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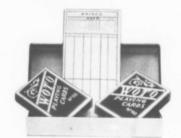


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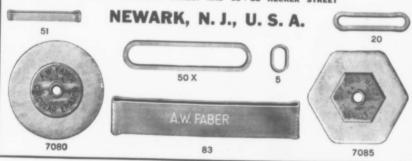
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### Serious Situation for Creditors

## Unregistered Securities Have Preference Over Other Debts-The Poole Case Once More.

If the decision of the Court of Appeal in the action of Mrs. J. R. Johnston vs. Osler Wade, a case arising out of the failure of the Poole Publishing Co., Limited, Toronto, of which Mr. Wade was assignee, is allowed to stand, it may seriously affect business credit, especially of joint stock companies. The circumstances connected with the suit are interesting. It appears the solicitors of the plaintiff devised a form of security known as a floating security, which in reality is as effective as a chattel mortgage and has many of the attributes of such a document. This particular form or charge does not need to be registered, in fact, may be absolutely secret and yet cannot be set aside.

When an assignment was made by the Poole Publishing Company, Mrs. Johnston claimed preference over other creditors because of this unregistered security or blanket mortgage, so to speak. They contested the legality of the security, but Mr. Justice MacMahon decided against them.

As this deprived the other creditors of a share in the Poole Publishing Company's estate, they appealed the judgment and carried it to the Court of Appeal.

The case was argued last March and has been under deliberation by the court ever since. Four of the judges of the Court of Appeal handed out judgments in the matter dismissing the creditors' appeal. Mr. Justice Garrow dissenting from the majority of the court. It is understood that the creditors will not take the matter to the Supreme Court, so that the law may now be regarded as settled on that point.

### Far-Reaching Effects.

This case is one of the most important and far-reaching in its effects that has come before the courts in recent years, and may unsettle for the time being commercial credits which are based largely upon the necessity for registration and consequent publicity in case of mortgages, transfers, etc., on goods and chattels.

Osler Wade, assignee of the Poole Co., states that if this decision is allowed to stand, and a precedent is thereby established in the case of joint stock companies, who may issue bonds to raise money, or effect a floating unregistered security, there is great danger. Mr. Wade says that he will take immediate steps in the interests of the mercantile world to bring the matter to the notice of the Attorney-General's Department, with the object of secur-

ing an amendment to the Bill of Sale and Chattel Mortgage Act, and requiring the registration of all documents of this character, or any charges or liens of the nature referred to.

The great danger lies in the fact that one creditor desiring to obtain scenrity without the knowledge of other creditors can do so. Joint stock ceneerns could practically hypothecate their assets to any creditor without registration of the document, which is the only protection and safeguard that others have.

### A Silent Partner.

In the case of Mrs. Johnston, it is said she was practically a silent partner in the Poole Company. She periodically supplied them with capital and in return the company assigned all their assets to her. The amount of indebtedness fluctuated from time to time and when the concern went under she stepped in and said, "The whole belongs to me, it was my money that ran it."

Mr. A. F. Lobb, K.C., asked about the recent decision, said law was developed by a process of evolution and that new points were cropping up and defects being discovered, which were remedied from time to time. Legislation could not be framed too far in advance, otherwise it might be pernicious in character.

Some years ago it was enacted that all chattel mortgages, bills of sale, etc. should be registered. This looked like some protection for all creditors. In a year or two the Act was got around or side-stepped by a purchaser of goods or a borrower of money not giving a chattel mortgage as security, but merely signing an agreement to give such a mortgage when required. Of course, this agreement held good so far as the parties signing it were concerned, without registration, as it was not within the Act, but what about other creditors, men who sold goods to the storekeeper, who advanced money, etc.? The Act was then further amended for the safeguarding of all parties by requiring that any agreements to give a bill of sale or chattel mortgage should be registered.

What is wanted now is the insertion of such a clause in the statutes covering all cases of joint stock companies, their chattels, etc. It is likely that, as this point has been brought to light, the necessary legislation will be granted next session to make the securities valid in any and every case which may arise like that of Johnston vs. Wade, (Paole Publishing Co.)



Interior of Miss Goodeve's Store in Woodstock

## One of Ontario's Largest Bookstores Owned by a Woman

How Miss Goodeve, of Woodstock, Ont., has Built up an Extensive Business

— Some Methods Adopted by her in the Management of the Different Departments.

The largest book and stationery business in the province conducted by a woman is probably the Oxford Book Store in Woodstock, Ont. This establishment is owned and managed by Miss Agnes Goodeve. Miss Goodeve runs her business on somewhat original lines and has made a success of those departments to which she devotes special attention. Some years ago she learned the trade in Mitchell with R. O. Smith, now of Orillia. Coming to Woodstock, she entered into partnership with Mr. Smith, the firm name being R. O. Smith & Co. After his removal from the capital of Oxford to Orillia, the business was carried on under the name of the Oxford Book Store, A. Goodeve, proprietor.

### An Attractive Store.

Miss Goodeve likes the stationery business. She does not branch into any side lines, sticking exclusively to books, stationery, wall paper, room mouldings, pictures and picture framing. She makes a specialty of office stationery, handling a big stock of blank books.

The store is 100 feet deep and 20 feet wide with a nice plate glass front and a representative stock amounting to \$10,000 to \$12,000 according to the period of the year.

She does not handle toys because she says there is no money in them. A few years ago she gave them up after a more or less unsatisfactory experience. She also considers the news end of the business a most unremunerative one from the financial end. By the time the papers are delivered and the wages of the boys paid, there is no profit in this department.

"Why do you not give it up?" was asked.

"Simply because people expect to get their reading matter in a book store, and, if the business was dropped some one clse would take it up and we would lose all the connection of years. We have to deliver the majority of the papers and, in spite of the most rigid care, there is always some subscriber leaving town or some one is not good pay and you lose a dollar or two. There is the profit all gone. We are bound to have a few papers over now and then and, as they are not returnable, this is a further source of loss. I suppose all merchants have to carry unremunerative lines for the benefit of the publie or by reason of long association and that is why we handle papers. As to the magazine end, that is different. We do not have to deliver these periodicals and, as the most of them are returnable, there is a fair margin. We sell a great many monthly publications-about \$300 to \$350 every month-and the profit is fairly satisfactory. The only valid reason I can give for handling newspapers is that it brings other trade to the store. No! We do not sell postage stamps. The druggists have stamps and we refer all callers to them."

### Copyright Novels Sell Well.

"What lines of books do you find sells the best ?" was the next question.

"Well! I should say that the copyright novels have a good demand in Woodstock. The people do considerable reading and we carry all the latest works of the popular authors. I find that a bookseller must have an acquaintance with the newest fiction and be able to tell callers something about the contents. To be in a position to do this helps in your sales as you are asked many questions.

Other customers will buy a novel on the reputation of the though asked frequently to do so. She contends that author, and some on the standing and character of the publishers, knowing that certain publishing houses never turn out a book that is not worth the price asked for it. There are a few who look at the pictures and the illustrations and purchase on the mere appearance of the volume, but not many. At Christmas time we have a large sale for gift books. The practice of presenting good books as holiday remembrances is increasing. If certain dealers do not make a profit in handling the latest fiction it is, I believe, largely their own fault. They buy too heavily and have several copies left and thus a'l the margin on the sales is counterbalanced by the dead stock. It is far better to buy only a few copies, even if you have to pay a little more than when you order in quantities. We keep a large line of children's books and books suitable for Sunday school libraries. We sell a great many to churches and Sunday schools when they are replenishing their libraries."

### Picture Framing is Profitable.

The Oxford Book Store does not handle fancy goods only to a limited extent but it does make a strong feature of the art department. In picture framing many orders are executed for parties living in adjoining towns and even in the large cities. A most comprehensive stock is kept of mouldings and frames and a special department devoted to turning out all work promptly. A select stock is kept of panels engravings, water colors, pen and ink sketches, etchings, etc., the highest priced picture in the store, unframed, being \$15. In picture post cards there is a constant and steadily increasing demand for cards of the better sort. Local views have a good call and also pictures of scenery and reproduction of paintings. The so-called comic paste boards and caricatures are dying out and in time there is likely to be no demand for them.

### Effective Window Dressing.

Miss Goodeve used to utilize considerable space in the local papers and found that she had not enough lines to specialize on. She thinks that a store having many departments in which something new may be placed before the public can use space in the press with good result but that it is difficult for a straight book and stationery store which does not handle fancy goods or toys to find anything of interest from staple lines to feature day by day. She is a strong advocate of effective windowdressing and specializes in this work. The window is trimmed every week and sometimes more frequently. Seasonable goods are placed therein. She does not a'low any odds and ends of stock to accumulate. A bargain table is located at the right of entrance and on this are placed an assortment of things which it is deemed advisable to clear off. Miss Goodeve allows a local florist to utilize a small portion of her large store for display. The various plants and blooms add to the pleasing effect of the interior and gave a charm to the window and the goods arranged on the counters.

### School Supplies By Contract.

Asked for her views on the proposal of the Government to supply school books free to the schools of Ontario Miss Goodeve said that it would make little or no difference to her trade. The Woodstock Board of Education each year invites tenders for all school supplies. The only sale in school books is that to the children from the rural seats of learning and this is not large. She says that the school supplies are furnished by the successful tenderer at a profit of only three per cent., and this is the reason that she does not tender, althere is no money in the contract at less than ten per cent. margin. By the time the expense of freight and handling is taken out, even at ten per cent., there would be little or nothing in the contract

### A Boouet for Bookseller.

"Yes," she continued, "I like Bookseller and Stationer and could not get along without it. I read every word that appears in its pages and obtain many pointers. Miss Goodeve is a'so a member of the Booksellers' and Stationers' Association and is strongly in sympathy with its work and objects. She believes in keeping close in touch with the trade and thinks there is no line of business that is better, cleaner or more honorable than the book-selling. Of course, like other businesses, it has its drawbacks and at times grows monotonous. "But where is the trade that has not some difficulties and disappointments?" she added. "Our sales are small and there is a good deal of detail but conditions, which effect other lines in times of depression and at certain particular seasons, do not apply to the stationer and on the whole we should overlook a few shortcomings."

In office supplies, blank books and commercial stationery she deals heavily and supplies many offices. In society stationery she finds that it is good business to keep a neat and artistic line of papeteries. "If you cater to a good class you will reap a nice return in this line," she said. In Christmas cards and greeting cards she finds a growing demand. The practice of sending little remembrances to friends is increasing so that there are many small lines in which the stationer may develop a nice trade outside of regular one. Souvenir goods are popular and have a ready sale.

### Good Margin in Wall Paper.

The Oxford Book Store keeps open nightly in the fall and winter months until nine and ten o'clock, but in the summer time closes at eight o'clock. The Toronto evening papers are sold in the Woodstock stores.

The wallpaper end of the business is handled extensively and a splendid connection has been worked up. Miss Goodeve considers there is good money in mural



MISS A GOODEVE A Succ essful Bookseller.

decorations and earries her stock so that few, if any, remnants are on her hands.

She says that it is impossible in a place the size of Woodstock to do an entirely eash business and, that so far as her knowledge extends, there is only one store in the city, and that in the dry goods line, where there is positive'y no eredit. Not very much is lest in the course of the year by the credit system, although the eash basis

is better if it could be adopted.

"I suppose we could have a strictly eash business if we had started off that way years ago, but it seems too late now to make a change. There are certain families, and have done so for years. There are also several business firms and factories who do the same and to inaugurate a new method now would seriously disturb arrangements of long standing and mutual conveniences," she



The Building

### OWEN SOUND PRINTERS AND BOOKBINDERS GO IN FOR MAKING STATIONERY.

### Richardson, Bond & Wright Occupy Commodious New Premises and Turn Out Stationery Lines.

It is to the credit of Owen Sound that that young Canadian city can boast of one of the few manufactories of stationery, outside Toronto. The firm of Richardson, Fond & Wright, though primarily printers and bookbinders are yet making themselves felt as manufacturers of stationery and blank books, etc.

This company was organized in July, 1907, buying out and combining two going printing concerns and a bindery. They have now the largest and best equipped establishment in their section of the province, occupying the whole of the splendid new building shown in the picture. The main floor, except 20 feet in front occupied by the business office, is raised four feet, giving a 11 foot ceiling for the pressroom in the basement. The composing room is back of the offices on the ground Foor, while the bindery and stationery manufacturing deparaments occupy all the first floor. The photo gives some idea of the size of this room, which is 35x55 feet.

Among the more important lines touched by this concern are catalogies and general commercial printing. account book manufacturing, paper ruling and book binding. Many printers in neighboring towns find it contenient to send to them for special ruling or binding.

J. A. Richardson, the manager, and A. Bond, in charge of the bindery, are both known among the trade in Toronto-both having had experience in that city. Mr. Wright, who has the oversight of the pressroom, is a pressman of experience. Within the last year-despite the hard times-business has largely increased, and with returning prosperity in other lines of business still greater expansion is sure to follow.

### AN EARLY CLOSING DIFFICULTY.

### Lethbridge Stationers Are Compelled to Close Early While Druggist-Stationers Can Stay Open.

They are having trouble in Lethbridge over the earlyclosing by-law. Stationers are compelled by the terms of the by-law to close early, while druggists can stay open. The latter have been selling stationery and fancy goods in the evenings and naturally the stationers are indignant.

