

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.

CITY RETAILERS.

A meeting of the Retail Booksellers and Stationers of the city was held in the office of BOOKS AND NOTIONS on Tuesday evening, Feb. 4. We regret the pressure of matter prevents us giving as full a report of the proceedings as we should have wished. There were present Messrs. Coleman, D. Sutherland, W. Sutherland, Evans, Plaskett, MacKay, Porter, Cook, Sullens, Mikel, Shaw and Newman. Mr. S. Wallace in the chair, reported that they had been unable to get any definite information as to whether the Government would introduce a bill permitting municipalities to supply free school books. It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the same committee. The meeting then considered the organization of a Retail Booksellers' and Stationers' Association and came to the conclusion that it would be in the interests of the trade to do so. The following provisional officers were elected:

President S. Wallace;

Vice-President J. S. Coleman;

Sec. Treasurer Frank Porter.

Executive Committee Messrs. MacDonald, Plaskett, Evans, Cook and D. Sutherland.

During the month the executive committee has been hard at work preparing a constitution and by laws.

On Friday evening last the formation was completed. On that evening a meeting of retailers was held in the office of BOOKS AND NOTIONS, at which the report of the constitution committee was discussed and adopted with certain amendments. The executive committee will meet on the evening of Tuesday the 4th inst., to draw up a circular to be sent to the trade throughout the city. The members present were Messrs. Cook, W. Sutherland, Evans, Plaskett, Wallace, Mikel, Porter. The provisional officers: Mr. Wallace, chairman, and Mr. Porter, secretary, officiated.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association was held in this office on Monday last. Mr. A. S. Irving was in the chair, and there were present Messrs. S. Wallace, Donald Bain, N. T. Wilson and I. B. McLean. The action of the Employing Printers in asking the Government to increase the import duty on books and other printed matter, plates, etc., was discussed and it was decided that the Secretary should write the Minister of Finance opposing any increase in the duty. A proof of the article on postage published on page 7 of this issue was read and the Secretary was instructed to send a copy to the Postmaster General and to each of the members of Parliament. Messrs. Wilson, Wallace and Bain were appointed a committee to wait upon the Minister of Education regarding the proposed free school book law.

At the next meeting an effort will be made to arrive at a uniform price list for periodicals which will ensure a fair margin of profit to the retail trade. The secretary will be glad to hear from the trade on the question.

A PUBLISHERS' COMBINATION IN NEW YORK.

A Publishers' Trust is the latest thing on the tapis in New York. It is a trust of the cheap library makers. All the publishers of English reprints with a capital less than a million are hesitating between fight and capitulation. The effort of the combination is to take hold of the George Munro business and secure his Seaside series. It is stated that he has agreed to let his plates for \$50,000 a year with the option of purchasing within three years for one million dollars. J. S. Ogilvy refuses to go in. The Lovell Company and the Trow Printing Company have gone in. J. S. Ogilvy, however, talks fight. The copyright publishers do not look with favor on a plan which will strengthen the hands of the non-copyright publishers. The Canadian copyright situation is being canvassed with much interest. Publishers here say that if Sir John Thompson's bill, now over in England, is carried out it will be a bonanza for every printing office in the Dominion, and enable the Canadians to print tons of books that they have been heretofore importing from the States. The American copyright publishers in buying books from England have resolved that Canada shall be included in their franchise, so that the printing houses of the Dominion may be shut out as much as possible from competition. Prominent American publishers admit that from a Canadian standpoint the Canadian Government are on the right track for the Canadians, and that it is understood that American influence has been used in England to prevent the consent of the English Government being given to the Canadian Copyright bill.

PLEASED WITH RESULTS.

DEAR SIR, - Please let our advertisement stand as altered in your valuable journal for the current month. We are pleased with the results.

Yours truly,

G. R. BESWETHERICK,

The Art Metropole, 181 Yonge street,

Toronto, March 3, 1890.

A SUGGESTION.

