

comments and the letters appearing in your journal on the school-book question. As long as the retailers are satisfied to submit to the present conditions they certainly can expect no relief. I like the suggestion of Mr. Copeland, that all teachers be furnished with a list of the text books intended to be used during the term, but I would suggest that the time be fixed at one month, as in remote districts two weeks is not sufficient. I certainly think the present method is a hardship not only to retailers, but to parents who, in many cases, can ill afford the money, especially in this new country where so many are making their start in life, and where often the districts are

for some years after the articles are first brought out in England. In his own experience he had found that on trying to obtain a certain English blotter, an article that could be produced in a short time in almost any quantity, he was informed by the makers that, for some reason or other, they were not then prepared to enter the German market. When it did appear in Germany, after considerable delay, a number of German contrivances of a like nature were already on the market, and the sale of the English blotter was very small. Another point in connection with the introduction of British goods was that it was always left to the German enterprise to bring the goods

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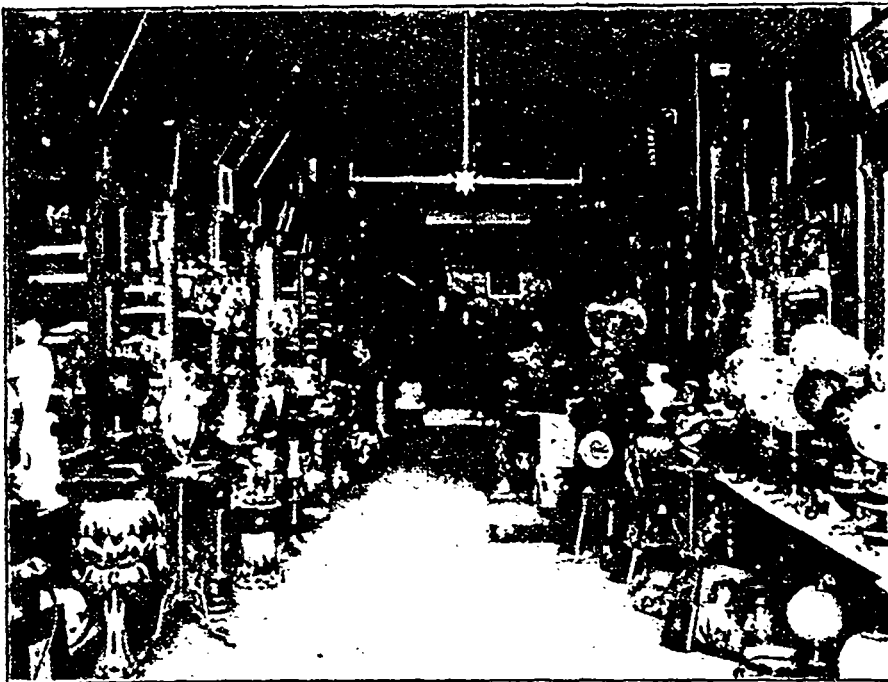
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sparsely settled they make great sacrifices to keep their schools open. I hope this school-book controversy will be kept up till much good may result, not only to retailers, but parents.

"I remain, yours truly,

"J. H. TAYLOR."

"Carnduff, Assa., January 28, 1901."

Slow Methods Don't Pay. How easily trade is lost for want of pushing. In a letter to The Stationery Trades Journal, their Berlin correspondent gives it as a reason for the difficulty in finding a market for some British goods, that their introduction into the country is delayed

first into their country. British goods are highly appreciated in Germany, as in other countries, and, if the manufacturers were a little wider awake, their sale could be very much increased. It is probable that the same state of affairs affects English goods in the Canadian market.

Lawsuits Over Copyright Again,

We regret very much to see further litigation about copyright. Morang & Co. have begun suit against two of the best known Hamilton dealers, complaining of the sale of a 10c. pirated United States edition of "An Englishwoman's Love Letters." The plaintiff in the suit states

that he secured the Canadian market at great expense from Mr. Murray, the English owner of the copyright, that the fact of the Canadian edition being protected by British copyright was widely advertised, and that the sales of the cheap unauthorized reprint were injuring the owner of the Canadian book. The dealers claim that there was no mark on the Canadian book to show that it was copyrighted. We sympathize with the publisher who has to institute these actions and with the dealer who has to defend them, because the former suffers loss, and the latter is put to difficulty often through no fault of his own. Why can't the Customs officials stop unauthorized books from coming in? Is all the onus or responsibility to be upon the dealer, who often has no means of knowing?

SALUTING THE QUEEN:

One of the best calendars and especially appropriate at the present time is "Soldiers of the Queen," which the Queen City Oil Co. are sending out. It represents a Highlander, a South Wales lancer and a Canadian mounted infantryman saluting and cheering a large portrait of the Queen. The drawing is excellent and there is no doubt that the whole calendar will be much appreciated by anyone fortunate enough to get one before the supply is exhausted. No doubt any of our readers may have one by writing them.