J. G. Robertson, one of the stationers of the city, took the matter before the Council, and asked for relief. Mr. Robertson said that he had signed the petition for an early closing by-law, believing that it would apply to all alike, druggists and stationers. He suggested that the druggists should be made to do the same as the Good Company did, namely, separate by means of a curtain their non-exempted department from the department they were allowed to keep open. He claimed that it was altogether enfair to himself and Mr. Sage, especially during December, which was a harvest month in the stationery and finey goods business, that the druggist-stationers should be allowed to even expose or display goods in the stationbry line after six o'clock while others, who also paid taxes and so forth, had to close up.

The Mayor explained how the Legislature out druggists out of the jurisdiction of any early closing by-law the city might see fit to pass and how it had been declared ultra vires of even the Legislature to give the city power to dictate what goods should be sold once the door of any premises was open. The Good Company had put a curtain across their store on their own initiative entirely, not by

Ald. Ives said that they had decided to make a test case of one of the druggists anyhow, and had already issued instructions to the police to prosecute if they found any druggist selling stationery after hours, although as a lawyer himself, he did not believe that they had any

chance of winning out.

At length a motion was passed instructing the chief of police to investigate and if the charges warrant, to institite proceedings and bring matters to a head,



The Stationery Department

## The Great Importance to Booksellers of Buying Goods Right

The Story of a Successful Young Bookseller—How Right Buying Lay at the Basis of His Success—He Watched his Customers and Suited his Stock to Their Requirements.

By James H. Collins in Saturday Evening Post.

Five years ago a young man, trained in a country general store, took hold of a tiny bookshop in a city of several hundred thousand people. Indeed, it was hardly a bookshop, but rather a circulating library operating in a hole-in-the-wall, searcely known in its own neighborhood, much less to the book trade.

To-day that shop is a retail bookstore that dominates the business in its city, and has a reputation among publishers, jobbers and book-salesmen all over the country. The young man has built it up from nothing, partly through management and salesmanship, partly through audacity but chiefly through the ways in which he has bought stock.

Retail bookselling is assumed to be one of the decayed trades. Go ask the scholarly bookseller of the old school whether his son is to continue the business, and the reply is, probably. "Not if he can get a job running a trolley ear!" The budding poet finds a publisher who brings out his first slim volume of sonnets. Crities review it widely. But few copies are sold. The poet blames the publisher, the publisher blames the decayed retail book trade, the retail bookseller blames the department store, which sells popular novels at ninety-eight cents and lets serious works go hang. Conditions grow worse—apparently.

As a matter of fact, though, they were just as bad when this young man took hold of the little circulating library and moved it into a larger store down street where it could be seen and have room to grow.

### Did Not Read Much.

The retail bookseller of the old school was usually a well-read man, with booksh tastes. This young man was handicapped by poor sight, which prevented his reading very much. Instead of studying what was inside books, therefore, he studied the people who bought books, and likewise the people who sold them.

Down in the country general store he had learned that the chief handicap a small merchant in any line works under is that of being out of touch with the great merchandise centres—New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis—where commodities are not only made and assembled wholesale, but may also be seen in the large stores, together with the best retail practice. Having now come up to an important, second-rate city he was in position to benefit by this close contact. To be sure, it was not a publishing centre. But publishers' salesmen stopped there to display samples at the hotels.

As a rule, his competitors waited for salesmen to come and drag them down to the sample-room, or waited for them to bring a few samples around to their stores.

"Here's a novel by a new author that we think will rank among the best sellers this winter," said the salesman.

"Never heard of it before," grunted the competitor.

"Why, of course you haven't—it's a new book, and won't be published till next month."

"Well, when our customers ask for it we'll order a few copies," said the competitor, and so bought his stock

chiefly by mail, with delays, following on after demand as an accessory after the fact.

### Seeing the Salesmen.

But this young man made a point of getting down to see a salesman before the latter's trunks were up from the depot. He wanted to know the salesmen and wanted them to know him and be interested in him and his business. Coming from the country not so very long ago, part of this was just healthy, human curiosity about men who represented the thundering big houses down East. But there was a more practical motive—the better they knew him the better his credit. And there was still another motive, after that, even more practical.

As for customers, he waiched them closely, served them, talked with them, gauged their tastes, and as nearly as possible, without running it into a wooden system, divided them into broad groups. There was the girl group that liked "Elsie stories." for example. There was one group of women wanted technical books. There was one group of women who read to be entertained, and another that belonged to women's clubs. These groups corresponded somewhat to the various chowder clubs and lodges in a politician's district; and just as a politician makes nominations with a view to getting out all the Hebrew or Irish vote, so this bookseller bought stock.

#### The Handicap of Technical Knowledge.

The curse of the retail book business is said to be multiplicity of titles. The dealer who doesn't buy in a way that centres his stock on about one-diftieth the different book publishers want to sell him would soon be swamped in dead stock. This season a dozen leading publishers bring out a hundred books on new subjects by unknown authors. One in the hundred makes a tremendous success. Next season every publisher has imitations of that best sealer. If the bookdealer buys wrong he may miss the success and stock up with the imitations. Or the imitations may eat up his profits on the success, and much of his other husiness besides.

In buying, this young man used all his knowledge of his customers and all the information he could gather from salesmen, to determine what was going to be most successful the coming season, not over the country as a whole, but right there in his own shop. A new Nature-book was shown him one season, for example—the very first of that long list of Nature-books written to send people back to farm and suburban life. It looked good. A large proportion of his customers bought outdoor books, and the city's suburbs were being rapidly developed. So he centred on that work to the exclusion of many others of which he might have sold a half-dozen. He bought two hundred and fifty copies. Frequently the dealer who can sell that many copies will order them a dozen at a time, stringing his purchases over a whole winter. Not this young man. He bought two hundred and fifty in one order. Thus he got enough goods to make an impressive display. He also got something else as a result of his endeavors to interest salesmen in himself and show them that it was a marked

advantage to have a new book brought out on such a scale, in a shop like his.

### Publishers Helped.

"See here, Watson," said he to the publisher's representative, "I'm putting a good deal of money and confidence behind this book, because I know my trade wants it. But you've got to do something for me. How much are your people willing to spend for special newspaper advertising of this book right in my town?"

The salesman didn't know-that lay with the house. "Well, get your house on the wire and find out."

The upshot was a tidy little newspaper campaign in local papers the week the book was published. It cleared out his stock, and by the time competitors woke up and ordered a dozen copies he was selling another two hundred and fifty.

Practically all his buying was done on this plan. With new books he pushed a few titles. With "list" books that people buy year after year, such as dictionaries and cookhooks, he centred stock in departments. One of the most profitable of these was devoted to Bibles and prayer-books, for he made that department a real fixture in the business and has arranged the store in an up-to-date manner. He has introduced a novelty in the shape of folding display racks for the display of calendars and cards. These are attached to the shelving and fold back one on top of the other.

The T. Eaton Company, as usual, have heaps of books piled up in their book department, all placarded and priced. Booksellers might well follow their example in displaying prices clearly and arranging their books according to price.

One of the most attractive book marts in Toronto just now is the Booklovers' Library, on King Street West, where all the popular novels as well as fine editions and gift books are to be had.

Tyrrell's Book Shop is, as usual, the Mecca of the higher class book trade, and this year the stock in this handsome store is more choice and varied than ever. The calendar and art department is a popular section.

A good many improvements are being made in the smaller stationery stores throughout the city, which goes to prove that the stationery trade is enjoying a fair share of prosperity.

The Robert Simpson Co., Limited, Toronto, are making



Butler's Barracks, Niagara Common.

From "Story of Isaac Brock, by W. R. Nursey (Briggs.)

instead of an annex, kept full stocks, and stimulated it with timely devotional books. During five years this merchant's judgment has been so sound that he has raised to himself, out in the stockroom, only one solitary "monument." In bookselling a "monument" is a stock of copies of some work that was much easier to buy than to sell.

### TORONTO.

### Brisk Holiday Trade Begins—What the Various Stores Are Doing—Some of the Special Displays Described.

Toronto, Dec. 5.—The Christmas trade is starting off well. Publishers have their hands full filling late orders and repeats and report heavy sales during the past month. Retailers have started their special displays and have taken on extra help to handle the rush.

Bert Durham, manager of the retail department of the Methodist Book Room, has overhauled, the entire stock their usual Christmas display in their book department. The new addition to their store, which has finally been completed, affords them an extra allotment of floor space amounting to about 225 square feet. This has been utilized for the display of calendars, Christmas cards, writing paper, picture books, novelties, etc., and several special lines of these goods are attractively exhibited. The other section is devoted exclusively to books of various kinds.

A bright, neat and strikingly attractive display of books, calendars and Christmas novelties is that of the W. A. Murray & Co., Toronto, which was produced under the skilful direction of the manager, Mr. Rutledge. All the recent works of fiction are grouped together. Artistic calendars of various colors and design heighten the effect. The basement has been utilized in addition to the regular floor space, and the inviting appearance of the display is calculated to attract the interest and attention of the casual buyer, as well as that of the regular booklover. A useful and practical feature in connection with the display is the bulletin hanging prominently over the department

announcing the best sellers on one side and on the other those recommended to the buyer.

John P. McKenna has removed from 159 to 169 Yonge Street, a few doors below Queen Street. This is the second time Mr. McKenna has moved within a few years. During that time he has occupied three different stores on the same side of the street within a short distance of each other. The painters and decorators are still at work on the new premises, and things have not become quite settled yet. Further particulars will be given in next month's issue.

### OTTAWA.

### Early Shopping Being Urged by the Booksellers—The New Books—Trade Agrees to Maintain Prices.

Ottawa, Nov. 30.—On every side one hears the slogan, "Shop early and avoid the crowds as well as securing better choice," and the bocksellers are emphatically announcing it in their advertising. A jaunt around the the annuals at a slightly reduced figure, but on attention being called to the fact that these publications are unicersally sold at the one figure, the offer was promptly withdrawn. All work for all's good, and the book buyers are none the losers.

"The Bookstore," A. H. Jarvis, has issued invitations for a Christmas opening, with a view to acquainting the public with the large and selected stock carried.— G. E. M. H.

### ST. JOHN.

## Trade Outlook in the Winter Port—Some Changes in the Trade—Flood Selling Out.

St. John, Dec. 3, 1908.—The dealers here are now busily engaged in preparing for the Christmas trade. Stocks of fancy goods and new books are being opened up and stores are being made as attractive as possible. While it is hoped that the business will be as good as in former years, there is a feeling that owing to the



View of Taking of Fort Niagara, U.S., 1813.

From "Story of Isaac Brock, by W. R. Nursey (Briggs.

book stores on any day, but more especially on Saturday, reveals a busy, buying, viewing throng, of men, women and children, and if purchasing is delayed until the last few hours before Xmas Eve, someone will surely be disappointed.

Notepapers and papeteries form appreciative gifts, and Ottawa book shops are displaying some very dainty packages.

The popular books of the month remain about the same as last month. "Lewis Rand" has taken a jump in sales, and "The Little Brown Jug of Kildare" is being recommended and enjoyed. Crockett's new book, "The Princess Penniless," is now offered. "The Flag" has had a good sale at all sources in Ottawa.

The usual Christmas gift books, de luxe editions of favorite standard writings, and the annuals, are prominently placed in all the shops.

Ottawa booksellers believe in maintaining any prices mutually agreed upon. One store, it is understood, offered financial depression of the past year the people will not be spending as much on fancy goods this season, but that sales will be more in the line of necessities. With the advent of colder weather and longer evenings there has been an increase in the demand for books and magazines. Picture post cards seem to be as much sought after as ever.

John P. McIntyre has purchased the news depot and cigar store formerly conducted by P. Curtis Boesvert, at 744 Main Street. Mr. Boesvert has started a similar store on Mill Street.

Reid Bros., dealers in wall paper and art goods, following their practice in other years have opened a toy department in their store for the Christmas trade.

The Flood's Company is selling off its stock of stationery, art goods and crockery, etc., at reduced prices, preparatory to going out of business on the first of May next.—W.E.H.

## Editorial Chronicle and Comment

### BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS.

The publishers of The Bookseller and Stationer take this opportunity of wishing all their readers throughout Canada, as well as in Great Britain and the United States, a very prosperous holiday season. Between now and Christmas comes the bookseller's harvest—the period during which the greatest volume of business is transacted in his store. It is the time of year for which he has labored and planned for many months, and in wishing him success during the next week or two we are bearing this fact in mind.

We, on our part, have striven to make our paper as useful as possible to the trade, and if we have failed in any particular it has not been for lack of willingness to serve the best interests of all concerned. We think the Bookseller and Stationer has been more valuable to the trade in 1908 than ever before. We are striving to improve it each year, and already we are looking forward to the new year with an eager desire to get into the new year's work.

### SCHOOL BOOKS IN TORONTO

The annual report of the Board of Education of the City of Toronto was issued in November. Here are some interesting facts and figures gleaned from it, showing what it costs Toronto under the present system to supply the scholars with text-books and supplies:

Text-books alone cost Toronto 12 cents per pupil in one year. Text-books plus supplies cost 38 cents per pupil.

