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TRADE.

The financial crisis which has caused so much ruin during the past four years appears to be passing away, and business prospects are more encouraging. In our particular line it is pleasing to notice that Printers are more ready to talk of new "outfits," "power presses," and all the later additions to the art, and the fall season opens most auspiciously. Not speaking of the heavy orders we shipped to St. John, N. B., after the fire, and to the Maritime Provinces, we have done considerable business with the trade in our own Province and in Western Canada, and are in daily receipt of further favours and most encouraging words from our customers. It is very gratifying to know that our manufactures are thoroughly appreciated, and that we rank as second to none among the type founders of the world. We hope our many friends will speedily recover from any embarrassments under which the crisis may have placed them, and that for the future they will enjoy unlimited prosperity.

THE FIRE FIEND.

THE city of St. John, N.B., suffered an awful calamity by fire on the 20th of June last. Over one half, and this the most important, of the city was completely destroyed. Banks, churches, public buildings, hotels, theatres, and many stores and handsome residences were in a few hours in ruins.

The loss was terrible and the suffering consequently great. But noble and generous hearts promptly responded to the call for assistance, and in a very short time car loads and vessels of provisions and other necessaries came flowing into the unfortunate city from all directions. With that indomitable pluck which is so characteristic of the people of the Maritime Provinces, especially of St. John, the fire had hardly been quenched before plans were on foot to rebuild the city, and in every direction the sound of the hammer could be heard in the erection of temporary wooden buildings. With the aid of the Legislature, which was specially called for the purpose, changes were made in the plan of the city, so as to enlarge some of its best streets, and laws were passed to assist in its immediate reconstruction. Building operations are now proceeding briskly and next summer will see St. John risen Phoenix like from its ashes, and more beautiful.

Amongst those who suffered heavily by the fire were the printers and publishers. No less than eleven printing offices were destroyed, and the losses, outside of insurance, was estimated at \$200,000. Of course, agents for types and presses, from the United States and Canada were on hand offering every inducement to refurnish the offices, and here the Dominion Type Foundry proved its ability for any emergency. No sooner had the excitement of the fire partly subsided, than Mr. Wm. Elder, M.P.P., telegraphed us for a complete outfit for the *Daily Telegraph*, the largest circulated paper in the Lower Provinces, and in thirty-six hours it was delivered to him by our representative, Mr. P. A. Crossly. We venture to say no other establishment could have filled an order so quickly, and we regret our promptness caused some ill-feeling on the part of other newspaper proprietors, they having been led to believe by a disappointed and not over-scrupulous rival that we had shipped the outfit to Mr. Elder, without instruction. Our representative Mr. Crossly, declared then, and we repeat now, that the statement circulated was untrue, and this was subsequently borne out by an article in the *Telegraph* itself.

On a recent visit to St. John we were glad to notice that the newspaper and book and job offices were all refurnished, a good many by ourselves, with first-class power and job presses, and an abundance of type and printing material. Business was exceedingly brisk, a matter of encouragement to those who had lost so heavily.

The first printing office erected after the fire was that of the *Daily News*. It is a three-story brick building and occupies its old site.

A new building is in course of erection at the corner of Church and Canterbury streets for the *Daily Telegraph*. It will be one of the largest and finest printing establishments in the Maritime Provinces.

Messrs. J. & A. McMillan, Barnes & Co., H. Chubb & Co., Ellis & Armstrong, and Mr. Geo. A. Knodell are re-erecting handsome buildings on the sites they previously occupied.

CAXTON.

THE celebration in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the introduction of printing into the mother country by William Caxton was opened in the Mechanics' Hall on the 26th June. The exhibition lasted several days and was well attended, but financially speaking it was not a success. The promoters, however, had reason to be proud of the exhibit made. The antiquities included thousands of rare books, pamphlets, prints, coins, &c., ranged and classified chronologically in show cases. They comprised copies of Caxton's *Dictes and Sayings of the Philosophers*, 1477; and his *Polyehronicon*, the *Vitas Patrum*, the book the translated just before his death, and several productions of Wynken de Worde, Pynson, and other early English printers. There were besides a copy (the only one in America) of the celebrated Mazarin Bible, cost \$50,000; a Gutenberg Bible, 1455; a *Fust*, 1499; an *Eggesteyn*, 1471, and nearly a thousand specimens of the productions of English and foreign printers, about half that number bearing date in the sixteenth century. Among the curiosities were a MS. Latin Testament, 1250; a roll of Egyptian papyrus; the only existing copy of Elliot's Indian Bible, 1604; and a highly illuminated prayer-book, once the property of Mary, Queen of Scots, whose handwriting it contains. There were a goodly number of books relating to Canada, and no fewer than 817 different copies of early Bibles, prayer-books, and psalters, besides a large and rare collection of newspapers, and some beautiful specimens of printing by Mr. Geo. M. Bagwell, Hamilton. At one end of the hall were a printing office, including a Peerless Press, and a bookbindery, to illustrate the methods of producing a printed book as sold in the shops. The various processes in the manufacture of type was shown by the Dominion Type Foundry, and was a great attraction and of much interest to visitors. Principal Dawson delivered the opening address, and the Hon. Mr. Chauveau, Mr. Thos. White, jun., and Mr. S. P. May made speeches on the occasion.

THE JOHNSON TYPE FOUNDRY.

The summer and autumn number of the *Typographic Advertiser*, just issued, contains some new and unique styles of job letter, the latest productions of the above celebrated foundry. The *Filligree* series is really beautiful and will commend itself to every tasteful printer, while the elegant new *Card Text* must meet with a hearty welcome. The other faces and borders shown are very useful. The *Advertiser* also shows some new calendars for 1878, any one of which can be had at this Foundry. We are agents for Canada for Messrs. McKellar, Smiths & Jordan.