TRADE CHAT.

ACCORDING to telegraphic despatches received in Toronto, E. N. Williams, the late confidential bookkeeper of Buntin, Reid & Co., Toronto, was nearly killed recently in a railway smashup on the Pacific coast. He had one leg and three ribs broken, besides suffering other injuries. He is now in San Francisco.

Arsene Marcotte, bookbinder, Quebec, has assigned.

Robert Johnston, stationer, Weston, Ont., is dead.

Fred. Campbell, of Toronto, manager of the Canada Paper Co., spent most of last week in Montreal.

Emil Nerlich, of Nerlich & Co., is in Germany at present buying for fall. He will not return until June.

R. J. Berkinshaw, Canadian manager for Funk & Wagnalls, is in New York at present. He will return in a day or two.

A receiver has been appointed for the bookbinding department of the News-Advertiser Printing and Publishing Co., Vancouver, B.C.

Henry J. White Bishop and Henry Bishop are now registered proprietors of the book business of Bishop & Bishop, St. John's, Newfoundland.

A "New English Dictionary" is now being issued from the Clarendon Press, Oxford. It was begun in 1857 by Dr. Murray, the great English philologist.

Club Playing Card Co., Montreal, manufacturers of playing cards, has had Trefile Berthiaume, Napoleon Sabourin and Pierre Catelli registered as proprietors.

Jno. McFarlane, president of the Canada Paper Co., spent a few days in the Toronto branch last month. He seemed pleased with the success of their business in Ontario.

The Canada News Co. has obtained control of the Grand Trunk restaurant at Totonto Junction. The new company is getting control of all the restaurants along the line.

The Kingston School Board has adopted a system by which it will provide free to the pupils, paper, pens, pencils, subbers and scribbling books. The larger subject of free text-books will be considered later.

J. P. McLennan, manager of the Central bookstore, Moncton, N.B., has resigned that position to accept the more lucrative one of manager of the Eureka Woolen Manufacturing Co., of Eureka, Pictou county

The Rochester, N.Y. Typothetic celebrated February 22nd, Washington's birthday, by a joyial gathering. A. F. Rutter, president of the Toronto Employing Printers' Association, was invited to partake of the hospitality.

James A Austin, for nearly forty years an employee of the Globe Printing Company,

died on Saturday, February 17th. He leaves a widow, two sons and two daughters. One son is head bookkeeper for Warwick Bros.& Rutter.

The entire retail stock of sheet music, music books, etc., belonging to the Suckling estate, Toronto, was sold by auction to Whaley, Royce & Co., the Anglo-Canadian Co., and A. & S. Nordheimer. The competition was rather keen, and averaged a good rate on the dollar.

Chief of Police Young, of Chatham, has ordered the cessation of the sale of the Detroit Sunday newspapers in that city. About 500 citizens subscribe for these papers, and most of them are raising a row over their deprivation of their Sunday morning literature.

The emp'oyees engaged in all branches of the book and paper trade in Teronto will form a federation, comprising bookbinders, typographers, cylinder pressmen, Webb pressmen, lithographers, maders, pressfeeders and assistants, electrotypers and stereotypers. Organization will be completed by March 8.

The last of the suits against the Gran I Trunk railway, arising out of the St. George accident, has been settled, William McLean, music dealer, of Port Hope, who sued on behalf of two sons and a daughter of his brother who was killed in the accident, getting a judgment of \$5,500.

W. H. Rowley, of the E. B. Eddy Co., Hull, who has been laid up for some weeks, due to overwork, is again at the helm of the flag ship "Eddy Co.," with a cargo on board of paper—print, wrapping, tea—matches, indurated fibre ware, pails, tubs, washboards, etc.

The Rose Publishing Co.'s stock sold extremely well, regular jobbing prices being reached on nearly all bound books. The Guelph booksellers were in force and picked up some good bargains. The Toronto dry goods stores paid full prices for all they got. A lot of outside stock was shoved in among the assignee stock and sold well, much to the owner's delight.

The executive committee of the Toronto Bookbinders' Union held a special meeting in Richmond Hall recently. The meeting was held for the object of submitting to the employers a proposition that workers' hours be reduced to fifty-two, in lieu of the present existing hours of fifty-five. The gathering was not largely attended, and, in consequence, discussion on the subject was adjourned.

James Bain & Son, the King street booksellers, Toronto, have just issued a very neatly printed "Bookmark Catalogue of Select New Books." The list is well arranged, and selected with evident care, containing the rewest popular books of the day—mostly novels—by the leading authors. They intend giving this catalogue a wide distribution, and are making a special push in the sale of the best fiction this spring. Any one desiring a choice list of books can obtain one by writing to this firm.

The Canada Paper Company has made the corporation of Windsor Mills an offer that if the town will build a dam on the river suitable for the purpose, the company will expend \$40,000 on a plant and put in waterwheels and dynamos to complete the construction for a supply of power sufficient to run their entire works. Then they will build a pulp mill at an expense of about \$60,000.

Norman L. Munro, a millionaire publisher, proprietor of the Munro Library of Fiction, well known in the States, died in New York last month. He was a native of Millbrook, in Pictou county, Nova Scotia, and went to New York thirty years ago with a few hundred dollars Being keen-witted, economical and hardworking, he soon got into business, and began the Family Story Paper in 1873. His business grew to large proportions although. He was only 51 years of age.

On the occasion of Percy D. Manshee severing his connection from the staff of H. A. Nelson & Sons, Toronto, the employees waited on him at his residence and presented him with a very handsome gold locket, suitably engraved, and a watch chain, as a slight expression of the esteem in which he is held by one and all connected with that firm. Mr. Manchee has been in their employ fourteen years, having held the position of bookkeeper for the last ten years.

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