The text-books issued in 1907 cost \$4,157, but \$152 of this was returned for books sold.

Supplies cost \$7,691, but \$306 was returned for supplies sold.

The Medical Health Officer confiscated 258 text-books, which had been in the possession of pupils having contagious diseases in their homes.

Text-books thrown away as useless, and replaced by new ones, numbered 10,209. Returned to the schools to be used for another term, 388, and rebound, 1,533.

### A CURIOUS EXPERIMENT.

When George Von Utassy, now high up in the Hearst organization, was connected with Harper & Bros., says Printers' Ink, he had a theory which ran counter to all the cherished traditions of the book publishing business. It was generally supposed that immense value attached to the notices of new books which the newspapers so freely give in their literary columns to any publisher who sends them complimentary copies.

Mr. Von Utassy was skeptical about the value of these reviews. He did not believe they had much to do with making or marring the success of a book. So in one of the bunches of notices sent to literary editors was a highly laudatory description of an entirely fletitious book. Not only had it never been published, but it was not even contemplated.

The notice appeared in hundreds of papers throughout the country. The Harper house never heard an echo from all this publicity. There never was an inquiry for the book from booksellers or from individuals.

It seems a fair conclusion that publicity to be valuable to the advertiser must contain the direct invitation to buy. There is no way to get business except to ask for it. A mere statement of merit is in itself not enough. The suggestion of purchase must be there—and be there strong.

### WHERE THE ASSOCIATION HELPS.

It is not an uncommon occurrence to hear members of the trade scoff at the association idea and maintain that trade organizations are no good. They seem to take a delight in standing aside and belitting anything that is done or attempted. Of course, in many cases, the antagonism shown, is the result of ignorance, but very frequently it is due to narrowness of vision.

In this month's issue we record a little incident in association life which should set every right-thinking bookseller considering his relation to the Canadian association. There was trouble at Sault Ste. Marie. The regular trade was being handicapped by the laxity of customs officials. Now it is quite possible that the parties affected might have taken up their grievance with the authorities at Ottawa direct. Perhaps they did. But that is neither here nor there. The important fact is that the Canadian Book, Stationery and Publishing Trades' Association took it up and with the weight of the entire trade behind them undoubtedly made far more impression on the Ottawa people, than any single individual could have done. That is precisely where an association does good and that is precisely the reason why the trade should support an association.

An appeal for increased membership in 1909 will be made this month. The entire trade of Canada will receive printed information about the association, with application blanks for membership. In view of what the association might do if it only had the financial support of the great bulk of the trade, every bookseller and stationer should give the appeal most serious consideration. It will be the part of ingratitude for any dealer to allow the association to work for him without remuneration of any kind.



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# Latest News of the Month in the Publishing World

Reports of Best Selling Books — New and Forthcoming Books Announced—What Canadian Authors are Doing—Short Book Reviews

There is little change in the list of best sellers for November. "Holy Orders" still maintains its position at the top, and "Diana Mallory," "Peter" and Trail of the Lonesome Pine" stil occupy strong positions. The new-comers are "The Riverman" and "The Web of Time." It is gratifying in this connection to note the appearance among the best sellers of a book by a Canadian author.

Another notable feature this month in the reports from the trade is the comparatively small number of titles, which appear in the various lists. Usually about 50 titles are referred to. This month only 30 figure in the best selling lists.

### Canada.

- 1. Holy Orders. By Marie Corelli.
- 2. Diana Mallory. By Mrs. Ward.
- 3. Trail of Lonesome Pine. By John Fox, jr.
- 4. Peter. By F. H. Smith.
- 5. Riverman. By S. E. White.
- 6. Web of Time, By R. E. Knowles.

### Notes From the Publishers.

In the department of juveniles the series of "Peeps at Many Lands," published by the Macmillan Co., is taking on well. Several new titles have recently been added.

Henry Frowde has an edition of the "Letters of Queen Victoria" for the Canadian market. This is the new and cheaper edition. He will sell it in leather binding only at \$5 the set.

William Briggs has published an edition of "Interplay," by Beatrice Harraden, which critics concede to be quite the equal of her first success, "Ships That Pass in the Night."

The latest fiction publications of the Copp, Clark Co. are "Kineaid's Battery," by George W. Cable, and "Salthaven," by W. W. Jacobs. This completes their list of autumn books.

The Maemillan Co., of Canada, find that "The Gentleman," by Alfred Ollivant, is their best seller. "Cousin Cinderella," by Mrs. Cotes, is also selling well on account of its Canadian interest.

McLeod & Allen have published recently "The Silver Butterfly," by Mrs. Wilson Woodrow, with illustrations in color by Howard Chandler Christy, that are among his most charming productions.

J. M. Poole, Toronto, has published "The Harvest of Moloch," by Mrs. J. K. Lawson. This book was originally announced by the Musson Book Co., but was sold to Mr. Poole, while on the press.

William Briggs has placed on the market the cloth edition of "Queen Victoria's Letters." This edition is bound in red and consists of three volumes which sell at the remarkably low price of \$1.50.

"On Christmas Day in the Morning" is the title of a pretty Christmas booklet by Grace S. Richmond, which William Briggs publishes. It is beautifully illustrated in colors with full-page decorations. (50 ets.)

"Alaska," by Ella Higginson, is an important contribution to our knowledge of that great and little-known territory. The book is well illustrated with photogravures taken from real life and is published by the Maemillan Co.

McLeod & Alien have published the "Maple Leaf Amateur Reciter," a book of choice dialogues for parlor, school and exhibition, for which they expect to have a big demand. It is published in paper covers, with an appropriate maple leaf design.

William Briggs' best sellers are "Holy Orders," by Marie Corelli, and "Lewis Rand," by Mary Johnston, which are having a splendid sale. In the Canadian department "Sowing Seeds in Danny," and "Songs of a Sourdough" are the leaders.

The Westminster Co. have recently issued a Canadian edition of the life of Ian Maclaren, by W. Robertson Nieholl. The author of ''Beside the Bonnie Briar Bush'' has many ardent admirers in Canada, who will welcome this last tribute to his memory.

"Blind Jim" will be the title of the new De Morgan book to be published in Canada by Henry Frowde some time about the beginning of the year. They will also bring out about the same time "Simple Septimus," by W. J. Locke, author of "The Beloved Vagabond."

The Musson Book Co. have added to their list of fiction "The Altar Stairs," by G. B. Lancaster, "Princess Penniless," by S. R. Crockett, "The Conventionalists," by Robert Hugh Benson, and "The Master of Life," by W. D. Lightall. These titles are all on the market.

## PROFITABLE ANNUALS.

The trade should not lose sight of the fact that those excellent annuals, "The Boys Own Paper" and "The Girls Own Paper," published in Canada by Warwick Bros. & Rutter, are absolutely protected in price by means of special contract. The advantage to the trade in this arrangement is not hard to see. Each dealer handling The Boys Own and Girls Own knows that he is getting a fair profit for each copy he sells, and no one can undersell them. This beneficial arrangement coupled with the literary excellence of these annuals makes them an excellent proposition for the trade to handle. As the supply of these volumes is limited booksellers would do well to see that their stocks are complete.





Two Favorite Annuals - Warwick Bros. & Rutter.

# A Page About Books by Canadian Authors

Some New Publications

It is understood that the new De Luxe edition of Ralph Connor's books being published by the Fleming H. Revell Co, will not be handled in Canada.

Miss L. M. Montgomery, author of "Anne of Green Gables" has written a sequel to this book, entitled "Anne at Avonlea," which will be published next year.

John Boyd, one of the eminent aving Canadian journalists, has republished in book form his two notable poems, "The Fight of the Atlante" and "The Quebee Battlefields."

Mrs. Simpson Hayes, of Vietoria, B.C., has published an illustrated booklet, entitled, "The Legend of the West," containing an old Indian story. The illustrations are by Miss Lillian J. Clark, of Vietoria.

A valuable "Check List of the Fish of Ontario," by C. W. Nash, has been issued by the King's Printer at the order of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. The book



L. M. MONTGOMERY Author of "Anne of Green Gables.

contains a series of plates, showing the principal fish of the Province.

The life of the late James Robertson, Superintendent of Presbyterian Missions in Western Canada, by Ralph Connor (Dr. C. W. Gordon) is announced for publication early in December by the Westminster Co., in Canada, and the Fleming H. Revell Co., in the United States.

A little book on life in Western Canada has been published by Elliot Stock, London, entitled "Canadian Life as I Found It: Four Years' Homesteading in the Northwest Territories," by "Homesteader," The little volume consists of a series of letters and is listed at 1s 6d net.

William Briggs has at length published "Myths and Facts of the American Revolution," a book which has been eagerly awaited by many curious people. That it will create a stir is quite probable, as it explodes many

pet ideas held on the other side of the line about the Revolutionary War.

English readers are to be treated to that charming Canadian story, "Sowing Seeds in Danny," but according to the Publisher's Circular, it will not be issued in England with the same title. The English edition will appear as "Danny and the Pink Lady." and Hodder & Stoughton will publish it.

"The Master of Life," by W. D. Lighthall, of Montreal, is now out with the imprint of the Musson Book Co. The publication is purely Canadian, from the story itself to the paper on which it is printed. There are several illustrations in tint by J. S. Gordon. The use of wide margins has added to the effect materially.

The Macmillan Co., of Canada, have published a new bible-study book by Miss Knox, Principal of Havergal College, Toronto, entitled "The Acts of the Apostles." The work follows the course laid down for study in 1909 by the International Sunday School Union. The book contains 400 pages and sells for 70 cents.

Harry Britain, an English journalist, who visited Canada last summer, has embodied his experiences in a small illustrated volume of 157 pages, entitled "Canada. There and Back." The book is dedicated to Lord Stratheona. Mr. Britain is now organizing a great inter-empire convention of newspaper men to be held in London next May.

"Farm Weeds of Canada," by Mr. George A. Clark, Dominion Seed Commissioner, and Dr. James Fletcher, Botanist to the Dominion Experimental Farms, is the title of an instructive and valuable work issued by the Department of Agriculture, and intended for free distribution as a reference book in farm homes and rural school

F. C. Wade, K.C., has collected his recent letters to the press on the subject of "The Canadian Flag on Our Schools," and has published them in a neat pamphlet. The immediate occasion for Mr. Wade's letters was an order-in-council of the British Columbia Government forbidding the use of the Canadian flag on the Public Schools.

The authorities of Laval University have issued a catalogue of the paintings in the gallery of the University. The superb collection has never been sufficiently known. It has been a closed book, as it were, while it is in fact the only large collection of any real value on the North American continent. To some hundred or so of the pictures notes have been added from the pen of Mr. L. A. M. Lovekin. The book has been printed by L. Evenement Printing Co., Montreal.

The full title of Arnold Haultain's book on golf is as follows: "The mystery of golf: a briefe account of games in generall, their origine antiquitie, and rampancie; and of the game yeleped golfe in particular, its uniqueness, its curiousness; and its difficultie, its anatomical, philosophicall, and moral properties; together with diverse concepts on other matters to it appertaining." This unique volume has been published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston. The edition is limited to 450 copies and the price is \$5 per copy.

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As has been mentioned several times in this department the author of that charming book, "Anne of Green Gables," Miss L. M. Monigomery, is a Prince Edward Island lady. This time a portrait of the young lady is shown. Everyone who has read "Anne of Green Gables" has wanted to introduce her to one of his friends, thus starting an endless chain of readers. A brilliant example of this is Mark Twain, America's greatest humorist, who in a letter to Francis Wilson, America's greatest comedian, writes: "In 'Anne of Green Gables' you will find the dearest and most moving and delightful child since the immortal Alice."

The long-announced history of Kingston, by Agnes Maule Machar, was published by the Musson Book Company the end of November. It is a well-printed volume of 292 pages, containing several full page illustrations. As a contribution to the early history of the country, it is an important publication, for Kingston has played a prominent part in the life of Canada. Miss Machar has done her work thoroughly and well, and has succeeded in putting life and interest into what might have been in other hands a dull enough story. She has confined her attention to the period from the founding of Fort Frontenac to sixty years ago. The book sells at \$1.50.

The Champlain Society, of which Mr. B. E. Walker is president, Professor Wrong, secretary, and Mr. H. H. Langton, treasurer, has decided to undertake the publication, with translation, of the complete works of Champlain. This will be the first time that English-speaking Canadians will have had the opportunity of reading in their own tongue the great pioneer's story in its entirety. The resolution of the society is in some degree the outcome of the Quebec eclebration. The society hopes to be able to make some arrangement by which not only its members, but the general public may be able to get the translation, which will run to three considerable volumes.

The Art, Historical and Scientific Association of Vancouver have issued, in a tasteful pamphlet, three historical papers presented during the session of 1907-8. The first is by Mr. F. C. Wade, K.C. and deals with that subject of perennial interest and fascination, "The Early Navigators of the Pacific." The second treats of the thrilling and adventurous search by "Sea and Land" for the Fraser, and is written by Judge Howay, While in the last, Mr. Walter Moberly, C.E., gives the history of the "Cariboo Wagon Road." The brochure has been well printed by the Clarke & Shart Co., Vancouver, F. C. Wade is president of the association, and H. J. de Forest secretary.

