



Photo easels are both cheaper and handsomer than ever. The pretty flower tops are brought out in all styles and the crystallized leaf is a novelty which cannot help selling.

G. W. Sherman has just opened a store under the name of "The People's Instalment Co." in Kingston. It is his intention to keep all kinds of fancy household goods and sell them on the weekly payment basis.

The stock of Robert Elliott, fancy goods dealer in St. Thomas, was sold on the 18th ult. The value placed on it was \$2,210 73, but it brought only 25% on the dollar when put under the hammer. Wm. Cornforth was the purchaser.

The latest novelty in thermometer ornaments is a plush plaque with a small handful of wheat attached to it by means of a pretty ribbon and a thermometer scale in the corner. A case holding shaving paper, with a handsome scale on the outside is also a novelty that will likely sell readily at Xmas time.

John Howorth's new picture and fancy goods store on Yonge street, north of Wellesley, is one of the neatest in Toronto of its kind. Mr. Howorth has a peculiar faculty of laying out his store tastily and in such a manner as to shew his goods to advantage. He is hardly appreciated so high up in the street.

F. Hook has just started a book and fancy goods store at 603 Yonge Street, Toronto.

Although he has not previously had experience in this particular branch of trade having worked for a London, Ont., Loan Co., we look for a prosperous future for him. We are glad to hear that he is starting out on the cash basis both in buying and selling.

There is a decided demand for Japanese goods, especially of the small cheap decorative kind. The latest out are spiders, beetles, flies, etc., of all sorts and sizes. These are sold alone and on webs, twigs, etc., and make a very effective decoration for curtain. Huge Jap umbrellas are also quite fashionable, especially in the better class of summer cottages.

The position of king among Canadian fancy goods dealers has always been considered to be between Geo. W. Clarke and Rice Sharpley, of Montreal, the honor being contested upon one or the other according as the judge might prefer European or American novelties. At any rate Rice Sharpley's was always considered a magnificent store, more especially since he moved from Notre Dame Street East to St. James Street, near College Street. This change of location was only made last year after having remained in his old stand for a quarter of a century. And no sooner had he undergone all the worries and trials of moving and settling down than an end came to all his earthly ambitions. His many friends throughout Canada, more especially among the older Montrealers, will miss the old gentleman's kindly face.

"The Salt Cellars," being a collection of proverbs together with homely notes thereon by C. H. Spurgeon, is being offered to the trade by Upper Canada Tract Society.

J. Theo. Robinson, of Montreal, has added several books to his "Popular" series, among which are "The Monk's Wedding," a novel by Conrad Ferdin and Meyer; "Steadfast," by Rose Terry Cooke.

Lovell's Canadian Copyright Series is taking well. The latest additions are "The Luck of the House," by Adeline Sergeant, "The Curse of Carne Hold," by G. A. Henty; "Hedre," by Helen Mathers, "Jezebel's Friends," by Dora Russell, "Sophy Carmine," by John Strange Winter.

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