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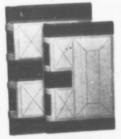


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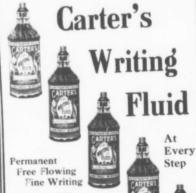
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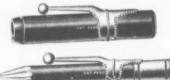
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Editorial Comment.

With 1909 finishing up in record fashion and 1910 starting off hopefully, there is elation in all branches of the trade. Canadian booksellers and stationers had a good Christmas turnover, as is abundantly evidenced by the ease with which New Year drafts are being met. Leading tradesmen state that a new record has been established in the volume of holiday sales which will be hard to beat next year. Meanwhile, the traveling men are out again filling up the gaps which have been created and taking orders for new lines for 1910. Several English travelers are already on hand and representatives of American houses are coming in daily. In the book department quietness still reigns. Publishers are concluding arrangements for their spring imprint lines, as well as for 1910 import goods, and travelers will not likely get started until about February 1.

President Cloke, of the Canadian Booksellers Association, has made an innovation this year in addressing through our columns a New Year's message to the retail trade of the country. We have no doubt that every reader of the paper will peruse this message carefully. We are glad to see the active interest which Mr. Cloke is taking in association work, as evidenced by this letter, and hope that he and other officers of the association will have something to say quite frequently in future in our columns. Only by keeping the work of the association constantly before the eyes of the trade, will results be secured. Meanwhile, how many booksellers are going to start the New Year right by sending along their membership fees?

We were advised the other day by one of our subscription canvassers that a certain firm down east, which had not been subscribing to this journal for some years, had decided to resume their subscription. They were quite frank in stating that they didn't think much of the paper editorially, but that they were interested in the ads. This little piece of news has naturally tickled the advertising manager considerably, and he has adopted a very superior attitude towards the editor. Of course, we don't like to hear our paper criticized that way, but all the same, it is gratifying to learn that the ads, are popular. We want to see them more popular and more carefully read. The subscriber to Bookseller and Stationer, who fails to go over the advertising pages month by month, is not alive to his own interests. He is bound to lose something worth while.

For instance, in this very number, one of our advertisers is making a very attractive offer, which will not likely be repeated. Those who make it a point to sean the advertising pages earefully will see this and will doubtless profit by it. The careless reader will miss it and later on will wonder why he never heard of the proposition. It is just in this way that profitable businesses are built up. Make it a New Year resolution, therefore, to read the ads, earefully and eatch the good things as they come along.

It is oftentimes worth while to ask successful book sellers and stationers some questions as to their methods of securing business. The successful man, strange to say, is seldom reticent about telling his methods. The inquirer will nearly always find that he is keenly alive to the opportunities which are afforded him by the manufacturers and wholesalers to do business. If he is selling books he will make use of all the printed matter which is supplied to him. If he is selling stationery, he will display all the show-eards, etc., that accompany shipments. In this way he utilizes every possible device for increasing sales, whether he can see results in so doing or not. The Bookseller and Stationer intends to continue its interviews among members of the trade, who have ideas, during 1910, and will publish these from month to month for the benefit of its readers.

A Few Words from the President of the Booksellers' Association

Mr. Cloke Points Out that the Canadian Trade are Making no Profit in Selling Books at 25 Per Cent. Discount—Refers to Conditions in the United States where an Increased Discount is Being Agitated For

To the Booksellers and Stationers of Canada

Another Christmas season is over and we have time to consider where we have been, where we are at, and where we are going, from a book trade standpoint. We have been buying many books, notably the better class (the higher-priced ones, consequently the slower selfers) at 25 per cent, discount. We are to-day at the point where we realize there is no profit in selling books at 25 per cent, discount. Where we are going is the great consideration.

Our experience in Canada is much the same as that of booksellers in the United States, as the following extract taken from the Publishers' Weekly will show: "Rebookseller, prompted by their own experiences in selling difference between the actual cost of laying in stock and placing it in the hands of the consumer, as compared with the returns on the transaction, that are little short of startling. The reports, exclusively from the more enterprising booksellers, and in some cases from the managers of the book interests of important department stores-men who have been prominent in apholding the reform measures all along the line, and who have even stood out for the highest prices on fiction obtainable under prevailing conditions—show that the cost of doing business ranges from about twenty to twenty-eight per cent, on a business that yields a profit of but little above twenty-five per cent.

Cutting Out the Book Departments.

"In the cases where booksellers have begun to draw the line sharply at each separate department of their business, the conviction has been reached that while the volume of business in books has been great the profits have shrunken to such extent, where they have not vanished altogether, that, unless assured of a fairer living and greater security in doing business, their book departments would be eliminated altogether, and the capital and their other and more profitable lines. Allowing most liberally for possible exaggerations, the situation is not a comfortable one. Although the expenses of living and doing business have steadily risen throughout the country, and while the prices of all kinds of commodities and merchandise have been advanced from twenty to forty per cent., book prices have remained practically the same in some cases going down, in but few cases going up. Store reuts, for example, especially in the larger cities, have reached points that cause one to marvel how any retailer, much less a bookseller, can realize enough profit to cover them, leaving out of the question his other expenses and his own living. And yet a book has a known price and cannot be sold at a cent beyond that price, as can a piece of jewelry, furs or other luxuries, the prices of which are not known. If his profit, therefore, is as close as has been shown in this canvass, it is little wonder that the bookseller considers himse'f near the brink of a precipice, and in despair cries out for help. And it were time

in that ease for all concerned to lay their heads together and devise ways and means to secure the stability of the profession which we all regard so highly and for which so many sacrifices have already been made."

The Situation in Canada.