The Musson Book Company have made an incursion into a yet untilled field, that of nursery rhymes, particularly adapted to Canadian children. "Uncle Jim's Canadian Nursery Rhymes" is a book intended to fill this want. The book has been attractively designed and illustrated by C. W. Jefferys, the Toronto artist, the pictures and verses being harmoniously linked together. Its size is 8½ x 12 inches, and it contains 84 pages. The rhymes are meritorious, having the necessary jungle to make them easily memorized and the introduction of Canadian subjects has made them suitable for the instruction and amusement of the youngsters of the country. The cover

presents a group picture of the better-known Canadian animals and birds.

"A Romance of the Lost" is the somewhat weird title of a book of poems recently published by Desbarats & Co., Montreal. The writer is Tom McInnes, a well-known British Columbian. The book consists mainly of narrative poems, though there are quite a number of sonnets and short poems, some of which, particularly the ones recalling days of childhood are well done. "Lonesome Bar," a poem depicting life in the early days in the Klondike, is a vivid presentation of the wild life of the miners. "The Rime of Jacques Valbeau" is an extraordinary conception. "The Damozel of Doom" and "The Valley of Relief" are two other striking poems. Tom McInnes has a wonderful gift of word picturing and the reader cannot help but be impressed by his verses. (\$1.00).

Are all the nature writers Canadians? It assuredly looks like it. We have now to record a new book by Miss Marshall Saunders, of Halifax, entitled "My Pets," the story of Miss Saunders' aviary. It is a handsomely printed book, with six full-page illustrations in color and twenty-eight chapter headings drawn by Charles Copeland from photographs of the author's pets. The cover design and end papers present a pleasing design of pet animals in a harmony of green, white and brown. The publishers are the Griffith & Rowland Press, Philadelphia, The book is intended primarily for children, educating them to a proper care and respect for the birds. Miss Saunders is also the author of several other animal books, notably "Beautiful Jo," which was first published fourteen years ago and still sells well. (\$1.25).

A second edition of Dr. William Dunlop's "Recollections of the War of 1812" has been issued by the Historical Publishing Co., Toronto. This new edition contains a short biographical sketch of the author by Dr. A. H. U. Colquhoun, Deputy Minister of Education of the Province of Ontario, which adds greatly to the value of the book. There have been many histories of the War of 1812, but no work on this great conflict has quite the same direct personal interest, as the narrative of this man, who lived right through the campaign, describing his personal experiences with a lucid pen. The short story of his life, his literary ventures, his travels and his connection with the pioneer days of Western Ontario, are given in Dr. Colquhoun's sketch. The little book is a valuable one, and great credit is due to the Historical Publishing Co. for thus placing in permanent form an important contribution to the early history of the country.

A neat pamphlet prepared by the Halifax Canadian Club, and printed by the McAlpine Publishing Company. Limited, contains an account of the "Proceedings of Celebration at Halifax, Nova Scotia, on October 2, 1908," in commemoration of the completion of "One Hundred and Fifty Years of Representative Government." This account, we are told in a Prefatory Note, is reprinted from the Halifax Herald of October 3, 1908. A sketch of the proposed Memorial Tower (subject to revision) and an engraving of the Brass Tablet unveiled at the Province Building on August 19, 1908, add to the value of the pamphlet. An Appendix contains the Dedication Deed-Site for Tower, and Land for Public Park in the Northwest Arm; and a letter from Lord Milner to Mr. Chisholm, K.C. (president of the club), expressing regret for his inability to visit Halifax and participate in the commemoration. The letter was dated from Winnipeg, September 28,

To commemorate last summer's celebration in Quebec, an important illustrated volume, recording, to the minutest detail, all that was said and done in the Ancient Capital during the week of the celebration, has been compiled by Frank Carrel and Louis Feiczewicz, B.A., under the title of "The Quebec Tercentenary Commemorative History." The volume, measuring 9 x 12 inches, and containing 178 pages, is printed on heavy tinted coated stock and is brimful of illustrations, several of which have been executed in colors, Dr. A. G. Doughty, the Dominion Archivist, contributes an introduction, and the whole volume has been revised thoroughly by Captain E. T. D. Chambers. To refer in any detail to the illustrations, which number in the neighborhood of two hundred, would be impossible. The color plates of Wolfe, Montealm, Champlain, Montgomery, etc., are the work of C. W. Jefferys. The other illustrations, admirably printed in a brown tint embrace all the important pictures that were taken of the men and women present, the pageants and other interesting scenes. In addition to the record of the celebration, there are appended a number of press comments and poems. The volume has been issued in three bindings, paper covers \$2, cloth \$3 and leather \$5. The publishers are the Quebec Telegraph Co. The value of such a book as this will undoubtedly increase as the years move on.

Volume XIII. of the "Collections of the Nova Scotia Historical Society," containing the papers read before the association during the past year, has been issued by the McAlpine Publishing Co., of Halifax, in a volume of 190 pages. The principal contents are "The Life and Times of the Rev. John Wiswall, M.A.," "Recollections of Old Halifax," "Duckyard Memoranda," "Notes on Nova Scotia Pioneers." Archibald MacMechan, of Halifax, is president of the association, which is doing a splendid work in preserving valuable historical material.

"The Harvest of Moloch." by Mrs. J. K. Lawson, which John M. Poole & Co., Toronto, have published, is a creditable piece of book-making for Canadian workmen. The cover, designed by Tom Innes, is up-to-date in style and the jacket is well conceived. There are four page illustrations by I. R. Henri. The story itself deals with the temperance question in a temperate way, the scene moving from England to the Canadian West. The authoress is a Toronto lady, who has at different times contributed articles and stories to the magazines. It seems that she was the author of the famous "Seottie Airlie Leiters," which appeared in Grip, twenty years ago. Mrs. Lawson is the mother of ten children, all of whom are doing well for themselves.

The Musson Book Co., Toronto, who are devoting more and more attention to Canadian books, have just brought out two important works on Canadia, originally published in England. One of these, "In Search of a Polar Continent," by Alfred H. Harrison, recounts the adventures of an explorer through the northern part of Canada. The other, "Woodsmen of the West," by M. Allerdale Grainger, is an account of life in Western Canada. Both volumes are admirably illustrated from photographs. Further particulars will be furnished in our next issue.

## MONTREAL'S PROSPECTIVE BUSINESS SHOW.

E. Daoust, vice-president Librairie Beauchemin, Ltd., Montreal, who will occupy early in the new year their handsome new quarters at 81 St. James Street has expressed his willingness to have their building utilized at the opening for some two or three weeks for the benefit of the manufacturers of business appliances. The space occupied by the exhibitors will not be charged for, and as their premises are situated in the heart of the business district manufacturers would derive a great deal of direct benefit. The idea is meeting with a great deal of approval, and those interested may obtain particulars from Mr. Daoust.

## Thumb Nail Reviews

Adopting the plan followed last month, we first give some information about the new book in the list of hest sellers for November and follow that with brist, bright reviews of the new fiction, juveniles, gift books, etc., which have appeared since our last.

### A New Best Seller.



THE WEB OF TIME. By Robert E. Knowles. Oxford University Press, Toronto, \$1.25. Mr. Knowles has already attained high rank as a writer of Canadian fiction, which is confirmed by this new book. Pathos is his strong point and the problem of heredity is subtly dealt with in his delineation of Harvey Simmons. But the author is also versatile. With the light touch of wit and university Press, where the light touch of wit and university Press, and the problem of the press.

mor he sketches David Borland, whose genial kindliness, native wit and homely philosophy must delight the sympathetic reader. The story of the railway wreek, a personal experience, is introduced with good effect and gives an added interest to a very delightful book.

### New Fiction.

KINCAID'S BATTERY. By George W. Cable. Toronto: Copp, Clark. Cloth, illustrated, \$1.25. Kincaid was the favorite cavalier among the girls of New Orleans at the outbreak of the Civil War. The scenes in New Orleans before the Battery leaves for the front, and Farragut's great engagements on the Mississippi are given with all the old power of the author of "The Cavalier."

SALTHAVEN. By W. W. Jacobs. Toronto: Copp., Clark Co. Cloth, illustrated, 31,25. A novel full of fun and rollicking dry humor, telling of a great shipbuilding concern on the coast of England and the love story of the son of the head of the firm and the pretty daughter of the oldest clerk.

THE ELUSIVE PIMPERNEL. By Baroness Orezy. Toronto: Copp. Clark. Cloth, \$1.25. Reintroduces to
the reader the clever Scarlet Pimpernel which delighted so many lovers of romance a couple of years
ago in the book of that name by his daring rescues
of the condemned aristocrats of France at the time
of the Revolution. The present story narrates more
of his perilous adventures.

THE ALTAR STAIRS. By G. B. Lancaster. Toronto:
Musson Book Co. Cloth, \$1.25. A virile story of
the struggle of Rod Maclean to overcome himself.
He heads an expedition to the Solomon Islands,
where he encounters Strickland, a missionary. Intending at first to drive the latter out, Rod comes
under his influence and a strong friendship springs
up. Rod falls in love with Loie Malet, daughter of
one of the principals in the trading company. His
trial comes when he finds that she is in reality the
wife of Tony Heritage, a member of the expedition
and a man of depraved habits. The story tells how
Rod fought the desire to kill Tony, and eventually
won "at the altar stairs." The characterization
and the local coloring are excellent.

THE OTHER SARA. By Curtis Yorke. Boston: Dana Estes & Co. Cloth, \$1.50. A firm of over-zealous



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- TALES FROM BOHEMIA. By Robert Neilson Stephens. Boston: L. C. Page & Co. Cloth, illustrated. \$1.50. In an introductory memoir of Stephens, contributed by an old contemporary on the staff of "The Press," the fact is brought out that the series of short stories in this posthumous volume were written in the journalistic days, before Stephens had branched out as a novelist and playwright. The stories are all picture incidents in the Bohemian life of the day and are told with much verisimilitude and clearness of plot. There are 25 stories in the book.
- FURTHER EXPERIENCES OF AN IRISH R.M. Py E. OE. Somerville and Martin Ross. The Musson Book Co., Toronto, \$1.25. Full of wit and humor like its predecessor. The writer depicts Irish peasant life with a fine appreciation of its light-hearted inconsistencies and incongruities. A fox-hunting squire and his irresponsible dependents create many amusing episodes which are related with a spirit and gusto worthy of the warm-hearted, quick-witted people among whom the authors obtain their delightful experiences.
- TREASURE VALLEY. By Marian Keith. The Westminster Co., Toronto, \$1.25. Marian Keith is be-

coming a household name in Canada and a new book by her is sure of a welcome. The title she has chosen carries with it this significance, that it is often in the lowly walks of life that true wisdom is gleaned. John McIntyre is described as a man stripped of all that makes life desirable finding in this sweet valley under the leading of a little child the treasure without which all else is but as dross. Some of the chapters in lighter vein are mirth-provoking, notably, the arrival of the "orphant" which proves to be a four-in-hand and a terror whose escapades keep the neighborhood in a ferment.

### Gift Books.

- OUT-OF-DOORS IN THE HOLY LAND. By Henry Van Dyke. Toronto: Copp, Clark Co. Cloth, illustrated in color, \$1.50. The record of an unconventional journey to Palestine, told as only Dr. Van Dyke could tell it. Rich imagery, beautiful descriptions and sympathetic historical allusions make it a delight to the stay-athome traveler who could have no better guide in his mental pilgrimage.
- THE ART OF THE NETHERLAND GALLERIES. By David C. Preyer. Large 12mo. decorative cover, 47 full-page plates in duogravure. Boston: L. C. Page & Co. \$2.00 net. A history of the Dutch school of paining illuminated and demonstrated by critical descriptions of the great paintings in the many galleries.
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- PASTURES OF TENDER GRASS. By Rev. Charles Jerdan, M.A., Ll.B. Edinburgh and London: Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier. Cloth 5s. A handsome volume containing sixty-six short sermons to young people. Significant texts are selected and striking titles given. There is a wealth of literary allusion and ancedotal matter throughout the book.
- THE TRUTH ABOUT APPENDICITIS AND BLOOD POISONING. By Charles C. Miller, M.D. Chicago: Oak Publishing Co., 9 Wendell St. Cloth \$1.00. An explanation in simple language of appendicitis and germ infections.
- POPULAR DETERMINISM. Being Part I, of the People's Religious Difficulties. By Frank Ballard. London: Robert Culley, 26 Paternoster Row, E.C. Paper 6d net. Questions asked and answered at open conferences following lectures upon Christian foundations.
- THE SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE OF MODERN SOCIALISM. By John Spargo. New York: B. W. Huebsch. Cloth 50 ets. net. A challenge to the church.
- WITH THE BATTLE FLEET. By Franklin Matthews. New York: B. W. Huebsch. Cloth \$1,50. A chronicle of the voyage of the U.S. Atlantic fleet from Hampton Roads to San Francisco. The author sailed on the Louisiana as correspondent for the New York Sun.
- THE YEAR OF GRACE. By Rev. Wm. Gibson. Edinburgh: Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier. 2s. This jubilee edition of the history of the Ulster Revival will be read with interest by many to whom the story of hat great awakening is still fresh in memory. The writer carefully investigates every phase of that remarkable movement with due regard to explanations, based on natural causes, and sums up with the dietum that the Irish Revival of 1859 bere all the marks of being a genuine and wonderful work of God.
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- HISTORIC GHOSTS AND GHOST HUNTERS. By H.
  Addington Bruce. New York: Moffat, Yard & Co.
  \$1.25. The present book by the author of the "Riddle
  of Personality" is another contribution to the fastgrowing literature of psychical research. In delving
  among the recorded ghostly manifestations of the
  past and the present the writer has brought to light

the fact that many of these manifestations are attributable to natural causes. The book also contains a summary of the origin, progress and most important achievements of the Society for Psychical Research, which had its beginning in Cambridge about twentyfive years ago.

