

TRADE GOSSIP.

THE firm of J. B. Rolland & Sons, wholesale stationers, Montreal, has been dissolved and reformed with Donatien Rolland as special partner.

A. S. Irving, of the Toronto News Co., spent part of May in New York.

A bailiff's sale of the book stock of J. C. Gauvin, Montreal, has been advertised.

Morley & Hayden, dealers in stationery and fancy goods, St. John, N.B., have sold out.

W. C. Cunningham, of Buntin, Gillies & Co., is in the Northwest in the interest of his firm.

J. McD. Haines has been appointed curator of the Wightman Sporting Goods Co., Montreal.

The stock of L. A. Choquette & Co., fancy goods, St. Hyacinthe, sold to day at 65 cents in the dollar.

In the famous Paragon check book case, Carter & Co. have again lost, this time before the Supreme Court.

A. F. Rutter, of Warwick Bros. & Rutter, and wife, spent 10 days of last month in New Orleans and southern cities.

George and Wm. J. Mulroney have been registered proprietors of the stationery business of W. J. & G. Mulroney, Quebec.

J. L. Beckwith, of Victoria, B.C., will handle the British Columbia agency for M. Staunton & Co.'s wall papers for 1894.

Emil Nerlich, manager of the Canadian business of Nerlich & Co., will return from a three months' buying trip about June 10th.

Alex. Russell, D.L.S., of Port Arthur, is publishing a map showing fully the country around Lake of the Woods and Rainy Lake City.

Fred. Campbell, of the Canada Paper Co., was in St. Thomas and London last week and called on most of the company's customers in those cities.

Mr. Gillies, of Boyd, Gillies & Co., wholesale stationers, Montreal, is in Toronto at present booking orders. He has just returned from an extended trip to Winnipeg.

The Ontario Wood Pulp Co., of New York, was incorporated in Albany, N.Y., on Monday, with a capital of \$500,000. The company will manufacture pulp in Ontario and Quebec.

An attempt was made to abolish imprisonment for debt in the recent session of the Ontario Legislature. It was unsuccessful; but had it been brought about, credit retailing would have soon passed into history.

The Ferguson Co. has been incorporated under the laws of Manitoba as a limited joint stock company to continue the book business of Ferguson & Co., Winnipeg, who failed

last fall. The new company is said to be financially strong, and has every opportunity to be successful.

The death is announced of Jules Lemonnier, a Paris publisher, well-known to French Canadian book collectors for his sumptuous reprints of works illustrated by the vignettists of the 18th century in France.

Miss Hattie Tweedie has purchased the Moncton, N.B., Book Store from the trustees of J. & A. McMillan & Co. Miss Tweedie has conducted this establishment for the last few years in an efficient manner.

A fire occurred on the morning of May 15 in H. C. Chappell's fancy goods store at Hamilton. There was a large quantity of fireworks in stock, and they exploded with great force, blowing the plate-glass windows across the street. The damage was about \$2,000.

The first book made of ground wood paper has been placed in the Berlin testing office for examination recently. It is said to be in good condition. As it was printed in 1852, very nearly half a century ago, the argument that wood paper has no durable qualities appears to be seriously shaken.

R. J. Sailsbury, who recently took a trip for Atkinson Bros., is now traveling for Hemming Bros. As soon as the National Wall Paper Company are ready with their samples, he will be on the road for wall paper orders, and will no doubt be as successful as he was last season. He will carry samples for the Janeway branch of the National's business.

It is proposed to form a joint stock company to carry on the old established wholesale stationery business of R. Miller, Son & Co., Montreal. The company will be known as the Robert Miller Co., with a capital of \$30,000, and notice of application for a charter from the Quebec Government has been given.

Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, notwithstanding all rumors to the contrary, has definitely decided that he will not give his memoirs to the public during his lifetime. In a recent conversation Dr. Holmes remarked: "I work at the memoirs an hour or two each day, and am making satisfactory progress. That is, I have about one-half completed of all I shall write."

Robert Smith, of Toronto, for six years a traveler for the Home Knowledge Association, Bay street, and his son Frank, aged about 20, were killed at a railroad crossing at Cainsville, near Brantford, last Tuesday morning about ten o'clock. Dr. G. B. Smith, 25 Elm street, and S. H. Smith, of the Photographic Supply House, 80 Bay street, are both brothers of the deceased man.

The Educational Journal, 11 1/2 Richmond west, Toronto, sell direct to teachers the following books at the following prices: Houston's 100 Lessons in English Composition, 25 cents; Lessons in Entrance Litera-

ture for 1894, by Fred. H. Sykes, 25 cents; Practical Problems in Arithmetic by James White, (for First, Second and Third Classes), Fifth Edition, 25 cents; Arithmetical Problems for Senior and Entrance Classes by G. H. Armstrong, — cents. Surely this is trade that could be done by the live bookseller. Are you after it?

A. S. Goold, of the celebrated publishing house, T. Nelson & Sons, Edinburgh, Scotland, passed through Winnipeg the other day on his way to New Zealand. Mr. Goold is the son of the Rev. Dr. Goold, of Edinburgh, and a cousin of Rev. W. G. Henderson, of this city, whom he came to Winnipeg to visit on his way to the Antipodes. This makes Mr. Goold's ninth circuit of the globe.—Winnipeg Free Press.

Variety Hall, occupied by Ewart P. Kenner as a book and stationery store, Bowmanville, was badly damaged by fire recently. The stock is almost totally destroyed with water and fire. Insured for \$1,300. The loss will exceed that amount by some \$500. The building was not much damaged. Fully insured. There had been no fire in the shop for several days, and how the fire started is a mystery.

J. C. Morgan, who for 20 years was traveler under the direction of J. Y. Reid, of Buntin, Reid & Co., and since last December was city traveler under the present management of that house, has accepted a position on Warwick Bros. & Rutter's staff. Mr. Morgan is well and favorably known on the road, and expects very soon to renew acquaintance with many, perhaps all, of his old customers, who, no doubt, will be pleased to reciprocate.

By an order of the court the Williamson Book Co., Toronto, has been wound up. The order, which the company did not oppose, was granted on the joint petition of John S. Playfair and Brown Bros. Their claims aggregated \$2,000. The company went into liquidation in September, but subsequently renewed on terms to which the creditors agreed. The general depression, which the book trade is one of the first to feel, has now finally forced them to the wall. The assets are valued at \$21,000, while the liabilities will not aggregate much over \$12,000.

At a meeting of the Guelph Board of Trade, held on the 16th May, the question of the city carrying its own insurance was brought up, and a number of members who had had no experience of the final outcome of that sort of thing were loudly in favor of its desirableness and economy. After some discussion it was resolved, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Jones, that the following be a committee to take into consideration the matter of insurance, and report at the next meeting of the board: Col. Higinbotham, E. R. Bollert, T. J. Day, J. E. McElderry, Wm. Hearn, G. B. Ryan, and the mover.