There is no doubt if the same eareful and critical examination of the bookselling business were to be made in this country, the conditions would be found to be practically the same. This being the case, we, as retail booksellers, must persistently out out as much as possible all books on which there is only a discount of 25 per cent. The sheap rebounds which are so much in evidence in every bookshop should be given a back seat. instead of being kept to the front as they are in many stores. At 50 cents, the present prevailing price, there is no profit in them, they certainly should not be pushed. There are many other matters we should look into carefully, such as manufacturers and publishers advertising their wares and selling to consumers and never so much as intimating that they can be purchased from any one but themselves. We think they should at least make it known that other dealers can supply their products. Every manufacturer or publisher, who sells his wares to retailers throughout the country, should give the retailers all the help they can to sell the goods. In doing this they would really be helping themselves. We note with pleasure that many publishers in their advertisements say, "At all booksellers," but many do not say anything about it. This also applies to the leather goods

Increasing the Discount.

We see the Booksellers' Association in the U. S. A. is conferring with the publishers in regard to making the discount cone-third, instead of one-quarter, on net books, and as the publishers and retailers are working together with a view to mutual helpfulness, we expect something satisfactory will result from their conference. We hope the trade throughout Canada will keep the items mentioned here steadfastly before them and write the secretary of our Booksellers' and Stationers' Association in regard to any matter that may be helpful to the trade. We also hope the executive committee will do their utness during the coming year to help the retailer in the business of the year.

Remember our P's—Proper Prices, Proper Profits,
Proper Protection, More anon, Wishing all a good New

J. G. CLOKE,

Pres. B. and S. Assn. of Canada.

A TRADE GRIEVANCE IN THE WEST.

Edmonton, Dec. 20, 1909.

Editor Bookseller and Stationer,—I notice in your December issue a letter from Winnipeg regarding the drug stores handling the stationers' line of goods. The same is true in many other cities in the west besides Winnipeg.

BOOKSELLER AND STATIONER

The writer knows whereof he speaks regarding two other cities, namely, Calgary and Edmonton, where the same thing is carried on. Now, the writer would like to know how the druggists get these lines, and often they are the very same lines as the stationer himself is selling; they must be supplied by the wholesale houses. If such is the ease, the wholesalers are to blame. The only remedy would be for the stationery trade to form a Booksellers' and Stationers' Association, and when these travelers come around that peddle their goods to all the little drug and grocery stores, why, turn them down. When a wholesale house goes so far as to let their travelers peddle their samples around to these places they must be hard up for business. The stationery trade in these western provinces had better wake up and grasp the situation while it is young, for in many cases where they have drug stores in their respective cities to-day, they will have drug and stationery stores to-morrow, and then it will be up to the poor stationer to add some new lines in order to get business, and possibly it may be patent medicines, perfumes, confectionery, etc. If you have the space to put this in your valuable paper, please do so.

I am, yours truly,

AN EDMONTON STATIONER.

AN ONTARIO STATIONERY CONCERN'S Expedient for Increasing Business in School Supplies -The Guessing Contest conducted by Weaver of Berlin - Brought in Shoals of Customers.

The public have long since become familiar with the guessing contests conducted by retail stores with the aim of increasing aforesaid public's interest in their stocks. We have frequently been asked to guess the number of beans in a bottle; what a certain pile of new-minted coins amounted to; the number of dots in an article of merchandise or a firm name contained in a newspaper advertisement; and the sum total of the crowd which would attend the opening game of the baseball season. As a reward for our diligence and assiduity for solving these ponderous mathematical problems we have been offered prizes ranging from a season ticket to a roller rink to a grand piano or a building lot. So runs the ingenuity of the advertising brain. But it seems foolish to eavil at an idea that has been found successful. Of course, the primary principle of this kind of advertising relies for its success on an inherent weakness of human nature—the desire to get something for nothing.

However, I would not care to impute this motive to every concern that undertook to hold a guessing contest in order that it might do more business. Regularly conducted they are just as legitimate as any other department of advertising-besides in some cases being eminently more successful.

F. I Weaver & Co., of Berlin and Waterloo, must have been satisfied with their recent contest for they say it "brought customers in shoals." How they managed it is interesting and affords an opportunity to the trade of obtaining some new ideas on an ever-present problem.

Just before school opening time came round they inserted in the local paper a large advertisement six columns wide by 38 inches deep, which is shown here in reduced form. Then to supplement this ad as it were and particularly attract the attention of the school children to the contest a large number of eards were printed and distributed to the scholars at the school gates which brought them to the stores in large numbers.

The concern state that they found both the newspaper and the eards a good investment. And this is easily believed if one will take the trouble to read the ad. Its prominent feature is its definiteness. There's nothing of a general or hit-or-miss style about it.

If there is one thing particularly commendable about F. I. Weaver & Co.'s advertising policy, it is the fact that they are not afraid to buy sufficient newspaper space in which to tell their story. They seemingly believe, and are quite right in that surmise, that an unusual event demands more than ordinary treatment. Had they been content to use a small part of a single column it is not probable that the contest would have attracted anything like the attention it did and consequently the result and volume of business would not have been as large. So they were fully repaid for their extra expenditure.

The arguments set forth in the ad. are logical, straightforward, and convincing, but the typography of the announcement might have received more favorable treatment. And it's a question if the advertisement would not have drawn a still larger crowd if it had been given a more attractive setting. The most important feature of the ad,-the conditions of the centest have been subordinated to the rest of the ad, instead of the reverse, Then there is too much heavy rule work resulting in a hard, auctioneer-poster-effect out of harmony altogether with the subject matter. The design would have gained in eye-compelling quality if it had been set in a style similar to the reproduced layout. The choice of Gothic, Post in conjunction with Cheltanham was hardly in good taste, as they fail to harmonize. A series of Cheltenham which affords both light and heavy faces would have been a better choice and given the ad. a clean, well-balanced appearance which it now lacks. Also a more even distribution of white space, especially as regards the right and left-hand panels, would have displayed the type to better advantage. However, as before mentioned, the copy is excellent, and the only regret is that the work of the compositor is not of the same high standard.

Prizes at Weaver's

Something for Every Pupil

- One Diana high grade lead pencil and a good compars to every pupil buying 50c, worth of school supplies. These are premiums worsts worth, write articles you will skep in school. It means 60e, worth of goods for 50e.
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- 3 QUESSING CONTEST. (See our window.)