### Juveniles.

- KING TIME, OR THE MYSTICAL LAND OF THE HOURS. By Perey Keese Fitzhugh. Boston: H. M. Caldwell Co. Cloth, \$1.25. "Where the lost hours go" is the theme of the book. The little hero visits the mystical kingdom of Father Time. He meets King Time, innumerable imps who represent the various hours of history, the old Duke of "Procrastination," who is waging war against King Time, and becomes involved in the military preparations, which are never completed. Different imps, each representing some great event in the world's history, tell the stories of what they saw during their life in the world, to the amusement, instruction and astonishment of the hero.
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- MARY WARE. The Little Colonel's Chum. By Annie Fellows Johnston. Boston: L. C. Page & Co. Cloth. \$1.50. This is an off-shoot from the main subject of the "Little Colonel" series. The heroine, an intimate friend of the "Little Colonel," is sent to school at Warwick Hall by her brother. The latter is injured in an accident and the sister has to leave school and help support the family.
- THE BOOK OF PRINCES AND PRINCESSES. By Mrs. Lang. Edited by Andrew Lang. With eight colored plates and numerous illustrations by H. J. Ford. Longmans, Green & Co., London (Canadian office, 61 Union Avenue, Montreal). Cloth, \$1.50. One of Andrew Lang's series of fairy books, though in reality the stories in this book are not of fairies but of flesh and blood princes and princesses. Taking fourteen noted children of history, stories are told of each of them, somewhat after the fashion of "The Tales from Shakespeare," told by Charles and Mary Lamb. The first story is of Napoleon and the last of Queen Elizabeth, and the intervening stories are of other famous historical personages. Altogether a charming children's book.
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# Some Thoughts on the Problem of Selling Magazines

Frank Farrington Tells in the Publisher and Retailer His Ideas on the Reasons Why Some Magazines Sell and Others Do Not Sell.

It is easier to tell what magazines sell than it is to tell why. I have been selling magazines in my store for a long time and in that time they have come and gone like the winter snows and in some cases they have come as spotless and gone as spotted.

High priced magazines have dropped and then elimbed back up. Low priced ones have risen and then tumbled back down. Qualities have come and gone with individual magazines and at last the present mixed situation has ar-

Through all this time and change one thing has not changed. That is the fact that there is mighty little profit in selling these now-they-want-'em-and-now-they-don't goods. If the merchants who sell staple goods had to sell them on as small a margin as the newsdealers have to sell the evanescent magazines with their rapidly disappearing values, there would soon be fewer merchants in the stores and more in the poor-house.

Oh, yes, I know, the magazines are returnable. Some of them are and some of them aren't, and it's really a question, when one weighs over a pound, whether it costs more to run out and lose sales or to run over and pay

return postage.

Most of our towns and villages are rather small. In such places the transient literature is often sold in book stores, drug stores, any stores that think magazines will help to bring in the people. It may safely be said that unless such a store, or any news stand, sells enough periodicals so that the weekly payment to the News Company averages at least \$15, it is not making any direct profit on the goods.

That may or may not be the fault of the News Company, or of the publishers; though they haven't been known to bankrupt themselves in efforts to help the newsqealer, and there are to-day, I dare say, more millionaire

publishers than millionaire newsdealers.

When a man has to sell from a hundred to a hundred and fifty magazines to make a princely three dollars, he isn't exactly rejoicing over the prospect. There's more money in selling a hundred ten cent eigars and it doesn't cost a cent or more apiece to get them delivered at your door. They aren't returnable, but they are smokable and that's more than can be said of plenty of the magazines that are too green to burn.

Magazines sell partly because the dealer exhibits them. Patent medicines get some advertising. The manufacturers make them sell. Same with breakfast foods, but when it comes to food for the intellect, "Oh, leave it to the newsdealer. Tell the News Company to fire them at him until he has to try to sell them in sheer self-defence. It costs money to advertise and we magazine fellers are in business to take money for advertising, not to pay it out

I don't mean you who do advertise your magazines. There are exceptions to all rules and if the coat doesn't

fit, don't try to wear it.

Munsey's magazine sells. Why? Because it has stuff in it that's easy to read and that makes it fit the bulk of the population who aren't the kind to buy magazines to pender over. Plenty of the Munsey buyers are onemagazine people. There is more money, however, in selling people the things they want than in trying to educate

them up to wanting something on a higher plane. Then if one is particular, there is plenty of brains in the advertisements.

Now, speaking of sellers, there's the Saturday Evening Post. Newsdealers don't sell many, of course, and it may be that the kidlets on the pavement sell more copies than the regular trade could sell alone. It's a fair business proposition. If a man prints a periodical, he can sell it any old way that the law will allow and if he thinks that more folks would take it out of a slot machine than from a clerk in a store, very good.

Still, Mr. Curtis, without losing any of his 800,000 might placate the newsdealers and have them on his side if he would. There is no reason to think that the newsdealers and the school kids who want ponies could not sell more S. E. P.'s than the newsdealers or the kids.

Ladies' Home Journal? Yes, that sells in large numbers. Don't you see the pictures of the window displays in the booklet they send you every so often? Of course, if you are an average dealer, you can't take time and money to buy a few hundred copies, or a few thousand, just to get a two dollar prize, if you should win it. If a man did nothing but sell Ladies' Home Journals, I can see that it would be desirable for him to give up his window space to them a large portion of the time, but for a dealer who makes his money on real goods, goods that pay him a profit, it looks like a losing proposition.

Every once in a while some one springs a five cent magazine on the newsdealer. No one seems to know the answer. The publisher makes no money on it. The dealer makes none. The News Company the same and yet they continue to come. Let us hope that the higher price of wood pulp will at least help by putting an end to the five cent monthly magazines, if it does work hardship other-

People evidently will not buy a magazine that is no good, just because they can buy it cheap. Bargains in literature are not as popular as bargains in household goods. Perhaps that is partly due to the fact that the magazine buyers are mainly men while most of the buyers of other lines in general are women.

The magazines sold by subscription in the largest numbers are the women's magazines. These sold over the counter in the largest numbers are the others. Profusely as women buy other displayed goods, they do not seem to be attracted in proportion by a news stand,

There is a handful of magazines that are as staple as flour, or as near it as a magazine can be. Everybody's, McClure's, American and a few others that always sell. People know that in buying them they will get their money's worth. Each one of them stands for something. The publishers have some idea in issuing them beyond merely making money. They have set up certain ideas and principles, as their own and they adhere to them. They are out to accomplish an object,

These give a man man's reading. They put him in touch with things that are worth knowing about. They are reliable. Others that sell as steadily are fiction magazines, supplying the best fiction that the editors can findand that's not bragging any, for the fiction market is in a bad way. When a man can write the kind of piffle that some folks are getting paid for, and sell it, it all goes to show that butting into literature is, as Shorty McCabe says, "as easy as beating a baby with a mallet."

Most people like to handle magazines made on book paper. They like the feel of the calendered surface, and they like the half-tones, whether they illustrate things in the stories, or merely the artists' ideas of what he might have found in the story if he had read it. If a man wants to get out a magazine of tommyrot, he'd a good deal better print it on book stock with good half-tones and charge a quarter for it (15e to the trade) than to sell it at a dime.

Harper's and Century are steady sellers and good reason why. They have the stuff right in them. There's where you get something for your money, something that will stay by you if you read it. I always thought though that a great many people take those periodicals right along because they always have and they hate to stop and spoil their file.

There's more to that than you think. Plenty of people are still taking magazines of one kind and another just because they don't like to give up. "Father always took it," or "We took it when we first started housekeeping." or "We began with the first number," etc. It may be that the publication has degenerated since until it isn't fit to appear in polite society, but they still keep it coming because of that very human feeling of dislike to give up doing what one has always done.

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There is no class of goods with which substitution is as difficult as it is with the magazines. The man who wants bad literature, will not take good as a gift. Same with the man who wants the good kind. People are as eranky about their magazines as a man who has nothing to do but to smoke is about his eigars.

### The Christmas Studio.

The chief interest of the December International Studio centres in the reproductions in color of several of Edmund Dulac's weird paintings, notably "Open Seame," which covers two pages; "The Dream Vendor," and "Father Time." The other plates embrace three paintings by Auguste Lepere, and one by George Grey Barnard. The literary contents are as follows: "George Grey Barnard," "Auguste Lepere: Painter and Engraver," "The Paintings of William Mouncey of Kirkeudbright." "The Drawings of Edmund Dulac." "The Scottish Modern Arts Association," "Recent Designs in Domestic Architecture," "The Ruskin Museum at Sheffield." "The Making of Plaster Casts," "A Painter of Old French Towns: Albert Lechat," etc. All these articles are admirably illustrated.

### A History of England.

Cassell & Co. have commenced the publication of a "History of England" in fortnightly parts at 20 cents each. The history starts with the Roman invasion and will be continued down to the coronation of Edward VII., the whole requiring some 86 numbers. Part I. contains as frontispiece a copy of Margetson's portrait of King

Edward, done in colors. Many illustrations accompany the text. There should be a good demand for this series and newsdealers should make a point of showing Part I., in order to attract attention.

### Part 4 of London Town.

The publication of "London Town, Past and Present" has progressed to the fourth part. This part takes up the Exchanges, Lloyds, the Bank of England, and Cornhill. The illustrations accompanying these chapters are most complete and well selected. In fact, the work is valuable for the illustrations alone. Cassell & Co. will complete the series in 26 fortnightly parts, which sell at 20 cents each.

#### Magazine Notes.

A representative of the Strand Magazine is at present going through Canada in connection with the plan of 'he publishers to inaugurate a regular section devoted to Canada in that magazine.

The English Review is a new periodical to appear this month in London. It is a departure from the accepted form of reviews, being modeled largely on the American line. The first number contains 30,000 words of a new novel by H. G. Wells.

It is reported that the price of the Woman's Home Companion is to be raised to 15 cents shortly.

The Christmas Century contains the first chapters of the new novel by the author of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," and the new story by the author of "The Biography of a Grizzly." Mrs. Rice's story, "Mr. Opps," opens with a delightful mingling of quaintness, humor and pathos, and with promise of proving the best work yet written by this popular author. Mr. Seton's "Domino Reynard of Goldur Town" is the study of a noble silver fox.

Thomas Nelson Page's new serial, "John Marvel, Assistant," will begin in the January number of Scribner's Magazine. Other articles in this number will be "England, the English from an American Point of View," "Alexander's Decorations in the Carnegie Institute, Pittsburg," "Poe," by W. C. Brownell, "A Sheep-herder of the Southwest," by N. C. Wyeth, "The He St. Louis," by F. W. Huard, etc.



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The publishers of the Red Book Magazine announce the establishment of a new periodical devoted to the theatre and its interests. It will be called, The Green Book Album, and the first number, dated January, will be published on December 12. It will be a theatrical scrap book profusely illustrated and will sell, retail, at 15 cents per copy. It will be fully returnable.

These are evidently the days for increased prices in magazines. The Woman's Home Companion raised its price from 10 to 15 cents beginning with the December issue. The Theatre Magazine is jumping from 25 to 35 cents, beginning with the January number. Recreation, which was formerly 15 cents, will start the new year at 25 cents. All these magazines are fully returnable.

On January 1 the first number of a new English monthly magazine called Travel and Exploration will be published. The new publication will be devoted to travel in all its aspects and will be fully illustrated with photographs. The publishers are Witherby & Co , 326 High Holborn, W.C., London, and the price is one shilling net.

New Canadian Magazine.

There is to be a new magazine started in Toronto. W. G. Macfarlane, of the defunct firm of Macfarlane & Co., dealers in post cards, is the founder of the enterprise, in which a stock company comprising several local publishers and others are largely interested. The new publication, which has not been named, is to be national in its scope, and will follow well defined lines similar to those adopted in Appleton's and McClure's. It is the intention to have insofar as practicable the work of Canadian writers and artists form the contents of the different numbers. No editorial appointments have been made, although several names are now under consideration, and a definite announcement is expected shortly. The subscription price of the magazine will be 15 cents the copy, or \$1.50 the year.

### LEGALITY OF LOOSE LEAF BOOKS.

The question of the legality of the loose leaf ledger and other like books of account has probably come to



every business man, and while he may have answered it to his own satisfaction, a clear exposition of the subject will not be without interest.

A business man of wide experience with loose leaf books declares that a page from a loose leaf ledger is just as authoritative and trustworthy when presented in evidence as a page from a bound book.

He states that during his many years in business he has forwarded to attorneys at different times a very large number of accounts made up or copied from the bound ledger to be sued on at points remote from headquarters. These sworn accounts were copies of the account between creditor and debtor as made up from the ledger and itemized from the bills, and he says that in no case has such an account been disputed by reason of its being a copy.

