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The Copp, Clark Co. have already sold out four-fifths of their Canadian edition of Don Orsino. All Crawford's works are selling well.

The Toronto News Co. are showing some nice ranges of valentines. The designs are new and in many cases very striking.

J. T. Sutton, one of the oldest travellers in the Maritime Provinces district, has joined the Warwick & Sons' staff of travellers, and will go east from Toronto. Mr. Sutton was formerly with Robert Miller, Son & Co., of Montreal, and latterly with W. J. Gage & Co.

Mr. George R. Warwick, of Warwick & Sons, has gone on his annual trip to the North-west and the Pacific coast, and the editor of this journal expects a bunch of violets from Victoria sometime in February.

Mr. Riddell, of Hart & Riddell, stationers, King street, is now in the city for the first time since entering into his present partnership.

Mr. S. B. Gundy, who for many years represented W. J. Gage & Co. on their eastern ground, has accepted the position of manager of the wholesale department of the Methodist Book Room. He sails shortly for Europe to make their purchases for the coming year.

W. J. Gage & Co. have issued a neat greeting card wishing their customers a prosperous new year. They have had a prosperous year. Mr. Dimick, who has done their city trade successfully for considerable time, now takes the eastern trip for this house.

Mr. Solomon and Mr. Anderson have both severed their connection with the

Methodist Book Room. They were energetic and honest salesmen, and genial companions on the road. Their friends throughout the country will miss their genial smiles and happy jokes. Both will doubtless succeed in other spheres, because they had that grasp of business knowledge which ensures success. Mr. Solomon has gone to New York.

January 4th was a heavy day with most of the wholesale houses, but reports indicate a good settlement by retailers. The amounts to be met this year were greater and more numerous than in former years; but nevertheless payments were satisfactory. Requests for renewals were not for large amounts or for long periods, and this shows that money must be fairly plentiful. The strong Christmas trade has seemingly placed retailers on their feet, and collections seem also to have been very satisfactory with all the rural dealers, many of whom do a heavy credit business.

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