I guess that there are..... marbles in the jar NAME.....

Fill in above blank and sign your name. It may win the \$2,00 incounts camera to be given to the boy or girl guessing the nearest to the correct number.

SEE OUR WINDOW FOR FURTHER PARTICULARS

- Ruler and Blotter free with every purchase. Compare our Exercise Books and Scribblers with any others in the two towns and you will agree that we have by far the prettiest covers and better paper as well.
- F. I. Weaver & Co., Berlin and Waterloo We buy in larger quantities and get better prices. YOU GET THE BENEFIT-we get the business

A reproduction of a card used by F. I. Weaver & Co. in their recent guesting contest. These cards were distributed among the school children and reasited in an ever large business in school supplies. The slogan "You get the benefit - we get the business," is a good one. It's apparent fairness is likely to appeal to the public's self-inserest.

News from Canadian Trade Centres

Interesting Items Gathered from all Parts of Canada - Business Good Everywhere —Changes and Improvements, Noted.

A Good Year for St. John.

ST. JOHN, JAN. 9.—The year, 1909, was a prosperous one for the booksellers and stationers of St. John. In practically every branch of the business there was a good turnover. During the summer the tourist trade was brisk and all the year round the demand for books and magazines was such as to cause the dealers to feel well satisfied. The Christmas trade was well up to the average and in most cases it was reported to be better than usual. People seemed to be well supplied with money and fancy goods of all kinds met with a ready sale.

E. G. Nelson & Co., and Hall's, had their special Christmas showrooms well stocked, and they had a steady stream of buyers. D. McArthur, in addition to his regular showrooms, rented a portion of the store adjoining and stocked it with dolls, toys, books, etc., during Christmas week, and the venture proved a thorough success. There were very few special Christmas salesrooms as in other years, and in consequence the regular dealers had about all the business to themselves.

E. G. Nelson & Co., having sold their present building to F. W. Daniel & Co., dry goods dealers, have secured the four-storey building on King Street formerly occupied by Reid Bres., dealers in wallpaper, window blinds, etc., and will utilize the entire building for their business. The building is now occupied as a Japanese art store, and in consequence of having been sold to Nelson's, the Japs are auctioning off their stock of china, bric-a-brac, etc. Nelson & Co. take possession in April and will remodel the store to meet their needs.

The Holiday Trade in Montreal.

MONTREAL, JAN. 9.—With the annual Christmas and New Year rush at an end, Montreal booksellers and stationers are now bussly engaged re-arranging their stock and weeding out all articles which are likely to prove stickers during the coming season. Every stationer interviewed reported a big business during the holidays, also that the jear just closed, from a sales standpoint, was away ahead of previous years.

An "Amen" Corner, devoted to prayer and hymn books, just as you enter the door, is noticeable on entering Chapman's bookstore.

It was noticed last month that the public in general were paying more attention this year to the wrapping of Christmas gifts. There has been an increased demand for special paper, fancy colored tape and labels, etc., etc.

During the Christmas rush the demand for standard sets of books was rather slow, as expected, while books with highly-colored illustrations were favorites.

The most prominent book of the month was "The Foreigner," by Ralph Connor. This book has been a general favorite since its publication. With the publication of "Anne of Avondea," which is proving quite popular, the demand for "Anne of Green Gables" has revived and the two books, written by L. M. Montgomery, are among the foremost of Canadian fiction.

William de Morgan is once again prominently before the public with his book, entitled, "It Can Never Happen

Again." Judging by present sales, this book will prove a good seller in the future. "The Silver Horde," by Rex Beach, still continues strong. Among other good books are "Bella Donna," by Robt, Hichens; "John Marvel, Assistant," by T. N. Page; "The White Sister," by F. M. Crawford; "Northern Lights," by Sir Gilbert Parker; "Ann Veronica," by H. G. Wells; "The City of Beautitul Nonsense," by Taurston, and "Old Rose and Silver," by M. Reed.

Movements Among the Trade in Toronto.

WINNIPEG, JAN. 8.—Winnipeg booksellers and stationers were not disappointed in their holiday trade. They are now buying to replace depleted lines.

Faney books and greeting eards were leaders in the holiday rush. Those who handled calendars were more or less dissatisfied, owing to the fact that prices were cut. The mail-order houses were the guilty parties. They also cut the prices of books, especially "The Foreigner" and "Songs of a Sourdough," and the book trade had to follow suit. In this connection a leading local bookseller stated that he was strongly of the opinion that prolishers should control the retail prices of books.

Harrison Fisher's gift books were very popular, as were also Underwood's and Montgomery Flagg's. The demand for fancy books of this kind was remarkably heavy. Fancy stationery and writing materials went well as gift goods and stocks have been greatly depleted.

In December, as usual, office stationery trade fell off, but present indications are for a heavy trade in these lines from now on.

One interesting market feature is the advance in price of rubber bands and all plain and course papers. Local wholesale stationers report scarcities on the paper market and possibilities of further advances. On December 28 last, paper went up 1½ cents, and that was the second advance within two weeks.

MOVEMENTS AMONG THE TRADE IN TORONTO.

TORONTO, JAN. 9.—After Christmas business is over, there is usually a lull among the retailers, but among the publishing houses and wholesale stationers there is renewed activity in preparation for spring business. Practically all the publishers have been represented in New York during the last few days.

Walter Stanfield, Truro, N.S., was noticed in the city last week, on a buying trip.

Norman Brown, of The Brown Bros., has gone to New York, accompanied by Mrs. Brown. While business is said to be the principal reason for the trip, still it is hinted that they were both anxious to inspect the new Cafe de l' Opera.

Arthur Hall, New York, successor to George Munro & Sons, was in town last week, and is putting on the market again about one thousand of the best titles in the famous old Seaside Library. An arrangement was made with McLeod & Allen, to act as selling agents in Canada.