It is quite likely that a dispute in a ledger account may have to be fortified by other evidence; it frequently happens that when an account from a bound ledger is sued on that the debtor would claim that a charge was not correct, in which case the procedure would be the same with a bound ledger as it would with a loose leaf, namely: The creditor or plaintiff would get from his files the original order as placed by the debtor, he would secure from the railroad company or common carrier the receipt showing shipment to the debtor as ordered, and possibly ask the common carrier to furnish him with the date of delivery and the evidence of delivery of goods to the debtor. Thus, if the creditor is suing for a number of bills, or one bill, when he can prove that the goods were ordered by the debtor, further that the price was fair and just, and again that the order was filled as given and the goods were actually delivered, there can be no dispute of the account.

But, on the other hand, if the payments, as shown by the creditor's ledger, are disputed by the debtor, the proof must then be furnished by the debtor that he did pay that sum or those sums of money. Consequently, the whole evidence of a ledger is resolved by the proof of original documents of purchase and delivery of the goods and proper eredit of the payments, and the question of whether the books of account are made up from bound pages or loose pages does not enter into the ease since the face of the ledger is never taken as absolute proof in any court of law if it is objected to by the

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### FOUNTAIN PEN INDUSTRY GROWING.

## A New Waterman's Ideal Factory in St. Lambert, Quebec —Description of the Building and Plant.

The starting of the large Waterman's Ideal plant in St. Lambert marks the growth and development, in Canada, of an industry which is of particular interest to the trade.

A visit to the new Waterman plant is convincing of the undertaking of this firm to so prepare its output as to make it of such a degree of fineness as to equal perfection, and afford a most perfect and complete pocket writing instrument. Thus, the art of writing, in the present age, has become one without the many inconveniences of the past.

It is learned that the enormous capacity of the new Waterman factory, as described hereinafter, is so arranged that the increasing demands of the public, through the trade of Canada, may be always promptly supplied. An idea of the necessary preparation to insure this is conveyed through the output of this firm's United States the Robb Engineering Co., Ltd., Amherst, Nova Seotia, and are fitted with the modern Parson's Improved Blower System. The engine is one of the latest and best types of the Belliss & Morcom Co., Birmingham, England. The exhaust steam from the eugine heats the entire building. The generators are of the 65 kilowatt type, alternating current, and the connecting motors used throughout are the alternating current type.

### Trip Through Building.

A trip through the building is convincing of the enormous preparation necessary to the starting of this plant, which commenced operations early this month, with a small force of skilled employes, although it is estimated that the capacity of the working force of the complete plant is in excess of 400 employes. The first pen manufactured in the new factory is planned to be presented to the Premier, Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The planning and instalation of the complete equipment and starting of the new Waterman plant is under the direct management of William I. Ferris, vice-president of the company, John Seiler being the superintendent in charge of the works.



The New Waterman Pen Factory at St. Lambert.

factory, which, in 1906, was called upon to supply, for the year, Waterman's Ideals to the enormous extent of \$2,500,000 in value.

### Factory Described.

The new Canadian factory is a three-storey and basement building, 85 x 150 feet, with approximately 25,000 square feet of floor space, constructed entirely of reinforced concrete; is absolutely fireproof throughout, and so built that there is practically no vibration whatever from the action of the machinery. All modern appliances have been installed. The eeilings are high; the ventilation is exceptionally well regulated, and even the most remote corners require none other than the natural light, which the construction and arrangement of the building permits, during the working day.

The power is electricity, generated by the plant and controlled from a switchboard. The present capacity is 150 horse-power for immediate use, although an additional 150 horse-power is provided for. The boilers are made by On the first floor of the building is the office of the superintendent of manufacture, in addition to the rubber department, with a capacity for 125 employes. In this department is received the finest grade Para rubber, from the South American forests, where it is selected by Waterman representatives The conversion of the crude rubber into the four simple parts of the finished pen requires 130 careful operations, most all of which are executed on modern machinery of special type.

### Smelting Room.

On the second floor is the smelting room, where the gold metal is melted and placed in a crucible, which stands over a furnace that heats it to a temperature of 1,900 degrees Fahrenheit. Here is added an alloy of silver and copper, bringing the gold down to 14 kt., the correct standard of fineness required for writing purposes. Ingots are then formed of a size about one inch in thickness. These are then passed to the gold pen manufacturing department on the same floor, which has a capacity for 150

mechanics. The production of gold pens requires wellskilled help, most of whom it will be found, have devoted a lifetime to the art. Each gold pen passes through about eighty operations, and is finally tempered, and, in this same department, tipped with iridium, which renders the pen point stronger and more durable than any other meal ever mined. It is said that in this department are made gold pens of such a large variety of sizes and styles that the exact requirements of every style of handwriting van be fulfilled.

### Third Floor.

On the third floor are departments for the assembling of the parts; the chasing or engraving of the rubber holders, and the mounting with gold and silver. The working capacity of this floor, in these departments. is 100 employes, and each of the operations, or handlings through which the pen here passes, is as technical and careful as those of the formation departments. The five parts, when carefully assembled to fit to an infinitesimal fraction of an inch, are submitted to trained hands—experts in the use of the pen—to test the quality of workmanship submitted to them. The pens before leaving this department receive the trade mark of the manufacturers, which is the permanent guarantee, and has built the enviable reputation connected for many years with Waterman's Ideal fountain pen.

The basement of the building is especially fitted with proper ventilation and heat for the storing of ink, the storage capacity being 10 carloads, or 5,000 gross.

The interior fittings, such as work benches, etc., are planned for the greatest convenience and comfort of the employes. On each floor of the building there are especially constructed fireproof vaults, and, on the top floor, two large rooms of exceptional fireproof qualities for the storage of the finished pens.

### Big Advertisements.

The L. E. Waterman Company, Limited, realizing the excellent position of its plant along the railroad, has taken advantage of the advertising possibilities by having constructed on the roof exceptionally large signs, which are particularly worthy of mention. They are 140 feet in length, and in height, the diameter of the globe trademark is 22 feet, the letters of the main sign being about 7 feet high. The sign can readily be seen from up the river at a distance of about five miles.

The Canadian headquarters of the manufacturers are located at No. 136 St. James Street, Montreal, with a large and active selling force under the management of the secretary of the company, E. J. Kastner.

### CALGARY

### Two Employes Go Into Business for Themselves—Water Man Pens Selling Well.

Calgary, Dec. 1.—Fred. Newell, formerly in charge of the book department D. J. Young & Co., Limited, has severed his connection with the book and stationery business, and gone into other lines for himself.

Mr. Wilkie, who for some time has been manager of the wall paper department of Linton Bros., has left their employ and started in business for himself at Gleichen.

H. H. Hebbs, traveler for L. E. Waterman Co., Montreal, was in the city this week on his way to the coast. He reports that the sale of the Waterman Ideal Fountain Pen is steadily increasing, and expects to make a record this trip.

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W. R. Davis, manager of the new company, states that the company has been formed by the members of the Printers' Board of Trade of Calgary, the object being to reduce the volume of stock carried in the city and give to the local printers the facilities enjoyed by their confreres in other cities, which have wholesale paper houses established. The new company will, it is hoped, release a lot of capital at present tied up in material and reduce the waste to a minimum. For the present business will be done solely in printers' supplies, but later on they hope to go in for stationery generally. The company has taken over the stocks of paper, printing ink, etc., in the city at a valuation which forms part of the paid up capital. The same stock will be sold again to the printers, the regular profit being charged and the net profit will be distributed in dividends.

For the Christmas trade, no book could be more appropriate than "The Euchanted Hat," by Harold Mac-Grath, which McLeod & Allen issued on November 20. It is daintily printed and illustrated and contains the elever kind of a story for which MacGrath is noted.

The Copp. Clark Co. have been experiencing such a strong demand for the "Masterpieces in Color" series of books, published by T. C. & E. C. Jack, that they had to cable instructions to double their last order. The titles in greatest demand are "Gainsborough," "Turner" and "Yelasquez."

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## What Men and Firms in the Trade are Doing This Month

Members of the Trade Visiting the Wholesalers—Movements of the Travelers — Changes in Stores — Assignments and Removals.

The assets of the Capital Post Card Co., Ottawa, Ont., are to be sold.

Robert J. Jeffs, of Saskatoon, is going to put in a stock of books in his store.

Clarence Caldwell, of Dana Estes & Co., Boston, was in Toronto last month.

S. E. Mitchell, stationer, etc., Pembroke, Ont., has assigned to Richard Tew, Toronto.

Florence Watson, Harriston, Ont., fancy goods dealer, has sold out to Mary F. Edgar.

N. S. Wilkin & Co., dealers in stationery, etc., Montreal, have dissolved partnership.

Lillie Fennell, dealer in stationery and confectionery. Toronto, has been succeeded by M. H. Hall.

William Copp, of the Copp, Clark Co., is expected back from the Old Country about December 15.

Lou. H. Warnica, of the Canada Drug & Book Co., Nelson, B.C., has been visiting friends in Toronto.

L. E. Waterman Co., Limited, manufacturers of fountain pens, have registered for the Province of Quebec. John L. Connolly, stationer, of Halifax, Canada, was buying goods in the New York market last month.

Canada Drug & Book Co., Limited, Nelson, B.C., have sold their book and stationery business to W. E. Davidson.

J. J. Young & Co., Calgary, late agents for the Monarch typewriter, have accepted the agency for the Underwood.

The Chicago and Western United States manager of The Bookseller and Stationer, J. P. Sharpe has his headquarters at 933-935 Monadnock Block, Chicago.

Wesley R. Henders, stationer and fancy goods dealer, Port Arthur, has, assigned to Richard Tew, Toronto. A meeting of creditors was held on the 19th inst.

E. J. Kastner, manager of L. E. Waterman, Ltd., of Canada, visited New York for a few days last month to confer with the home company anent certain Christmas plans.

al. Hunter, late repairman with the United Typewriter Co., Ltd., of Toronto, has accepted a position as salesman and repairman for J. J. Young & Co., of Calgary.

On December 3, the Lawrence Book Store opened for business in North Sydney in the premises recently occupied by James Walsh & Co. in the Salter Block. The store has been thoroughly renovated.

W. B. Hadley, manager of the New York branch of Cassell & Co., was in Toronto last week, en route to Chicago. He conferred on matters of policy with Manager Henry Button of the Toronto office.

Harry W. Anderson has purchased the stock of E. R. Stiles & Co., Moneton, and will conduct a first class bookstore. In addition to the present stock a line of toys and fancy goods will be added. Mr. Anderson will make considerable improvement in the premises. A partition will be torn down, giving considerable new space

to the store, and the office removed to the rear. When completed Mr. Anderson will have a neat store, capable of holding quite a large stock.

Richard H. Court, general manager of Canada, the weekly newspaper published in London, which endeavors to interest the English people in the Dominion, is at present on a visit to the Canadian branches of the publication.

The faculty and students of the Ontario College of Pharmacy to the number of nearly one hundred were permitted to view the printing and bookbinding plant of Warwick Bros. & Rutter in full operation on the afternoon of December 2.

A new catalogue of the Macmillan publications is now ready. This latest list has a new feature which the trade will find helpful. The educational section has been classified. The miscellaneous books are arranged alphabetically as before.

R. B. Huestis, who has been New York and Eastern United States manager for The Bookseller and Stationer for the past two years is now located in Rooms 622-624 Tribune Building, New York. Mr. Huestis has made many friends in the stationery trade in his territory.

D. S. Gillies, of Buntin, Gillies & Co., has returned from a three months' trip to the West, going as far as the coast. Mr. Gillies says that on account of the bountful harvest business has greatly improved, the merchants being optimistic of the future, and things are expected to boom in the spring.

Charles J. Musson, president of the Musson Book Company, returned from a hurried trip to the Old Country on November 24. He reports that British publishers are curtailing their lists to a considerable extent for next year. At the Franco-British Exposition a display of bindings made by the Musson Book Co. attracted much attention and won a gold medal.

Stratford is about to lose one of its business concerns in the Benson Johnston Co., Ltd., who have earried on a stationery and office supplies store on Downie Street for some time. The company will remove to Hamilton about January 1 and will there earry on exclusively a large office supplies business. The stationery stock in Stratford will be disposed of at once.

Huxtable Bros., stationers and booksellers, Government Street, Victoria, have doubled the size of their store by taking over the premises of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, next door. The firm have added some \$400 worth of fixtures to carry the stock now on hand which before the additions was not displayed as advantageously as is now the case. The store will be further enlarged towards the rear at an early date, and at the commencement of the new year baleony railing is to be added inside the store for the purpose of enlarging the lending library, which now numbers several thousand volumes. Huxtable Bros. have been in their present store for the past three years, and in Victoria for just twenty years.

A new loose leaf company has recently started business in Ottawa, the Lowe-Martin Company, 12 Albert Street. The new concern has just completed the instalation of an up-to-date plant for the manufacture of loose leaf systems. They are now doing all kinds of general printing and bookbinding, as well as turning out some very fine loose leaf systems. E. D. Lowe, one of the partners, has been in the printing business for 26 years, while T. H. Martin is a practical bookbinder of 27 years' experience. Both gentlemen were connected with the Rolla L. Crain Company, Ottawa, the former for four and a half years as sales manager, and the latter for five and a half years as superintendent of their factory. Poth are popular and their friends will be glad to see them go ahead.

