

ent times repeated. The other day the same offer was made ; not accepted. Add interest for the 19 years.

A novel contrivance in the window of A. R. Lorimer and Joseph Fletcher, Yonge St., Toronto, is an upright wire frame on which to attach illustrated papers, and which can be drawn up when one wishes to reach anything in the window from the inside, thus preventing the necessity of disturbing the stock displayed.

A Yonge St. stationer says that every morning regularly, a member of a large publishing house stops in front of his store and inspects the pictures in the pictorials. He likes the admiration, but thinks that sometimes he might step in and buy even ever so little.

PERSONAL.

WE understand that James MacDonald, of the firm of John Walker & Co., London, Eng., is about to give up his periodical visits to Canada and devote his chief attention to the export department of the firm's business in London. This step is rendered necessary by the rapid increase in their foreign trade, requiring the personal superintendence of the member of the firm, now alluded to, who from his long experience in the colonial trade, is peculiarly fitted for this department. He has been in the habit of visiting Canada twice a year for a period of about fourteen years, and the many friends he has made here will regret his retirement from the road.

Though comparatively a young man he is quite a veteran "on the road," having had a travelling experience on both sides of the Atlantic of over a quarter of a century.

After serving his apprenticeship in the north of Scotland he matriculated with the publishing firm of W. P. Nimmo & Co., Edinburgh, and afterwards represented a prominent house in the stationery trade in the old country for some years before coming to Canada. His genial face, and warm cheery manner will be much missed by the hosts of friends he has made on this side. Before leaving Toronto he was entertained at the National Club to a dinner by a few friends, and since then we understand a similar honor has been done him by his Montreal friends at the St. Lawrence Hall.

Although one old friend has bid good-bye to the Canadian market, we welcome with pleasure a new one in the person of S. G. Wilkinson, Assistant Manager of the Oxford University Press, who has just completed his second Canadian trip,—we are glad to say a successful one, as it should be both from the high standing of the house—the greatest in the world in the publication of the Book—and the courtesy and *bonhomie* of its representative.

If the English houses continue to send out such gentlemen—we use the word in its best sense—as George and Wilkinson, the days of affixing the abominable name "drummer" will have ceased, and the new high-sounding title of "ambassador of commerce" originally applied sarcastically, will be the

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