John McClelland, of McClelland & Goodehild, spent the first week of the New Year calling on the New York publishers.

C. J. Mussen and W. C. Bell, of the Mussen Book Co., have been in New York making arrangements for spring importations.

According to information handed out by Henry Button, of Cassell & Co., it is expected that Arthur Spurgeon, J.P., general manager of the house, will visit Canada in

April or May. He will land at New York and will visit Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg and Chicago.

George Savoy, of the National Blank Book Co., Holyoke, is back from his regular Cuban trip, and is spending a few days in Toronto.

Thomas Allen, of McLeod & Allen, is spending the week of Jan. 9 in New York, where he joined his partner, Mr. McLeod, who put in his Christmas vacation at his old home in Boston.

W. J. Scott, manager of the book department in Eaton's Winnipeg store, is at present in the city, making some purchases.

E. J. Boyd, who has been manager of the Booklovers' Library, for the past few years, has joined the traveling staff of Thomas Y. Crowell & Co., New York, and will cover Canada and part of the States.

Sir Frederick Maemillan, head of Maemillan & Co., the great English publishing house, arrives in Toronto today, to spend a couple of days with Frank Wise, president of the Canadian company. Sir Frederick and Lady Maemillan are on a short pleasure trip to America, and are coming to Toronto principally to see the new building now in course of erection on Bond Street. While in the city, Sir Frederick will be entertained privately.

W. J. Moore, formerly city traveler for Warwick Bros. & Rutter, has joined the staff of the Copp, Clark Co., and will cover the city for them.

Dutton Copp, son of William Copp, who has been on a survey party in the Northwest, has returned home and will join the C.C. forces.

A. R. MacDongall & Co.'s traveling staff for 1910 will be made up of D. H. Burn, who was for many years with Barber & Ellis and the Copp, Clark Co.; Roy Hickingbottom, late of the Sault Stationery Co.; Geo. D. Scott, who was with A. Roy Macdongall last year, and Mr. Macdongall himself. Mr. Scott will continue to carry leather goods; Mr. Burn will take the stationery lines to the west, and Mr. Hickingbottom will cover the cast, while Mr. Macdongall will take the larger cities.

Sigmund Birn, of Birn Bros., the English manufacturers of fine art goods, was in Toronto last week, concluding arrangements for the establishment of a Canadian branch. This will be located at 42 Adelaide Street West, where a stock will be carried. A. R. MacDougall & Co. will be selling agents.

Ronald H. Wilkinson has been showing the 1910 lines of T. Fisher Unwin, Nisbet & Co., and Sandell Bros. in Toronto this month. He has been occupying a sample room in the Carlaw building, and leaves for the west about February 1.

Horace Woolett passed through the city about the New Year on his annual trip in the interests of Frederick Warne & Co., Setten & Durward, F. H. Ayres, Limited, etc. Mr. Woollett made the acquaintance of the Canadian trade last year, and will be welcomed back.

F. H. Bailey, representing the Religious Tract Society, London, Eng., is again on his annual visit to this country. He is carrying a full range of samples of the R. T. S. publications, and it would certainly be worth while for all who have not hitherto handled this Society's many popular series of prize and reward books to get into touch with Mr. Bailey. He will be visiting all the important towns in the Dominion.

Kingston Bookseller Surprised.

KINGSTON, DEC. 17.—This morning, Thos. McAuley, a veteran bookseller of this city, received quite a shock, when a well-known Kingstonian walked into his store and, producing an empty ink bottle, said: "Mr. McAuley, what would a bottle of Stevens' ink of this size be worth?"
Mr. McAuley examined the bottle and label and informed
the questioner that that brand of ink sells now, and has
sold, for fifty cents a bottle of the size produced, and he
then inquired why the other wished to know. "Because,"
replied the man with the bottle, "forty years ago, when
the bottle was filled with ink, I stole it from you as you
were having unpacked and taking in a case of goods into
the store on King Street you then occupied. Ever since
then I have been unable to get rid of the remorse I felt
about stealing that bottle of ink, and scores of times have
tried to muster up courage enough to come to you and
make restitution, but scores of times I failed. Now I
want to pay you for the ink I took. How much is it?"

Mr. McAuley assured him that the ink is worth no more now than it was then, and that fifty cents would square the account. The money was paid, and will go, Mr. McAuley says, with an additional amount, at least equal to it, into the coffers of the Salvation Army as a small Christmas contribution.

Returns to England.

TORONTO. JAN. 7.—John R. Irwin, who for the past five years has been special agent for the Harmsworth publications in Canada, has returned to England, where he will reside in future. Poor health has compelled him to take a rest and, after a vacation, he will accept a position in the London office of the Amalgamated Press. The work of distribution of the Harmsworth periodicals in Canada has been placed in the hands of the Imperial News Company. During Mr. Irwin's stay in Canada, he has built up the circulation of these periodicals from 4,000 a month to 250,000 a month, which shows the rapid increase in the popularity of these publications.

Warners' Limited to Open in Regina.

REGINA. DEC. 20.—Another big firm is easting its eyes Reginawards, this time Warners' Limited, of Brandon, who handle books, toys and all kinds of general stationery. They have already opened a Saskatchewan branch in Saskatoon, but in a short while, if a suitable site can be obtained—and no difficulty is looked for in this direction—they will open up an extensive branch here. Mr. Hills, the manager, is looked for to visit this city in the course of the next fortnight, and while here it is expected that he will make all the final arrangements necessary. If the plans materialize as expected a handsome building will be put up and a large stock, both of wholesale and retail goods, will be placed here.

Western Conditions.

VANCOUVER, DEC. 22.—L. Morris, of E. Morris & Co., has just returned from a five months' trip through Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia. Business in the outside points was splendid, says Mr. Morris, particularly in Saskatchewan. ''I was astonished at the progress made in Saskatchewan. Saskaton is growing rapidly, and the new Grand Trunk line is making some good towns.'' It is the intention of the E. Morris Co. to devote particular attention to business in this field. L. Morris works the outside points in the three provinces, along with J. W. Johnston.

