

Correspondence.

WINNIPEG, OCT. 1st, 1884.

To the Editor BOOKS AND NOTIONS.

SIR,—Doubtless an occasional communication regarding the state of trade in this corner of the Dominion would be of some interest to the trade of our sister Provinces, so I will endeavour to state clearly and honestly the exact feeling of some of our closest observers.

When in Toronto and Montreal some three weeks ago I heard all kinds of conflicting rumours regarding the probabilities of having good crops throughout the North-west, but on my arrival here I found only one opinion expressed which was that there was no reasonable doubt that there would be the most bountiful harvest gathered here that has ever been the good fortune of our sturdy pioneers to garner. Circumstances have fully borne out this prognostication, and when I state that the two largest Milling Companies have been paying 80c. per bushel for wheat you will readily see that Providence is smiling upon our country, and as long as this state of affairs continues you, in Ontario and Quebec, upon whom we are so largely dependent in a commercial sense, will certainly derive a benefit in that the liabilities of our merchants will be more promptly met.

During the last three months throughout the whole Northwest there have only been some twelve or thirteen failures, and nearly all for small amounts, which state of affairs compared with the corresponding period of last year, shows a very gratifying result. Here in Winnipeg, in the Book and Stationery trade there has not been, as far as I can learn a single failure for two years, a showing which I think cannot be equalled in any other branch of trade in the city.

The feeling amongst merchants is that business through the coming fall and winter will be quite satisfactory, and if the farmers dispose of their grain at prices even approaching present figures, we will enter upon a period of prosperity next spring which will more than atone for the depressed state of trade since the boom.

I shall endeavour from time to time to drop you a line informing your readers, through your much needed medium, of how we are progressing in this the land of Promise.

Yours truly,
"GARRY."

To the Editor BOOKS AND NOTIONS.

LONDON, Ont., October 4, 1884.

DEAR SIR,—The Book and Fancy Goods trade here has been very dull. Our Fair, just over, gave a little stimulus to the latter branch. With the advance of cold weather, and the near approach of Xmas, business promises to improve. The run on books is on the Fireside Library and Seaside Library style, the more expensive class of books having but a small demand, but hope it will improve. Mr. Bryce, in Fancy Goods and Xmas Cards, and Reid Bros. in Stationery, report a good business on the road.

Mr. Bryce has just received his first supply of Xmas novelties, composed of 225 cases. It is reported that he contemplates removing his wholesale business to Toronto so as to better supply his increas-

THE
CANADIAN LIBRARY.

TORONTO, September 29th, 1884.

DEAR SIR,

I take the liberty of bringing to your notice the proposed publication of a Series of Books, under the general title of "THE CANADIAN LIBRARY," the first instalment (eight volumes) of which I design to issue during the ensuing year, if I am fortunate enough to meet with sufficient encouragement to warrant the publishers going on with the work. In projecting this series, the object I have in view is, not only, if possible, to give a timely impulse to native literature, but to make an important contribution to it, in the form of a Library likely to find admittance into every Canadian household, and to receive with favor for its immediate interest and permanent value. The moderate price of the volumes will necessitate a large subscription list to cover the cost.

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Respectfully yours,

G. MERCER ADAM,
Editor.

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