

Summer days. Let your stock of bound books (barring the new copyrights) run down as low as possible during the Summer months, and give the bulk of your attention to these paper goods. They are trade winners and money makers. I have seen 3,000 of them sold in a single morning. It is necessary to carry four lines at as many different prices, from the 5c. to the 50c. ones. Many of the copyrighted books are now published in paper at 25 and 50 cents, and these it is necessary to have if your assortment is to be complete. Limited editions of some of the best books are now published in this form and sell well."

### THE NEW COPYRIGHT BILL.

Text of the measure now before Parliament at Ottawa

THE question of copyright is now before the House of Commons at Ottawa. The bill is in the hands of the Hon. Sydney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, in whose Department the subject is. We give below the text of the measure as introduced up to date (June 6), no verbal amendment has been suggested. Any of our readers who have suggestions to make, or questions to ask, might write to Hon. Mr. Fisher, who is the proper authority to deal with the matter. It will be observed that, by Clause 2 of the bill, the Minister has power to terminate the copyright in case the Canadian edition is not satisfactory.

#### THE BILL.

1. If a book as to which there is subsisting copyright under The Copyright Act has been first lawfully published in any part of Her Majesty's dominions other than Canada, and if it is proved to the satisfaction of the Minister of Agriculture that the owner of the copyright so subsisting and of the copyright acquired by such publication has lawfully granted a license to reproduce in Canada, from movable or other types, or from stereotype plate, or from electro-plates, or from lithograph stones or by any process for fac-simile reproduction, an edition or editions of such book designed for sale only in Canada, the Minister may, notwithstanding anything in The Copyright Act, by order under his hand, prohibit the importation, except with the written consent of the licensee, into Canada of any copies of such book printed elsewhere, provided that two such copies may be specially imported for the bona fide use of any public free library, or any university or college library, or for the library of any duly incorporated institution or society for the use of the members of such institution or society.

a. The Minister of Agriculture may at any time in like manner, by order under his hand, suspend or revoke such prohibition upon importation if it is proved to his satisfaction that:

(a) The license to reproduce in Canada has terminated or expired; or

(b) The reasonable demand for the book in Canada is not sufficiently met without importation; or

(c) The book is not, having regard to the demand therefor in Canada, being suitably printed or published; or

(d) Any other state of things exists on account of which it is not in the public interest to further prohibit importation.

2. At any time after the importation of a book has been prohibited under section 1 of

this Act, any person resident or being in Canada may apply, either directly or through a bookseller or other agent to the person so licensed to reproduce such book for a copy of any edition of such book then on sale and reasonably obtainable in the United Kingdom or some other part of Her Majesty's dominions, and it shall then be the duty of the person so licensed, so soon as reasonably may be, to import and sell such copy to the person so applying therefor at the ordinary selling price of such copy in the United Kingdom or such other part of Her Majesty's dominions, with the duty and reasonable forwarding charges added, and the failure or neglect, without lawful excuse, of the person so licensed to supply such copy within a reasonable time shall be a reason for which the Minister may, if he sees fit, suspend or revoke the prohibition upon importation.

4. The Minister shall forthwith inform the Department of Customs of any order made by him under this Act.

5. All books imported in contravention of this Act may be seized by any officer of Customs, and shall be forfeited to the Crown and destroyed, and any person importing or causing or permitting the importation, of any book in contravention of this Act shall, for each offence, be liable, upon summary conviction, to a penalty not exceeding five shillings.

### A BOOK ABOUT PARIS.

Laird & Lee, of Chicago, are first in the field with an exquisite collection of half-tone engravings, 192 in number, giving one delightful glimpses of Paris and the Exposition of 1900. The ground is very thoroughly covered, and for whoever has been prevented from visiting this year the magic city, this dainty album will prove almost equal to a trip to the gay capital. The letterpress is by Max Maury. These notices amount to a real cyclopædia concerning the monuments, public buildings, parks, etc., of Paris, while all the palaces and scenes of the Big Fair are duly labeled and described by pen as well as pictures. No such collection has been placed before the American public, and we feel sure that it will meet with enthusiastic and universal approval. Laird & Lee: cloth back and covers, 75c.; paper, 50c.

### PERSONAL.

Mr. George N. Morang, the publisher, has gone to England on business.

Messrs. Wm. Campbell and J. Castell Hopkins have joined the staff of George N. Morang & Co.

Mr. Thomas B. Jackson, representing Messrs. Ward, Lock & Co., Limited, publishers, Warwick House, Salisbury Square London, Eng., has been visiting the Canadian trade.

Mr. James Bain, jr., chief librarian of the Toronto Public Library, was asked by the Library Association of the United Kingdom to represent that body at the Montreal meeting, and present fraternal greetings.

Mr. J. H. Woods, of the Publishers' Syndicate, Toronto, was married on June 7 to Miss E. C. Eby, daughter of Mr. J. F. Eby, Toronto. The happy pair left on a trip down the St. Lawrence.

### NEWS OF THE TRADE.

JACQUES & CO., stationers, fancy goods dealers, etc., Toronto, have sold out to Ira J. Ribble.

Walter Hall has opened as bookseller and stationer in Sydney, N.S.

W. E. Skillen, printer and stationer, St. Martin's, N.B., has been burned out; insured.

Clara St. Laurent has registered as sole proprietress of E. L. Desilets & Co., stationers, etc., Nicolet, Que.

The assets of The Sabiston Lithographing and Publishing Co., Montreal, have been advertised for sale by tender.

An accident in Mr. Stratton's store in Peterboro' caused a damaged pane of plate glass to collapse suddenly, and a showcase and its contents were somewhat badly damaged.

J. H. Butler has purchased a stock of books, stationery, fancy goods, etc., and has opened in the Music Hall block, Oshawa, two doors west of post office.

N. B. Scott, bookseller and stationer, Portage la Prairie, Man., has sold out to Robertson & Bagshaw, the latter to be manager. Mr. Scott will travel for The Consolidated Co., Winnipeg.

On petition an order has been granted to wind up the Wm. Drysdale Co., booksellers and stationers, Montreal. A meeting of the creditors and shareholders will be held on June 18. Mr. A. A. Murphy will carry on the business in the meanwhile.

The yearly business of The Methodist Book and Publishing Co., Toronto, shows an increase in the net profit. The publishing committee of the Church has protested against the postage rate on newspapers.

The Earle Co., Limited, is the name of the newly-incorporated concern which is taking over the business of The Earle Publishing and Mercantile Co., Limited. The place of business is to be at Bayswater, N.B., and the capital stock is \$250,000. The following are the directors of the company: W. E. Earle, L. Dunn, S. D. Bustin, W. S. Morrison, and H. J. Dick.

The Canada Envelope Co. has been incorporated by Quebec letters patent with capital stock of \$25,000. The parties incorporated are Arthur Wilcocks, of Richmond; Lawrence Wilcocks, broker, of Montreal; George Cornish Wilcocks, manufacturer, of Montreal; Robert William Elliott, stationer, of Montreal, and Frederick William Evans, insurance manager, of Montreal.