Mrs. Selina M. Henders, Port Arthur, has sold her fancy goods business to S. M. Lowery.

E. E. Clark has been appointed manager of the Willson Stationery Co.'s branch at Calgary. Mr. Clark has been in charge of the Regina branch ever since it was started three years ago. He has been succeeded there by J. M. Merry, of the Winnipeg house.

What Manufacturers and Jobbers are Offering This Month

Activities Among the Supply Houses—Getting Ready for Spring Business—Travelers Begin their Rounds Once More.

Pen Points.

Those stationers who run steel or fountain pens stamped with their own imprint should put themselves in communication with Macuiven & Cameron, Ltd., the pen makers at Waverley Works, Edinbergh. At the Waverley Pen Works, Birmingham, they uanufacture large quantities of imprint steel pens and fountain pens in their entirety, and as, in addition, they are large manufacturing stationers, printers, lithographers and box-makers to the trade, they have unique advantages for quoting favorable terms. Owing to increasing business this firm have transferred their London offices and warehouses from Firringdon Avenue to large and commodious premises at 30 Shoe Lane, E.C.

New Goodall Cards.

A O. Hurst's new sample book of Goodali's playing eards, which he will show to the trade this season, contains some new backs, which are veritable gens of beauty. To the Imperial Club series have been added, among other backs, the Cowboy, the Golf Girl and Fernlea. To the Colonial Gilt Edge series, five new conventional designs have been added. In the Salon series, a new lunting scene, a new Indian Princess, a new Indian Chief, Lady Hamilton at the Spinning Wheel, Flora (one of the old Masters), Water Lilies (with maple leaf border) are features. In the Society series, a mondight water scene of exceptional charm, is a new number. All these cards are very charming and should sell rapidly.

Briggs' Lines of Calendars.

William Briggs announces that he will handle again this year Collier's ealendars and valentines in Canada. He will also show Anacker's line of artistic Christmas cards, which were in such favor last year. Besides these he will make a specialty of local calendars, in which there are several attractive styles. The Maxfield, Parrish and Frederic Remington pictures will also be included in Briggs' showing.

A Generous New Year's Offer.

A. J. McCrae, Canadian agent of the American Crayon Co., is making a liberal offer to Canadian stationers, which merits careful stiention at this time of the year. A handsome large \$5.00 globe, specially adapted for school use, is offered with each first order for a gross of Crayograph crayons, for the sum of \$1.00. That is to say a stationer can make four hundred per cent profit on the sale of the globe hesides the liberal profit from seeling the crayons.

Some stationers may be inclined to think that they could not tackle the sale of a gross of crayons. But is it such as impossibility even in a small place? Crayons are coming more and more into use in the schools, and even in a small school, a gross of crayons won't go very far. A little energy directed to the sale of the goods and the globe, will bring results. Don't delay in ordering as the supply of globes is limited.

Special Day Cards.

The Elliott Co., North Philadelphia, Pa., have a line of special day tally and place cards that commend themselves to the best trade. The great variety of designs includes new and catchy ideas for St. Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Easter, etc. These designs in both tally and place cards are offered in an entirely new assortment, making it more convenient for the dealer to handle them successfully. Samples can always be secured promptly.

Artgum.

Artgum, an artificial rubber, was invented in 1899, by Adolph Sommer, the discoverer of viscol and numerous rubber substitutes and waterproofing compounds. It has proven to be a valuable cleaning substance, and already has a very extensive use. In its natural condition, it has a pale yellow color and a faint sweet odor, but it may be secured in any color and seented in any way desired.

While artgum does not possess the elasticity and hardness of pure rubber, in its cleaning and renovating prop-



erty it greatly excels rubber. Its toughness and its freedom from grit and grease make artgum a good material for cleaning the surface of wall paper, drawing paper, leather, felt and numerous other articles, which must not be seratched.

Different grades of arigum are made for special uses. For use in schools, a grade called "school arigum" is prepared, which is somewhat harder than the regular grade of arigum.

The product is manufactured by the Viscol Co., of East Cambridge, Mass., and sold through Clark Bros., wholesale stationers, Winnipeg.

Many New Stationery Lines.

The Copp, Clark Co. have added quite a number of new lines to their stationery stock this season, which the trade will find interesting. "Scotch Plaid" is to be the leader. This may be had in Salisbury size notepaper banded in quires and boxed in 1 reams, and Salisbury envelopes, diamond cut, boxed in hundreds. There are also papeteries in Salisbury size, 24 envelopes and 24 sheets to the box and tablets, octavo plain, quarto plain and Salisbury.

New designs in tablets are Overseas Linen in quarto, octavo and Salisbury, Norfolk in quarto plain and ruled, Derbyshire in octavo plain, Bobby Burns in quarto plain and ruled. Signal in octavo plain and ruled and Onion Skin in octavo plain.

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The Canadian Bookman.

The publishers of the Canadian Book man are prepared to supply copies of the paper each month in quantity to booksellers for free distribution among book-buyers in their localities. A special price has been arranged which will enable them to secure quite a good supply at a low expenditure. By rubberstamping the issues with the dealer's name and address, they will advertise the fact that all the books referred to in the issue may be secured from them. The fact that the Canadian Bookman covers Canadian publications so thoroughly makes it of considerable value, while its careful survey of publishing activities elsewhere renders it a valuable medium.

Koh-i-noor at the Pole.

Koh-i-noor peneils have the honor of going to the North Pole—that is, some of them. Commander Peary says that his records of the momentous journey were written with peneils manufactured by I. & C. Hardtmuth. He has written to this effect a letter, which we produce in facsimile.

Big Line of Agencies.

