

"20. If their approval be recommended by the two Committees, they shall be approved by the Council, and it shall be stated in the notice that shall be given that they have been approved, on the recommendation of the two Committees, for Catholic Schools and for Protestant Schools.

"30. If their approval be recommended by only one of the two Committees, they shall in like manner be approved by the Council, excepting that mention shall be made of their approval on the recommendation of the Catholic Committee or of the Protestant Committee, only, for Catholic Schools or Protestant Schools, as the case may be.

"40. Persons desirous of procuring the approval of books by the Council must transmit to the Council before hand twelve copies in place of eight.

"Resolved that on the recommendation of the two Committees, the following books be approved for Catholic Schools and for Protestant Schools:

"*Dr. Milé's Series of History of Canada*, entitled

10. *A New History of Canada, 1534-1867*, to serve as a general reader in the Secondary or Superior Institutions.

20. *A School History of Canada*, prepared for the Elementary and Model Schools.

30. *The Child's History of Canada*, for the Elementary Schools.

"*Eléments de Botanique et de Physiologie végétale* suivis d'une petite flore simple et facile de la Province de Québec, par M. l'Abbé Ovide Brunet.

"*Histoire du Canada, à l'usage des maisons d'éducation*, par le Rév. C. H. Laverdière, A. M."

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### Business Hints for the New Year!

Believing that the maxims and advice contained in the following article in the *Trade Review*, apply with no less force to Teachers than to business men, we have reproduced it (slightly condensed) in our editorial columns, and leave it to the Teachers themselves to make the application.

"The beginning of a new year—the commencement of a new link in the chain of Time—has always been deemed a favourable season to survey the past, take reckoning of the present, and form resolutions for the future. This practice is one which it would be well for the man of business to follow. It is one, the wisdom of which would soon unfold itself. A few hours of reflection—if he would only stop to think—might show him why he has been unsuccessful in the past, or where there is danger of wrecking in the future. One of the great defects of this age, if we are to believe the sage Tom Carlyle,

is the neglect of quiet, earnest *Thinking*. Everybody in general, and the devotees of commerce in particular, appear to have no time to think, and many of them are whirled along in their business career like driftwood on the river's bosom, to fortune or to ruin. With such individuals, let 1870 be an exception. Let them pause, take the bearings of their position, and if success has not perched heretofore upon their business banner, let them adopt and act upon those maxims which *will* bring different results.

In throwing out a few business hints, we lay no particular claim to originality. But truth is none the less important because it is not new, and so many simple maxims which have often been repeated, are the "open sesame" to business success, although they are so familiar to many, that they forget their value, and cease to practise them.

Travellers like Dr. Livingstone, whilst wending their way through solitudes never previously trodden by the foot of civilized man, every short period halt and take reckonings as to where they are. This is precisely what hundreds of business men throughout Canada require to do at the present moment. Not, of course, by the position of the stars, like the great African explorer, but by a strict and searching investigation into the real state of their affairs. It is a lamentable fact, that there are many *who are afraid* to make such an examination—who have not courage to look their difficulties in the face. In nine cases out of ten, after a brief season of uncertainty, and possibly a spasmodic effort when too late, such individuals become bankrupts.

Those persons in business who thus, to use a vulgarism, "go it blind," are not simply foolish—they are criminal. Their negligence is a guilty negligence. Our first advice then is: Take the bearing of your position and ascertain exactly how you stand.

Having faithfully performed the foregoing duty, we can divide the business world into two classes, with propriety,—the successful and the unsuccessful. For each of these, but particularly the latter, we have some advice, and a few seasonable maxims, worthy, we hope, of their consideration.

To the successful merchant, mechanic, manufacturer or trader, we say: Study the causes of your success, and don't let the sun of prosperity blind you to the importance of continuing to cultivate them. Thousands were at one time successful, who have ended their career in failure! This is a well-attested fact, and the causes are not difficult to discover. Reader—are you throwing away past success, by neglecting to give that strict attention to your occupation which formerly characterized you? Are you still as energetic and enterprising as when you commenced? These are pertinent questions and even the most successful may not find it unsalutary to reflect upon them.

Of the unsuccessful in business, we desire first, to ask: Are you fitted for the trade upon which you have entered? The most prolific cause of commercial disaster is, undoubtedly, ignorance of, or want of adaptability for, the particular occupation entered upon. Some people seem to think if they can only get into business no matter what—they are set up for life. Never was there a greater fallacy. How many are there who invest in manufacturing without knowing anything about the business, or allying themselves with those who do? How many think they can "keep store," who know nothing about that calling, and not a few of whom would be much more suitably employed in superintending a— a— horse and cart? How many are there—but we will not multiply instances; it is enough to know, that the bulk of failures arise from this cause, and that no amount of good advice will preserve such from being unsuccessful. In addition to persons not having the necessary business education, there are many who have not sufficient talent—have not the necessary tact and temper—to achieve success, and whose peculiar "idiosyncrasies" so stick out, that they repel instead of attracting public support.

For all these classes who are unsuccessful, there is little hope. The *TRADE REVIEW* New Year's advice to them is "Get out of the "business you are in as soon, and with as little loss as possible, "and turn your attention to what you do understand."

SCHOLASTIC.—We learn from the *Richmond Guardian* that Miss M. M. Bothwell of Durham, has been appointed by the Protestant Board of School Commissioners of Montreal as Head-Mistress in the Royal Western School, and that Miss Josephine Smith of Danville, has received an appointment by the same body, in the Panet Street School.