also a line of hand painted, with mother of pearl mountings, for high priced. The fringe and satin cards are evidently going out.

We carry very little holiday stock over. Orders for January, so far, are very encouraging.

F. E. GRAFTON & SONS, Montreal.

The best Xmas we have had for years. The day before Xmas, the best we have had, with one exception. Cards never went better, especially the better class.

L. E. RIVARD, Montreal.

Reports his sale of Christmas cards about 50 per cent. more than last year. Other goods sold well.

H. FRED. SHARP, St. Mary's.

Business very fair, considering the state of the roads. My December sales were in advance of those of '84.

STRATHROY.—A correspondent writes that he did not do as good a holiday trade as last year, but states that two new book stores have been started in the meantime, and nearly every dry-goods house is handling fancy goods; some of them cards also. Good plain cards sold well. Purchases were light in anticipation of less business. The fact seems to be that while the book stores did less the gross amount of trade must have been up to the mark.

E. W. ATTWOOD, Walkerton.

I regret to state that owing to the want of sleighing, the trade from a distance, which we generally get at this season, was not obtainable; and although "considering the roads," the Christmas trade was very fair, it was not up to other years. The low priced cards went off well; but instead of high priced ones, more useful articles were bought. There is considerable holiday stock left. We are still without sleighing, which makes business dull.

GEO. A. ODELL, Woodstock.

The stock left over in general lines is good, and not heavier than usual.

We have found things very good; am told by some in the trade that the better class of goods did not move as well as in former years, but am happy to say personally we have found the holiday trade better than for the past two years, although the weather has been very much against business. Cards sold as well as formerly with us; we are not carrying over as many as last season, and our stock this Christmas was larger in that line. Did not buy many fringe cards, and have no cause to regret it, as I think the day for that class of goods is passed.

In addition to the above we have very favorable advices from Perth (a big boom there), Cobourg, Peterborough, Port Arthur and other points.

RARE & SECOND-HAND BOOKS.

Lodge's Portraits of Illustrious Personages of Great Britain, with Biographical and Historical Memoires of their lives and actions, two hundred and forty Portraits, beautifully engraved on steel. 8 vols. cloth. A nice clean copy \$8.50. Bohn's *Illustrated Library*, 1849.

Hone's (William), Table Book. Numerous Illustrations. Imperial, 8 vol. Cloth, \$2.00 Lon. 1827.

Hall's (Mr. and Mrs.) Ireland and its scenery, with a description of its Antiquities, Seats, Castles, the Inhabitants, their Customs, Legends and Characteristics. Illustrated with several hundred fine plates, first and fine impressions. 3 vols., Royal 8vo. *Half Morocco* \$7.50. London 1841.

Johnson's (Samuel L.L.D.) works; together with his Life and Notes on his Lives of the Poets, by Sir John Hawkins, in 11 vols., Debates in Parliament, 2 vols. and Miscellaneous Works, 1 vol., together 14 vols., 8vo. calf, uniform, *fine Portrait after Sir Joshua Reynolds*. \$8.00. London 1787.

Pope's (Alex.) works, 12 vols., 12mo. full calf, with curious old cuts and notes. A superb copy. \$5.50. London, 1764.

Johnson's (Dr. Samuel), Dictionary of the English Language, to which are prefixed a history of the Language and an English Grammar, with *fine Portrait of Sir Joshua Reynolds*, 2 vols., 4to full calf, gt., London 1785, with the supplement by Mason half Morocco, 4to. London 1791, together 3 vols \$3.75.

NOTE.—This is a genuine edition and contains the Dr's. well known and curious definitions.

Burnet's (Bp.) History of his own time; to which is added the Life of the Author, by his son, Thomas Burnet, 2 vols, Folio, full calf, been very neatly rebounded. A fine clean copy \$3.50. London 1724-34.

BRITNELL'S ENGLISH BOOK STORE,

298 YONGE STREET, TORONTO.

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