A. Roy MacDougall, manufacturers' agent, Toronto, has formed a company to be known as A. R. MacDougall & Co., which will continue the business. They have arranged for several new agencies this season, which should interest the Canadian trade. They will show the Gilt Edge line of price books, etc., made by the Trussell Mfg. Co., the products of the Acme Staple Co. and the new H. Hoge Co., the Rad-Bridge lines of Radcliffe & Co., and the products of the Fulton Rubber Type Co. Besides these they will have all the lines carried last year, including those of the Powers Paper Co., Birn Bros., etc., etc.

At the North Pole With Peary

November 30th, 1909.

L. & C. Hardtmuth,

New York City.

Gentlemen: -

Hardtmuth's "Kohinoor" Percils were carried by me on the northward sledge journey, and some of them were carried to the Pole. As a matter of fact, I have one or two left that were taken to the Korth Pole.

My records were written with "Kohinoor" pencils.

Very truly yours,

LEK.

VALUABLE YEAR BOOK

The Year Book of the National Association of Stationers and Manufacturers of the United States, has appeared. It contains the official verbatim report of the fifth annual convention at Toledo, and makes an imposing volume of 162 pages. To Canadians desirous of familiarizing themselves with the character and scope of the work of the American association, the Year Book will be found of considerable value. The addresses on "Care of Stock," "Expenses and Profits," and "The Man Behind the Counter," appear in full, George E. Damon, of Geo. E. Damon, of Geo.

HURD'S LAWNETTE

is unquestionably the selling paper of the year. Its richness and quality appeal to all who appreciate fine correspondence papers. It is different from the general run and yet its writing surface is delightful.

The tints in which it is made are especially attractive. The Orchid color has recently been added and you should have it.

A telegraph or mail order for a holiday box assortment will be expressed the day received. State quantities and prices.

GEO. B. HURD @ CO.

Fine Paper Makers

425 @ 427 Broome Street, New York, U.S. A.



Of Interest to Canadian Newsdealers

What is Being Done in Magazinedom - Changes in Price - New Publications to Appear This Spring.

Cassell & Co. will launch a new magazine in May called "Outdoor Magazine." It will sell in Canada at

A campaign in the interests of "Chums" is to be worked shortly by Cassell & Co. Buttons will be distributed

Cassell & Co. begin the publication in February of of "The Sea Serial" in twenty-four parts.

Scribner's Magazine has secured for scrial publication during 1910, Maurice Hewlett's "Rest Harrow," in which the eccentric hero of "Halfway House" and "Open Country," John Senhouse, figures again. The Roosevelt series is to be continued during the year, and this will undoubtedly prove very popular. An entertaining article in the January number, deserving of attention, is "Old London," in which many of the quaint features of the old city are described.

Chambers' Journal starts the new year with a serial by John Oxenham, entitled "Lauristons." An article of more than passing interest in the January number deals with the theories that Mars is a habitable world; the writer, Alexander W. Roberts, D. Sc. reasons against these theories. Another good feature is "The Philosophy of Digestion," in which we are given much useful information about the comparative times of digestion of numerous

"The Landscape Paintings of James Aumonier, R.L." by Walter Bayes, with eleven illustrations, is the leading feature of the International Studio for January. Another interesting article by Frank Newbolt, deals with "Etched Book Plates." There is a striking illuminated text by F. Sangorski and by G. Satcliffe, besides five other plates in color. The other contributions include: "Leon Dabo, Landscape Painter," "Some American Figure Painters," "Emma Ciardi, Painter of Old Italian Gardens," "Leaves from the Sketchbook of Norman Irving Black," etc.

Jubilee of the Cornhill.

That admirable little English monthly, the Cornhill, has just been celebrating its jubilee. Established in January, 1860, by George Smith, of Smith, Elder & Co., with Thackeray in the editor's chair, the Cornhill has seen lifty years of existence, and, while its contemporaries

like Longman's, Macmillan's and the Gentleman's, have disappeared, it continues to flourish. The Jubilee number contains much interesting material bearing on the career of the magazine. It appears that the basic idea in its founder's brain was to combine the custom of publishing novels in serial parts with the usual magazine formula of that day, and it was with this object in view that he arranged to have Thackeray take charge. The latter was to supply a novel, which instead of being published in parts by itself, would form a section of the magazine. The idea worked well and has become a permanent feature in modern magazine publishing. The Cornhill has always maintained its reputation for its fiction, and among the novelists whose work has appeared in its columns are: Anthony Trol'ope, Charles Lever, George Eliot, Mrs. Gaskell, Wilkie Collins, Charles Reade, William Black, James Payn and Henry Seten Merriman.

SUCCESSFUL CARTER CONFEREENCE

BOSTON, DEC. 28.-From Monday, December 20th. through Wednesday, the 22nd, representatives of the Carter's Ink Company from all over the country were in attendance at a conference at the factory in Boston. The company has held these conferences from time to time, believing that the exchange of ideas and experiences with one another, as well as the encouragement and instruction received from the offices of the company insures add-



New Home Carter's Ink Co.

ed enthusiasm as well as actual profit to the men. Plans are formulated and new campaigns laid out, which can be thoroughly discussed by the men on the ground.

Sessions were held morning and afternoon, at which topics of general interest to all, and more technical mat-

OUICK TURNOVER is a profitable one. Goods for which the demand is already created are quickly

is a profitable one. Goods for which and readily sold. All teachers know our supplies to be the best for school use. More of the trade every month are handling our Art Materials and School Supplies. Are you? There is easy selling and good

money in them for you. No. 8, 3 color box with long 10c. brush, sells 25c.

8 color box with long 10c. brush, sells 30c.

8 color box with brush on quill handle, sells 25c.

Crayons, Paper, Charcoal, Fixitif, Prang's Art Books, Books on Modelling, Weaving, Manual Training and Kindergarten Work.

Chalks-all kinds, single boxes or case lots. Colored Chalks-1 doz., 2 doz., or gross sticks in box. SEND FOR CATALOGUE AND DISCOUNTS TO-DAY.

TORONTO, ONT. THE GEO. M. HENDRY CO., Ltd., Wholesale School Supplies,

BOOKSELLER AND STATIONER

ters for both ribbon and earbon and ink and adhesive men were taken up and carefully considered.