EDITOR OF BOOKS AND NOTIONS.

SIR, - That we are passing through a period of commercial depression is, I believe, a fact admitted by all classes of traders. And whilst certain trades - dry goods for example - have not been slow to take up any outside lines which appeared to offer a reasonable margin of profit, it is to be feared stationers and booksellers have not generally been equally on the alert to their own interests in this respect. Indeed we might point out that in many cases they even neglect profitable lines which might easily form profitable adjuncts to their own business. As a suggestion let me direct attention to artists' materials, colors in oil and water, together with brushes, canvas, etc., would command a ready sale in any town where it might be properly introduced. It leaves a good margin of profit, is clean and easily handled, does not deteriorate if taken care of, and does not involve a large outlay. Moreover, it is an active trade in dull times, as many people resort to the brush as a means of improvement and remuneration when times are quiet.

Yours, etc.,

TRADLER.

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5227. Three Album Leaves, by F. Hiller.
5228. Suite. Op. 187 (Gavotte, Chorale & Gigue), by F. Hiller.

5229. Andantino and Capricciotto, by Stephen Hiller.

5230. Three Old French Melodies.

5231. Sonatina in F. Op. 196, by F. Hiller.

5232. Twelve Favorite Airs. Arranged by Charles Halle. Forsyth Brothers, London, England.

5233. Helps to Bible Study, with practical notes on the Books of Scripture, by Rev. A. Sims, Second Edition, revised and enlarged. Rev. Albert Sims, Otterville, Oxford Co., Ont.

5234. Accompagnement du Nouveau Manuel de Chants Liturgiques, de M. l'Abbe Bourdau, par R. Octave Pelletier. Eusebe Senecal et Fils, Montreal, Que.

5235. The Canadian Law List, 1890, edited by Henry Ryerson Hardy, barrister, Toronto, Ont.

5236. No Possible Doubt Whatever. Song from the Gondoliers. Words by W. S. Gilbert, Music by Arthur Sullivan. The Anglo-Canadian Music Publishers' Association (L'd.) London, England.

5237. Memory. Song by Homer Tourjee. Homer Tourjee, Belleville, Ont., and David F. Cordingley, Toronto, Ont.

5238. Blind Girl's Dream. Song written and composed by Louisa Gray. Chappell & Co., London, England.

5239. Kathie Schottische, by Arthur M. Cohen. Whaley, Royce & Co., Toronto, Ont.

5240. Geraldine Waltz. Introducing the popular melody by Boardman, Farewell Marguerite, composed by J. B. Hutchins.

5241. Kind Sir, You cannot have the Heart. Song from the Gondoliers. Words by W. S. Gilbert, music by Arthur Sullivan.

5242. Take a pair of Sparkling Eyes. Song from the Gondoliers. Words by W. S. Gilbert, music by Arthur Sullivan. The Anglo-Canadian Music Publishers' Association (L'd.) London, England.

5243. When a Merry Maiden Marries. Song from the Gondoliers. Words by W. S. Gilbert, music by Arthur Sullivan. The Anglo-Canadian Music Publishers' Association (L'd.) London, England.

5244. Kindergarten Drawing Practice Book No. 1, Selby & Co., Toronto, Ont.

5245. Rosina. Military Schottische by Ben. Marcato. The Anglo-Canadian Music Publishers' Association (L'd.) London, England.

5246. The Natural History of Prince Edward Island, by Francis Bain. George Hubert Haszard, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

5247. There is Joy.

5248. The Power of Song.

5249. Seek Me Early.

5250. My Needs.

5251. Life of Christ.

5252. Jesus Changeth Not.

5253. I must Die.

5254. I love to Sing of Jesus.

5255. Help! Brothers, Help!

5256. Bright Morning Land. John M. Whyte, of Fenwick, County of Monck, Ont.

5157. A Starry Night. (Une Nuit Etoilee), Valse Revee, by Emma Fraser Blackstock. A. & S. Nordheimer, Toronto.