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SOME NEW SCHOOL BOOKS.

DURING the present season there have been a few changes in school books which affect the trade in Ontario, and these changes have been made by the Minister of Education of this province.

Two or three of the little backwoods retailers have been kicking up a fuss just because the said Minister of Education hasn't informed them of his plans in an official way, and that at the present time they are using the cry of a famous U.S. Senator—"Where am I at?" and there is no answer. This uncertainty is displeasing to those men—whom this same Minister has called—"the backbone of our country," classing them with the other laborers of our land.

Dealers probably expect too much—but it would seem that the Minister of Education would be doing himself a favor if he would send notices of probable changes to BOOKS AND NOTIONS, and thus make them known to the retail trade generally. For instance there is an uncertainty as to when the new Drawing Books for High School use will be ready, and consequently dealers do not know what quantities to purchase. The Minister of Education has been uniformly willing to furnish all such information when asked

directly for it, but is also careful not to tell too much, about his "futures." But BOOKS AND NOTIONS has no doubt that such information as is available would be given to this journal in a regular way, if booksellers would intimate to the Minister that such a plan is desirable.

Now as to the new High School Drawing Books, work has just been commenced on them by the publishers and there is little prospect that more than the first number will be issued before the end of the year. Dealers can therefore buy stock freely, as most of the High Schools and Collegiate Institutes will no doubt use the old series throughout the year. A change at January would not be convenient.

A new edition of the Public School Arithmetic will be issued about the end of the year. The work is now in hand, but the old edition will have to be cleared up before the new one is placed on the market. Dealers may expect the new edition in January.

The publishing of the new Public School text book "Physiology and Temperance" has been entrusted to the Methodist Book and Publishing House. It will contain about 200 pages, fully illustrated, and will sell at 25 cents. The trade may look for it towards the close of September. As the use of this book is made compulsory in the fourth and fifth forms a large demand is assured.

The Copp Clark Co. furnish the following information. They have issued an illustrated edition of the Lady of the Lake, with notes by Rolfe, the famed author of Shakespeare's works. They have also issued an annotated edition of Black's Goldsmith by F. H. Sykes. The price of these two books is 50 and 60 cents respectively. They have arranged for a Canadian edition of N. F. Dupuis' Elementary Algebra. This book is by a professor at Queen's University at Kingston, and has been issued for some years by McMillan & Co., New York. The edition will be \$1. They will also issue a dollar edition of Hall & Knight's Elementary Algebra. A second edition of Virgil, bk. II., with notes by Henderson and Hargarty, is now in press, the first edition having been exhausted before the schools actually opened. They have in press a book entitled Canadian Historical Sketches, based upon the stories of New France by Miss Machar and F. G. Marquis. The latter is the editor of the volume, which is intended as a supplementary text-book to give prominence to those romantic and stirring events of Canadian history which are necessarily omitted in an outline school history.

Another book which will soon be put on the market is an Elementary Algebra to be published by the Rose Publishing Co. They

have just started on it, and it will not be published until some time in October, possibly later.

Ontario dealers should remember that on and after July 1st, 1894, The Public School History of England and Canada, by G. Mercer Adam and W. J. Robertson, shall cease to be authorized.

Sinclair's "First Year at School" has been authorized in Ontario. This is a primary teacher's manual, and contains many valuable suggestions as to first language lessons, reading, number work, study of surroundings, manual training and moral training. It shows how kindergarten work may be blended with public school work. Mr. Sinclair is Principal of the Hamilton Model School.

The Education Department state that the Book-keeping Blanks at present in use will be accepted by the examiners for 1894. This practically means that for this term at all events the Blanks hitherto used will be in demand and can be disposed of. Most of the dealers may already be aware that about two weeks ago the Education Department issued regulations to the effect that a new Book-keeping Blank would be required of "at least ten foolscap size or the equivalent thereof." Wholesalers had stocks of the kind used previously, and the retailers were loaded, hence a vigorous kick was made with the above result, and present stocks may now be worked off.

The following is the departmental requirements in the Commercial Course for the Primary. "Each candidate shall submit for examination his school work in Book-keeping and Commercial Transactions, which shall consist of the following as a minimum:—Four Sets, each of at least ten foolscap pages or the equivalent thereof, and each comprising the necessary books of original entry with Ledger and Bill-Book. The sets shall consist of one in Single Entry and three in Double Entry, and the books of each Set, if written in a blank book, shall be entered together and shall be wholly separate from the others. The Single Entry Set shall be especially suitable for farmers and artisans or for retail merchants and general traders, and shall employ the Cash Book, Journal, Ledger and Bill Book, in addition to the necessary books of original entry. One of the Double Entry Sets shall be suitable for retail merchants, and shall show transactions covering a period of two months of actual business, the Ledger being closed at the end of each month and a statement of resources and liabilities shown. The second Double Entry Set shall be a Set in Partnership, embracing transactions in Commission and Brokerage; and the third shall be a