



H. Mitchell has sold out his stationery stock in Neepawa.

Jos. C. Margne, the Montreal bookseller, has had some law trouble lately.

Wm. Gossip's stationery stock in Halifax has also been sold by tender, we understand.

J. J. Day, who has been running stationery stores in Guelph and Berlin, has just closed his Berlin business.

Another Lower Province friend has also left us to join the great majority. C. W. Knowles, who conducted a retail stationery business in Halifax and Windsor, died in June last.

We regret to have to chronicle the death of the much respected citizen of St. John, N.B., John H. C. Gray. He was for years an active member of the wholesale house of Gray & Co., dealers in small wares.

Alex. Taylor, the well-known Winnipeg stationer, has gone to British Columbia to look around with a view to starting out there, in which case he would probably dispose of his Winnipeg business. We wish him every success in his venture, should he determine upon it.

G. A. Odell, who has for years been the principal stationer in Woodstock, has just sold out for a good round figure to Wm. Harkness of Toronto, who has tried his hand both at stationery and real estate in the Queen City, some of the remnants of the latter having figured in the purchase.

The other English booksellers in Quebec are all complaining. J. E. Burke says his printing department is scarcely worth running; Matthew Miller daily sees his customers drop away, and Dawson & Co., with all their enterprise, find it impossible to keep pace with the past. This is not as it should be.

A Board of Trade at St. Mary's has been organized. There was a large attendance of business men at the meeting in the town hall, when Mr. H. Fred. Sharpe, president of the Ontario Booksellers' Association, was chosen president, Mr. Samuel Myers vice-president, and Mr. McLeod, of the Argus, secretary treasurer. A council and an arbitration committee, each composed of twelve members, were also elected.

Not a few were surprised last month to hear that the Howarth Paper Company were offering to compromise. It was generally thought this firm was on the steady upward march of prosperity. But there is such a thing as having too much prosperity, when one's capital is limited. Assignees Clark, Barber & Co. are selling off the stock. We do not know how long a time elapsed be-

tween the two events, for the news of both came to us on the same day; but when Jas. A. Perry, the Yarmouth fancy goods man, gave a bill of sale on his stock amounting to \$8,397, and then assigned, the latter act had not the appearance, to say the least, of being "for the benefit of the creditors," as the assignees so constantly and ironically intimate to the long-suffering wholesalers.

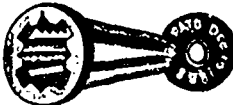
Wm. Stanley and stationery are analogous terms in the old French capital. As long as any English resident of Quebec can remember, Wm. Stanley's sign squeaked in the wind. For books, stationery, and especially school supplies, the school and college boys made this store their headquarters, although they were never known to have obtained even a copy book without first producing the silver. Old William died and left the store to the three sons. One of them left the city, and until last month the business continued to be run by his two brothers, and now they have dissolved and the eldest, William, has taken it over. And, after all, this about represents the kind of progress English people are making in Quebec, where the old people die after seeing their sons established in some more progressive part of the world. A Frenchman quietly steps into the old man's shoes, and no one complains.

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