The conference this year was noteworthy as giving the men a chance to inspect the new reinforced concrete building into which the company will soon move. One entire afternoon was given over to this and the plant was viewed from top to bottom.

Wednesday night brought the conference to a close with a banquet at the Hotel Westminster, presided over by R. B. Carter, president of the company, and C. B. Gordon, general manager. About forty representatives sat down to the tables and after a good "eat," enjoyed a programme presented by "home talent," which included some very neat sleight-of-hand tricks by L. G. Stevens, of the Chicago territory.

INFRINGING THE WATERMAN NAME.

L. E. Waterman & Co., New York, have secured a permanent injunction against the Standard Drug Co., enjoining them not to infringe the complainants? Trade marks. The legal document, containing the decree of the court, has been circulated by the Waterman Co. It gives a detailed list of what constitutes an infringement, and the Waterman Co. intimate that all persons found indulging in unfair trade practices in violation of its terms, will be vigorously proceeded against.

Austin's Bock Store, Main Street, Galt, was destroyed by fire on the morning of December 29. The loss entailed amounted to about \$10,000. The store was owned by C. Austin, and managed by E. Westeott, late of Peterboro.

FOUNTAIN PENS STYLOGRAPHIC PENS GOLD PENS



Being practical makers of over 25 years' experience and now having the most up-to-date FACTORIES, we are prepared to supply the BEST at LOWEST rates. Special designs and patents made (and if necessary put on the English Murket) so as to secure English protection. Send particulars and receive our quotations.

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(Sole Makers of The Red Giant Stylo).



A BOUT six months ago we booked an order for shipping tags (the cheapest kind we make) for a Company shipping castings and machine parts.

The other day they wanted another lot of tags and we suggested using a tougher tag. It didn't take much to persuade them, as the cheaper tag was not sufficiently strong to carry their heavy merchandise. We are now running their order on a four grade better tag.

Let us check up your tag situation. Samples of all kinds on request.



SOUTHAM'S SHIPPING TAGS

PRICES
ON ALL GRADES
IN STANDARD
OR ODD SIZES
ON APPLICATION.

SOUTHAM LIMITED

Ticket, Tag and Label Department

Music and Musical Instruments

The New Year a Good Time to Stir up this Department and Place it on a Sound and Progressive Footing.

To establish a music department does not necessarily imply that a large capital is needed. Upon establishing a department, a small supply of songs is quite sufficient. If customers require a sheet of music who has the time you have not in shock, it can be conveniently sent for by mail. Further, if a dealer has been frequently asked for a certain song he can secure any number of copies

One of the best ways to start a mouse department, on a small seale at first, is to get in touch with a few jobbing and supply honors such as Windry, Reyer & Co., and the Angle-Canadian Music Co., Toronte, or the Delmar Music Co. and the McKimley Music Co., Montreal, These firms always carry a fully assorted stock of all current publications. Their baying facilities are such as to allow them to secure large quantities, and supply the retail trade, giving it first-class service. If a dealer does not carre to work on filis scale, he may write to the music publishers in the United States. This way involves time where just as good satisfaction may often be had from the Cacadian supply houses mentioned previously.

A Drawing Card.

If for no other reason than that a music department serves as a good drawing eard, no back and stationary house should be without one. It is astonishing to see the crowds which throng the music department of one of Montreal's largest and most up-to-date departmental stores. As this is the desired end, large crowds are continually passing in and out, and if either goods are artis-

In successfully running a sheet mose department, salary is not a heavy expense. The department can be easily put in charge of gir's, who have a taste for music, at a salary of from \$3 to \$5 per week, according to the size of the town. If one of the hands employed is competent to play a piano, it is much better, as a person who sees a sing to his liking, it many cases prefers to have it played over before buying. In many cases, in establishing a sheet music department, the salary question can hardly be a calcined a burder.

Profits are Good

The profits of a music object over the large, as most of the entrum publications can be bought at from 10e to 18e, and generally retail at from 25e to 15e. Songs of the popular variety, such as some and mother songs, or ballads, waitzes, cosm and come and mother songs, or ballads, waitzes, cosm and come songs and matriess, can be bought, in most casts, at 10e, and the high-class ballads at 18e. Book and stationery stores will do well to consider the question of coming a music department. Many large departmental houses do a big mail order business, while this trade could be successfully extered to by local stores in the numerous towns and villages throughout the rountry.

Current Music.

During the last two weeks in Desember and also a few days of the present month, the demand for popular songs fell off. Hewever, Christmas lymns were much songlit after, and, in a way, this purely made up for the small trade put through in the popular lines.

The sale of sheet music is usually quiet during these two months, but the beginning of February will show a big change for the better. Below is to be found a list of current sours.

The Delmar Music Co., Montreal, is rapidly forging alread with a catalogue, comprising some of the best material obtainable. Murchison and Hodge, two of this company's prominent song writers, are responsible for the following songs: "I'm Feelin' Blue," "Moonlight, Dear," "Only Bally Fingers," "Every Adam has an Eve," and "I'm Going Back to Work Down on the Farm."

The two successes, "Strolling," and "In Dear Old Swertheart Days," by Murray, Michael & Zimmerman, are still holding their own, "Strolling" particularly, bener in favor.

Another good song with a pleasing melody published by this house is, "Sing Me a Song Like You Used to Sing," by Walter Bruce.

A new song handled by this house is, "You Remind Me, Dear Girl, of My Own Sweet Marie." The demand of far for same is fair.

The Delmar Music Co. also is the publisher of "My Every Thought is of You," by Sandy Chapman and Mac. Arthur; "I was Bern with Nothing," by H. W. Schubert, and "Just Because I Love You So."

A song which this tirm is doing exceptionally well with is, "It is Love," This piece is of a semi-classical nature. "When My Ship Comes Home" is by the same author.