John Connor, bookseller, London, died on December 3 at his home, 389 Grey Street, after a long illness, borne with wonderful patience and resignation. He was born in Warrington, England, coming to Canada in 1854, and settling first in Union, Ont., and later moving to London, where he had been engaged in the book business until the beginning of this year. Early last winter he suffered a sewere cold, from which he never rallied, the end coming this morning, when he passed quietly away about 10 o'clock. For many years Mr. Connor had been a familiar figure in London where his business had brought him in close touch with the bookloving public, and where his genial and kindly disposition endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. He is survived by his wife and a grown-up family.

#### MONTREAL

## Stores in Holiday Garb—How the Various Firms Are Showing Goods—Novelties in Stock.

Montreal, Dec. 5.—All the book stores and stationery shops are resplendent with holiday goods. Christmas gift books, calendars and cards are occupying positions of prominence commensurate with their importance at this season of the year. Every year marks a wonderful improvement in these goods, from an artistic viewpoint. The old lurid hues so universally employed in the makeup of these lines are giving way to quieter tones.

Among the uptown book stores Renouls are showing attractive lines of Christmas goods. They report a good sale of the "Jewelled Ball," which is the work of a Montreal lady, the (Hon.) Mrs. Lionel Guest. They are showing a particularly fine line of stationery in at-

tractive boxes. This firm, a few days ago, ran a book worm's sale. This sort of a sale consists of making a pleasing display of the standard works, old editions and other things which are crowded into the background frequently by the current publications, and giving them attractive prices. Chapmans, another prominent St. Catherine Street stationer and bookseller, has an exceptionally good assortment of Christmas magazines and periodicals, also a good assortment along general lines.

Phelans, also on St. Catherine Street, have their usual excellent display of post cards and other good lines. Foster Brown has many new lines and novelties.

The departmental stores are making big displays. Scroggie's have a fine line of calendars arranged in booths, the exteriors of which are decorated with the calendars. This firm have an agency for the Wernicke elastic bookcase. Among the novelties to be seen there is a file called "My Tidy File," which consists of a good sized notebook, and is divided and classified into engagements, invitations and other appointments of a lady. Some novel note paper is also being shown. One sort in particular consists of a fine grade of linen paper with a small picture, embossed in the upper left hand corner, of the devil, and the words running diagonally across it,, "Who the (the picture) is this from?" This novelty met with a large sale in London and the copyright is the property of Mr. Mountford, manager of Scroggie's book and stationery department.

Morgans have their Christmas calendars displayed in a long window on the University Street side of their building. This window show is comprehensive, embracing all kinds and conditions of calendars. Carsleys, Ogilvys, Hamiltons and all the other big stores are out with good displays this month.

The six best selling books for the month are, "Holy Orders," "Peter," "Leaven of Love," "The Jewelled Ball," "Great Fight," "The Riverman," and the following are also meeting with a good demand, "Trail of the Lonesome Pine," "Lewis Rand," "By Right of Purchase," the "Testing of Diana Mallory," "Further Experiences of an Irish R.M." The popular edition of "Letters of Queen Victoria" will be on sale shortly.—F.S.S.

L'Original, dealers in post cards, etc., Montreal, have assigned to A. Desmarteau, Montreal.

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## What the Wholesalers and Manufacturers are Offering

#### Doing Big Crayon Business.

Extensive reports from the United States would seem to indicate a gradual return to the normal conditions of trade which prevailed prior to the recent depression.

Many firms engaged in various lines of business report increased sales during the months just passed. Among their number may be included the Standard Crayon Mfg. Co., makers of the celebrated "Falcon" crayons. This firm have shown their good faith in the present and future business outlook by the instalation of new machinery and the addition of new and profitable lines to their already large and attractive stock. Their capacity, too, is increased by reason of their factory's close proximity to the best source of supply. As freight rates enter largely into the cost to the jobber their situation near the border line is an advantage that the Canadian trade would do well to consider.

The Standard Crayen people are going to cater especially to Canadian trade, and they promise prompt and satisfactory service to any of the trade that may deal with them.



Advertising Cut Buntin, Gillies & Co.







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#### Newspaper Advertising.

Newspaper advertising is the surest and quickest method of drawing local trade. Reading the newspaper is as much a part of our everyday life as sleeping and eating. It is a rare person who does not at least glance through his daily paper. For this reason your "ad" goes right to your man, and at a time when he is in the best position to listen. More people will read your newspaper advertisement than you could possibly hope to attract by the strongest window displays and personal salesmanship. Experience has taught us that the dealer must go after his trade and not wait for it to come to him.

Buntin, Gillies & Company, Hamilton, are willing to supply, free of charge, to those who will use them, news-

paper electros of their lines of fine stationery, Dimity, Dutch Fabrik and Old Hampshire Bond, cuts of which are shown herewith. Retailers should be quick to take advantage of this offer.

#### The-God-of-Things-as-They-Ought-to-Be.

People are more superstitious than they are willing to acknowledge, if one may judge by the popularity and persistence of mascots. It is good form to laugh at lucky omens, but the very man who laughs will look half an hour for a four-leaf clover if he happens to find himself in a field. And if a man were persuaded that he could find a charm that would ward off evil influences and bring him out on the plain road of joy and prosperity, he would buy that charm, no doubt, even if it cost him half his fortune.

Of all the modern mascots, from rabbit's feet to swastikas, perhaps the queerest is "Billiken," a grinning little Japanese image who has become the eraze in Chicago, and is invading the entire country.

It is a curious study, and a curious story how this heathenish imp has worked his way into popularity, so that within a few months after he was first heard of his name and his face are familiar to hundreds of thousands of people.



BILLIKEN

BILLINEAR

Reg. U. S. Patent Office Copyright, 1908
By The Graftsman's Guild.
The Billiken Co., Chicago.
The-God-of-Things-As-They-Ought-To-Be.
Tickle His Toes and See Him Smile.

Originally "Billiken" was the whim of a Kansas City school girl, Miss Florence Pretz, who had unaccountable and fantastic desires to draw Japanese sketches when her teacher thought she ought to be learning her lessons. Little Florence wanted to come to Chicago and be a famous artist. While she was dreaming of this she was busy with her pencil, and now and then modelled in clay. She had seen a few of the popular "smile" placards—"Keep Smiling," "Wear a Smile," "Come and Take a Smile with Me;" and perhaps even that profane legend which says, "Smile, D——n, You, Smile"—and so one day she decided to imprison the very spirit and quintessence of the smile in clay. Her Oriental impulse got the better of her, and so she made "Billiken" and set him up for a mascet.

Miss Pretz christened "Billiken," and called him "the god of things as they ought to be," and her friends all agreed that he was the "cunningest" thing they ever saw,

and ought to bring her good luck a plenty. One of these girl friends eame to Chieago, bringing Billiken, or his duplicate, with her. She had such astounding luck that she began to believe that the little Japanese imp really had something to do with it. She began to show the image about the city, and nearly everybody wanted one. People also began to buy the queer little Japanese sketches of the little girl back in Kansas City, and the first thing Miss Pretz knew the way was opened up for her, too, to come to Chieago and to fame.

It is always hard to tell just how and why a fad gets started, but "Billiken" became a fad. He was not only irresistibly comical, but the people who got him were ready to declare that he was a real mascot and that he brought good luck.

The two girls in their modest studio in Highland Park had no business sense, of course. They didn't know how to promote anything, and they had no intention of mak-

ing a commodity out of "Billiken."

But the grinning little imp acted as his own press agent. As soon as the newspaper people saw him they realized that he would make a good story, whatever his good luck qualities might be, and after that the fame of "Billiken" was secure. He grinned from shop windows. He turned up his little toes in hotels and theatre lobbies. Worried stenographers put him on top of the desk beside the typewriter, so that the boss would look at him and forget the early morning groueh. He found his way into the boudoirs of society girls and into the dingy fastnesses of hall bedrooms. People that couldn't or wouldn't buy him were beguiled into laughing with him. He was the "good of things as they ought to be," and was ready to smile

his prettiest at every soul that stood before him.
"Billiken" can be obtained from the Billiken Sales
Co., Centre Street, N.Y., or the Billiken Co., Old Colony
Building, Chicago.



Non-Corroding Pens Warwick Bros. & Rutter

#### Radium Pens.

The illustration shows a box of the new radium tipped pens handled by Warwick Bros. & Rutter. This is purely an office pen comprising six numbers, including a manifold round point and round point stub. The durability of the radium finish on the pen prevents corroding.

#### Fountain Pen Clip.

The modern "B" clip is claimed to be the best adjustable fountain pen and pencil clip ever placed on the market. The ball on the end firmly grips the pocket, yet can-

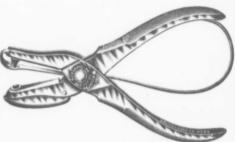


Safety Pocket Clip - Buntin, Gillies & Co.

not injure the finest fabric. The clip can be adjusted to fit any size of pen, and any thickness of cloth. For sale by Buntin, Gillies & Co., Hamilton and Montreal.

#### Tally Card Punches.

There is always a demand during the winter months for tally punches. Buntin, Gillies & Co., Hamilton, are showing a line which for two reasons is proving a fast seller. It is a high-grade article at a reasonable price, and it has a reservoir to catch the clippings. Every housekeeper will appreciate this latter feature, which saves work the next morning. The illustration shows No. 260



Card Punch with Receptacle - Buntin, Gillies & Co.

punch with reservoir, price \$2.40 per dozen. No. 250, without reservoir, costs \$2.00 per dozen.

#### Artistic Lines From Tuck's.

With their accustomed generosity Raphael Tuck & Sons Co., 9-17 St. Antoine Street, Montreal, have favored the Bookseller and Stationer with a parcel of samples of their latest productions in calendars, Christmas cards and Christmas post cards. It seems almost unnecessary to expatiate on the beauty and excellence of these goods. The trade, and not only the trade, but the public as well, are so familiar with Tuck calendars and cards that it is almost superfluous to state that these samples are beautifully conceived and perfectly carried out.

The various Tuck lines are all redolent of Christmas. Santa Ciaus and Father Tuck might almost be considered as synonymous, for both are symbolical of the Christmas spirit. If the trade are particularly anxious to catch just the right holiday flavor in their stores they can readily do so by displaying the Tuck calendars and other good things around their premises.

A new conception is a calendar giving a reproduction of a celebrated masterpiece for every week in the year, and a space for daily memoranda.

Then there is "Father Tuck's Annual," that famous volume of pictures, songs and stories for the little folks that returns with perennial delight year by year.

Singling out a few of this year's specialties, mention might be made of the Canadian designs. There is "Winter Sports in Canada" calendar, with three leaves, owhich are shown snowshoeing, skating and hockey scenes in colors. The "Canadian Sports" calendar has also three leaves, depicting skiing and tobogganing. "Canada Day by Day" is a block calendar with quotations and records of imperial events for every day in the year.

#### Visiting Cards.

Buntin, Gillies & Co., Limited, have just received a new range of visiting eards and are offering them for the Christmas and winter trade. These cards are all cut by hand, which process leaves the edges flat and smooth, not rough like ordinary machine cut cards. The line comprises

three grades: Regent, thick or thin, in gents' and ladies' sizes, a cheap but good card packaged in fifties. Mayfair, a better eard than the Regent, one weight only, in three sizes, and Belgravia, a very fine ivory eard, packed one hundred in a neat and handsome box with padded top. Samples will be mailed on request.

#### A New "Clutch" Pencil.

The L. E. Waterman Company, Limited, who are constantly improving present writing devices, have recently brought out a new pencil, known as the "Clutch" Pencil, which is a marked improvement upon the propelling pencil, which is unsatisfactory if much writing is to be done, owing to the fact that the lead does not remain stationary, but with the motion in writing gradually works into the holder. The "Clutch" Peneil does not do this. To adjust the lead for writing, the top of the peneil unscrews, releasing the lead, so that it may be drawn out of the pencil to the required distance. The top is then serewed tightly, and the lead is perfectly firm for any amount of writing, without the trouble of constantly adjusting the point. These pencils are of sterling silver, chased in different patterns.

#### A Mammoth Waterman's Ideal.

One of the most interesting occasions of the Carnival of the Mystique Krewe of Ka-noo-no, at Syraeuse, N.Y., was the Commercial Float Parade on September 15th,

bottle, touching neither mouth or neck. It is made of frested aluminum.

Another similar article is a safety aluminum ink bottle which is non-spillable, and does away with evaporation. The opening in the bottle is fitted with a rubber cork which, besides preventing leakage, makes a soft pad for the nib to rest on when inking the pen.

#### Valentine & Sons Pub. Co.

Valentine & Sons, Montreal and Toronto, are showing an attractive novelty this month in the shape of a little mail bag, about 4 by 21/2 inches in size, containing a small booklet of views of Montreal. The pictures, although small, are remarkably clear, and are made by the collotype process. This firm are also showing a line, which should appeal to all patriotic Canadians, "Scenic Sieges and Battlefields of French Canada." Among other things of especial importance at this time of the year are their private Christmas greeting cards and folders.

