

MONTHLY REPORT FROM BOOK CENTRES

TORONTO.

Office of BOOKSELLER AND STATIONER,
10 Front Street East, Toronto.

July 1, 1905.

BUSINESS during June and the early part of July has been good. The tourist traffic is now well under way and there has been a consequent demand for souvenir goods, such as books of views and picture post cards.

J. P. McKenna is making a specialty of picture post cards at present, and his large show window is a centre of attraction for the passing crowds on Yonge street. He has it filled with hundreds of cards of every line and every kind of subject.

Among the best trade "The Garden of Allah," by Robert Hichens, has been selling best. The fame of this book has been growing on its merits. "Rose of the World," by Agnes and Egerton Castle, has likewise been increasing in popularity as it becomes better known. There is still a good demand for "The Marriage of William Ashe," and the Labrador books are asked for extensively.

MONTREAL.

Office of BOOKSELLER AND STATIONER,
232 McGill Street, Montreal.

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BOOK sales during June continued satisfactory, and at the beginning of July all stores made extra efforts to catch tourist and traveling trade. Paper fiction was wisely featured and nature books had a large representation also. New fiction was brought to the front



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and the combined progressiveness of most stores prompted healthy and active business.

Window displays were brighter and daintier than in many months; even the conservative old-fashioned book stores which still survive did something in this particu-

lar. The St. Catherine street book stores, notably Renouf, Phelan, Foster Brown, Chapman and Drysdale, all had attractive displays, changed regularly. Interior decoration was also attended to and show cards and dis-



Theodore Roberts.

play racks were prominent. Judging by the number of customers in legitimate book stores the department stores have not seriously hurt the business.

"The Voyageur" continued prominent. Some of the new books favorably mentioned include the "Task Masters," "The Rebel Wooing," "Lady Penelope," "Pam," and "Baccarat." Libraire Beauchemin are doing well with the English translation of "The Canadian West." Some of the new war books in demand are "The Downfall of Russia," "The Japanese Spirit," and "Under the Care of the Japanese War Office." W. W. Jacob's "Dialstone Lane" is highly spoken of.

WINNIPEG.

Office of BOOKSELLER AND STATIONER,
Room 311 Union Bank Building, Winnipeg, Man.
July 1, 1905.

JUNE business in Winnipeg book stores was fairly satisfactory, although the continued wet weather hindered the regular Summer trade. With warmer weather people are making their way to Summer resorts and there is a more active demand for Summer fiction.

Without doubt, "The Marriage of William Ashe" is still the best selling book, the sales in Winnipeg having been exceptionally large since the book first came out. Dr. Drummond's new collection of French Canadian poems, "The Voyageur," has an assured reception. In the few days that the book has been on sale in Winnipeg a great many copies have been sold. Two new detective stories, "The Mandarin's Fan," by Feigus-Hume, and "The Marathon Mystery," by Burton E. Stevenson, have proved very popular. "On the Firing Line," a romance of the Boer War, in which a Canadian trooper is the hero and an English girl the heroine, is meeting with some attention locally. "Rose of the World," by Agnes and Egerton Castle is repeating in book form its success as a serial in the Saturday Evening Post.