

CHAT OF THE TRADE.

F. J. Day & Co. have bought out W. H. Roberts, of Stratford. Mr. Day is a new man to the business, but proposes to make things hum.

H. G. Shaver and C. C. McPhee (Shaver & McPhee) have opened up a new book store in Stratford. McPhee owns a business in St. Marys.

E. A. Bailey has opened a book store in Rapid City, Man.

Rowell & Hutchison, King St., report a good Christmas trade in all lines. They have just issued a very fine work, handsomely bound in cloth, entitled "Lives of the Judges of Upper Canada and Ontario from 1791 to the present time," by David B. Read; price, \$3. They have also republished the lecture, "What is Political Science?" by W. J. Ashley, M.A.; price, 15c.

Mr. E. H. Scott, formerly a bookseller and fancy goods dealer at Stratford, is now practising medicine at Moosejaw, N.W.T.

Every dry goods store in the city laid in a stock of plush goods for the holiday trade.

B. F. Warraker, formerly of Ottawa, has purchased John Osborne's business at 184½ Queen West.

W. Harkness, an old Meaford bookseller, has joined hands with Mr. E. E. Smith, of Parkdale. The new firm will be Harkness, Smith & Co, 208 Queen West, Parkdale.

Toronto has scarcely ever seen more attractive window displays than this Christmas season. The stationers vied with the jewellers and drapers in making a tempting display of holiday gifts.

Prices of annuals were well maintained this year, principally on account of the small supply over from advance orders.

One dry goods firm cut "Sunday at Home" to \$1.65 each, but the Boys' and Girls' Own Annuals were generally sold at \$2.

Bisque ornaments have sold readily, and bisque dolls and kid-bodied dolls are cutting a swathe in the old time wax doll trade.

Robertson's Library, which has been jobbed off in quantities to the retail trade, is now offered to the novel reading classes in some stores at half prices, in others at the tempting rate of "three for a quarter."

Suppose the booksellers should go into hosiery and haberdashery as well as dry goods, small wares in general, as a mode of retaliation on the drapers? Pins, needles, etc., would not be out of place along side of stationery.

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BOOKS.

"The Astonishing History of Troy Town." By Q. Wm. Bryce, Toronto, 3rd November, 1888.

"Manuel de droit Parlementaire, ou Cours Elementaire de droit Constitutionnel." Par P. B. Mignault. P. B. Mignault et Amodeo Periard, Montreal, 3 November.

"Practical Exercises in English Composition." By H. I. Strang, B.A. The Copp, Clark Co., Toronto, 5th November.

"Provisory Notes and Drafts." John Wesley Johnson, Belleville, 6th November.

"The Rogue." By W. E. Norris. The National Publishing Co., Toronto, 6th November.

"Le Rosaire Sans Distractions." Une pensee pour chaque Ave. Congregation de Notre Dame. Maisons More. James A. Sadlier, Montreal, 7th November.

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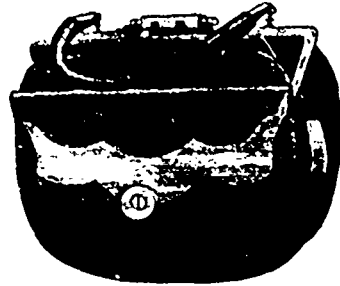
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