Of these, this firm have a very fine selection displaying artistic value and good taste.

#### SCRIBNER'S FOR JANUARY.

Scribner's Magazine for January will contain the first instalment of a serial novel entitled, "John Marvel, Assistant," by Thomas Nelson Page, Mr. Page will be lov-



A Winning Float.

which occasion attracted to Syracuse approximately 250, 000 strangers.

C. E. Wolcott, owner of Wolcott's Bookshop of that city, took occasion to enter into the float parade with a demonstration which proved to be very interesting and entertaining

The L. E. Waterman Company loaned to Mr. Wolcott one of their 21-foot Filigree pens, which was placed upon a float drawn by four horses, and resting upon a globe representing the familiar trade-mark of the manufacturers. Mr. Wolcott was the first customer in the Empire State, outside of the metropolitan district, to sell Water-

man's Ideal Fountain Pens. From those who visited the city on this occasion it is learned that the display was interesting in connecting the thought of the many who traveled to Syracuse with the 100-foot pens displayed along the New York Central lines. by the L. E. Waterman Company.

#### New Mucilage Bottle.

The "Perfect" mucilage bottle has lately been added to the stock of Buntin, Gillies & Co., Hamilton and Montreal. This is a neat and clean mucilage container. The moisture from the water-reservoir prevents gumming and thickening by evaporation. The handiness of the cap and brush combined is a commendable feature. The loose cap rests on the shoulder of the office fixtures and devices. Up-to-date multiplex fixtures

ingly remembered for his sympathetic and masterly stories, "Red Rock" and "Marse Chan." Of special interest to Canadians is the notable contribution entitled, "England and the English, from an American Point of View." Full of keen observation-free from satire, and sure to excite discussion on both sides of the Atlantic The number is superb artistically and contains many short stories, poems, etc.

#### NEW HOME FOR LIBRAIRIE BEAUCHEMIN, LTD.

As announced in the November issue of Bookseller and Stationer, Librairie Beauchemin, Limited, Montreal, with wholesale headquarters at 256 St. Paul Street, and an important retail store at 18 Notre Dame Street west, will shortly consolidate their business in enlarged premises at 81 St. James Street, Montreal.

This address comprises two buildings with a frontage of 42 feet, and a depth of 90 feet, running up to Fortification Lane. The building is rapidly being renovated, and they will occupy the entire six storeys and basement.

The main floor will be given over to a wholesale sample room, and a display of their numerous lines of The 'Daily Mail' Year

Book for 1909 is now ready and, as in former years, will again take its place as "The Biggest Sixpenny worth in the world Booksellers and Newsagents desirous of a quick-seller should get stocked with this line. Advertising matter free on application.

The 1909 Edition contains several important articles by specialists on various subjects, with striking diagrams and illustrations, and is exhaustively indexed.

For convenience of reference the huge mass of information which the book contains is divided into the following sections: -

> Social Questions. Commercial Questions. Financial Questions. Navy Questions. Foreign Questions. Political Questions. **Educational Questions.** Army Questions. The Colonies.

Everyone should possess this indispensable Reference Book IT STANDS ALONE AT THE PRICE - a marvel of cheapness and compactness.

will be used, and this floor is expected to be one of the most attractive in the country.

The retail book business will occupy the first floor, and the modern arrangement, according to classes, of books will be followed up. The wholesale import sample room will also be on this floor.

The basement will be utilized for the shipping and receiving room, and the balance of the building used for their stock of stationery, exercise books, religious articles, etc., etc.

When the entire building is completed and fitted up Bookseller and Stationer will show complete illustrations

#### WINNIPEG

#### Christmas Trade Booming-Western News Agency Moves Russell Lang's Plan to Sell Books.

Winnipeg Dec. 3, 1908.—Christmas trade is booming now and has been active for two or three weeks past. Winnipeg and the West have passed through a short period of depression, and, with the return of prosperity, retail business in the city is showing a big increase. The increase in holiday business is a sure indication of the improvement in business conditions as compared with a year ago.

. The first of December found another retail store moving from Main Street to Portage Avenue. The Western News Agency, a retail firm, handling books and stationery, but making a specialty of British periodicals, have moved from Main Street to the Grundy Block on Portage Avenue, formerly occupied by the Ideal House Furnishers, Ltd. There is a growing demand for British periodicals in Winnipeg, and, with an improved location, the Western News Agency should increase their business,

Russell Lang & Co. have for some time been pushing their book sales by publishing each mouth a little booklet giving the titles and prizes of the new books received, together with a few descriptive paragraphs giving their customers information as to the character of the books. These booklets are sent out to their customers and result in many book sales.

#### TROUBLE AT SAULT STE. MARIE

#### Booksellers Complain That Customs Officials Are Lax in Protecting Canadian Copyrights-Association Takes Up the Matter.

On November 25, the secretary of the Canadian Book. Stationery and Publishing Trades' Association was notified that the regular trade in Saulte Ste. Marie was suffering from the illegal importation across the river of foreign editions of Canadian copyrights. These books were being sold at prices which could not be met by the booksellers handling the authorized editions.

As prompt action was necessary, the following letter was immediately despatched to Ottawa:

Toronto, November 25, 1908.

Department of Agriculture, Copyright Branch,

Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir: Complaint has ben received to-day from Sault Ste. Marie that copies of United States editions of Canadian copyright books are being bought in across the river without any effort being made on the part of the Government officials to keep them out. As the Christmas

season is almost here, and as this is the time of the year when booksellers do their best business, we appeal to you in the interests of the trade to take prompt action to keep out these foreign books.

It is possible that books are being brought in at other points along the border to the detriment of legitimate

trade.

The publishers and booksellers unite in requesting you to send out a warning to such officials as should prevent this importation, cautioning them to be on their guard and to protect Canadian copyrights.

Your immediate attention to this request will be great-Yours faithfully, ly appreciated. BOOKSELLERS' AND STATIONERS' ASSOCIATION.

The following reply was received from Ottawa, showing that the department has taken action. Ottawa, November 28, 1908.

Secretary the Booksellers' and Stationers' Association,

10 Front Street East, Toronto.

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 25th inst., complaining that copies of United States editions of Canadian copyright books are being unlawfully imported at Sault Ste. Marie.

In reply, I am to state that the Collector of Customs at Sault Ste. Marie has been requested to bring the matter to the attention of his officers and instruct them to exercise greater precaution in dealing with importations of such goods.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS.

#### BERLIN

#### Interesting Items From a Live Town-Extension to Weaver's Store-Big Sale of Popular Mechanics.

Berlin, Dec. 1.-Holiday trade has not been quite as brisk during the last few weeks as in the same period last year, but it has shown improvement since the 20th, especially in the sale of books. The best sellers have been Knowles' "Web of Time," "Diana Mallory," and "Sowing Seeds in Danny."

A forty-foot extension is nearing completion at Weaver's bookstore and an alteration sale is causing quite

a commotion there.

James C. Jaimet, who recently entered the retail shoe business at Watford, did not find things to his liking there, and took the first opportunity of selling out again. He is back at his old post as manager of the Waterloo store of F. I. Weaver & Co.

A new technical book, which is catching on pretty well here, and which is something altogether new, is "Abbreviated Longhand," by Angus B. Weaver, of Buffalo. The new system is a sort of a cross between shorthand and longhand, and is designed to meet the requirements of those who do not wish to go in for stenography, but to whom speed in writing is a valuable consideration. The simplicity of the system, together with the ease and short time in which it can be mastered, makes the book a ready seller. It is being handled for Canada by Wnt. Briggs.

J. P. Bender is making a specialty of pictures in his window displays. At Weaver's a window of Eaton-Hurlbut Christmas papeteries is eliciting much favorable com-

A paying field of operation in newsdealing is the sale of that hustling and altogether excellent publication, "Popular Mechanics." An evidence of what can be done by pushing it is evidenced here by the fact that F. I.

Weaver & Co. have worked up their monthly sales of this magazine to about fifty copies.

The handling of talking machines has been adopted by every bookstore in the two towns of Berlin and Waterloo. Those handling Edison machines find themselves obliged, in order to get them after January 1st, to discontinue the sale of all other makes of cylinder machines and records.

The publishers of the Saturday Evening Post have a man conducting a campaign here and boys of all ages cover the town with the paper directly after the supply reaches town. The booksellers have not been active in the sale of this publication, owing to the fact that they have to handle it from the news company on a non-returnable basis, and the feeling they have always had that the Post publishers have never been over zealous in their efforts on behalf of the trade.

The sale of the Christmas Globe is going to be considerably in excess of that of last year.

#### BROUGHT BUSINESS FROM ALABAMA.

#### How An Ad in The Bookseller and Stationer Brought Business to a Toronto Firm From Mobile, Alabama.

Here is a case in which an advt. not only brought business, but it had the effect of renewing an acquaintaneeship which had lapsed sixty years.

Richard Brown, of the Brown Bros., wholesale stationers, Toronto, recently received a letter from a man in Mobile. Alabama, asking the firm to forward a sample of a certain style of leather purse. It appeared that the writer had not been able to secure a satisfactory article down South, so he wrote to the Brown Brothers.

How did he first learn about the Toronto firm? That is the question which made Mr. Brown curious, so he wrote back for information. The letter he received in reply was to the effect that the writer had seen Brown Bros.' advt. in Bookseller and Stationer. That told him where he could obtain the purse he wanted. Then his memory busied itself to good purpose and he arrived at the conclusion, which happened to be correct, that the Browns, of Toronto, and the family with whom his own people had been acquainted in the Old Country over half a century ago, were one and the same.

"We have used The Bookseller and Stationer ever since it was first issued," (twenty-four years ago) Mr. Brown states, "and, had it not been for the big fire, we would have the complete files to this day."

All of which goes to show that it is hard to define the limits of an ad's working sphere.

#### "GOLD MEDAL" Carbon Paper.

The John Underwood Company, Toronto, are meeting with unusual success from the trade with their "Gold Medal" brand of carbon paper and ribbons. They attribute their increased sales, not only to their very reasonable quotations, but to the excellent qualities which these goods possess, owing to their careful and thorough manifeature which insures every possible advantage to the consumer. Besides this, there is an iron-bound guarantee behind them which counts. Not a sheet of carbon or box of ribbon is sold without this assurance. A unique feature in the packing of their carbon paper is the convenience of the box in which they are sold. It is a flat opening box rendering the sheets easy to get at and will be greatly appreciated by busy stenographers. The imprint

of the brand, too, is unusual. Instead of being printed in ink, it is embossed on the top sheet of the carbon folder. This gives it a distinctive and attractive appearance and should make a good impression on the customer. Bookseller and Stationer saw also a great variety of carbons which were new to us.

# SPENCERIAN STEEL PENS.

The Standard Brand in United States for over fifty years, among expert and careful writers, and recognized by accountants and correspondents as

#### THE BEST

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Dear Mr. Stationer,

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Faithfully yours,

Waverley Works, MACNIVEN & CAMERON, Edinburgh

The most popular pens are

# ESTERBROOK'S

MADE IN ALL STYLES





Fine Points, AI, 128, 333.

Business, 048, 14, 130.

Broad Points, 312, 313, 314.

Turned-up Points, 477, 531, 1876.

THE BROWN BROS, LIMITED

#### A YOUNG FOLKS' LIBRARY.

In this the day of universal libraries at low prices, it is gratifying to note that at least one British publishing bouse is planning for an exclusively young folks' library to include volumes of history, geography, nature study, biography, science, etc. T. Nelson & Sons, London and Edinburgh, in their Young Folks' Bookshelf, have in view just such a series and appropriately enough, the first volume now being issued in fortnightly parts is "Britain Overseas," the story of how the British Empire was built up, how it is governed, of its countries, peoples, cities and industries. The volume will be made up of ten paris at one penny per week, which makes the cost very low. Two volumes will be issued annually in the Bookshelf.

The first part of "Britain Overseas" has been rece-xed. It gives a good idea of just what the work will be like. The size of page is 6½x9½ inches, with marginal illustrations in black and white line drawings. There are eleven full-page illustrations of historical subjects, four of which are in color. The letter-press is large and the style simple.

#### JOAQUIN MILLER.

The Whitaker & Ray Company, of San Francisco, are rapidly reprinting the books destroyed in the San Francisco fire. Their list of valuable book plates destroyed was very large and while many of the books will remain



Author of " Mary Ware."

permanently out of print, a number of them will be issued in a short time.

The most important will be the collected poems of Journal Willer, the poet of the Sierras. This will doubless be the final revision of the poet's works, and will be known as the Author's Edition in five volumes. It will be splendidly printed on deckle paper and neatly hound. The first volume will contain almost entirely new matter, and a large part of it will be devoted to an autobiography of the writer. Each volume will contain an appropriate frontispiece, picturing the poet in various

poses and scenes. A limited De Luxe edition on fine paper and beautifully bound in leather will be issued and sold with the author's autograph. It is expected that three volumes will be ready early in December.

#### A BOOK FOR SCOTS.

Scots frae hame will welcome a volume of verse by Dr. Stenhouse, of Dunedin (N.Z.), entitled, "Lays from



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About an hour later, like as not, a new inspiration would seize the bard, whereupon he would again arouse his wife, saying, "Maria, Maria, get up! I've thought of a better word!"

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