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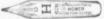
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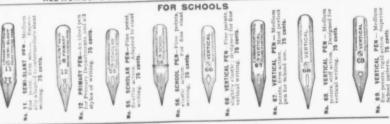
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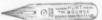
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The "Battle of the Plains" Receives a Favorable Review from David Russell Jack, of St. John, N.B., who was Editor of "Acadiensis."

As are the plays of Aeschylus and Shapkespeare's Henry VI., so is this latest literary production from the pen of Dr. J. M. Harper, a trilogy. Though written in the ballad form of verse, the book may be said to comprise three distinct bits of dramatization, which, although each of them is complete in itself, bear a mutual relation to one another, and form the several parts of a complete historical picture.

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Whether one's sympathies are with the French or with the British, while tracing the details of the terrific struggle in which Wolfe and Montealm figured so prominently, we must admit, on laying Dr. Harper's latest book aside, after a careful perusal of it, that the author has dealt faithfully and impartially to a fault with his subject.

From the city end of the Dufferin Terrace, the author patiently lays before us, as a preliminary to the proper understanding of the story he has to tell, the whole plan of Wolfe's first attempt to bring Montealm out into the open, beginning with the little parish church of Ste. Petrouille, on the Island of Orleans, where was the first eamping ground of the British troops and where the British general first directed his field-glass against the long line of the city's defences up from the Beauport beach. Thereafter, the story of the unsuccessful assault made by General Wolfe at the eastern end of General Montcalm's line of defence, which extended all the way

from the city to Montmorency river, as the first event of the siege is treated of. Then are depicted the various scenes connected with the preliminary driftings of the fleet up and down the river, as well as the main event of the battle after Wolfe and his army had arrived on the battlefield proper, to the rear of the town. And lastly, the battle of Sainte-Foye is admirably and graphically dealt with, the poem in connection with which concluding with the following stirring lines:

'Twas a victory say you; nay, a rout-the brave against the brave;

The vanquished now in full pursuit of their victors' broken wave;

The carnage left to be enhanced by the devil and his mates,

With an only refuge near at hand within the city's gates;



DR. J. M. HARPER

Twas a victory say you; nay, a rout-the brave against the brave;

The baptism of blood, alas! our brotherhood to save. And still the brooklet wakes our pride, on the spot where nations bled,

Where the monument stands sentinel near the brooklet's narrow bed;

Ay, here we con our heroes' names and read tradition's praise.

With no ceasing in the soul's refrain, as still we stand and gaze:

Alas! how strange the blending of the best and worst in man.

When the victor and the vanquished pause, war's cruelties to scan.

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clearer understanding of the story itself and the part played by the several heroes, now all our own, who took part in the struggle for the supremacy of a continent. The illustrations are appropriate and attractive, as is also the binding, in which this choice sample of the latest of Canadian historical literature is encased.

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Forthcoming Books by Canadians

With Some Mention also of Books about Canada by Other Authors, Appearing Here and Elsewhere.

A third volume of verse by R. W. Service, he of Sourdough fame, is reported by William Briggs to be in preparation. The title has not yet been selected.

Professor Oshorne, of Winnipeg, has an important book entitled, "The Religion of a Layman," coming out in March, through Cassell & Co. Those who have seen it state that it is a very strong piece of work. (\$1.00 net).

Mrs. Arthur Murphy, of Edmonton, who is well known as a clever newspaper writer, has written a book of im-



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pressions, entitled, "Janey Cannek in the West," which will be published in April by Cassell & Co. (\$1.75 net).

Nellie L. McClung's new story, "The Second Chance," which was announced for publication last fall, will not appear until the summer. It is to be published by William Briggs.

L. C. Page & Co., Boston, promise a new Montgomery book some time during the summer of 1910. Miss Montgomery has created for her new book another unusual heroine, "Kilmeny," a young Scotch girl, who promises to outrival the irresistible Anne herself.

Father A. G. Morice's ''History of the Catholic Church in Western Canada,'' which was to have appeared last

fall, will soon be ready. The first volume is complete and the publishers, the Musson Book Co., expect to have the second volume shortly.

John M. Copeland, Toronto, has issued in booklet form his article on "The Crusade of United States Railway Interests in Canada," which appeared originally in Busy Man's Magazine.

An important two-volume work on which Dr. George Bryce, of Winnipeg, and Dr. Wilfred Campbell, of Ottawa, are collaborating, is to be issued this year by the Musson Book Co. The book will deal with "The Scot in Camada," Dr. Bryce taking western Canada, and Dr. Campbell, eastern Canada.

Frank Wise, president of the Macmillan Co. of Canada, has compiled an interesting little book called, "The Empire Day by Day," which contains a calendar record of British valor and achievement on five continents and on the seven seas. It will be issued shortly by the Macmillan Co. (25 cents).

The Westminster Co., Toronto, will publish in the spring, Marian Keith's new novel. The title has not yet been selected.

A small volume on "Canadian Etiquette," showing what is good form in Canadian society, compiled by Mrs. Forsyth Grant, is among this year's Canadian publications of the Musson Book Co.

"Boyish Reminiscences of H. M. the King's Visit to Canada in 1861," is the title of a volume to be published this spring by John Murray, London. The book is by Lieutenant Thomas Bunbury, who at the time was a midshipman on H.M.S. Hero.

Dr. Wiffred Campbell, of Ottawa, has in preparation a volume dealing with the Great Lakes. The title has not yet been definitely decided upon, but it will likely be "Our Great Lakes," and the book will appear in the spring through the Musson Book Co.

A. C. Nash, M.D., of Peachland, B.C., has collected a volume of verse, which will be published in February by William Briggs, Toronto, under the title, "An Ode to Canada and Other Poems."

"The Canadian Apple Growers' Guide," by Linus Woodverton, M.D., announced for publication last year, will be ready about the middle of February.

This month William Briggs publishes "Reminiscences and Incidents Connected with the Life and Pastoral Labors of the Rev. John Anderson," by Rev. J. D. Anderson, B.A., of Beauharnois, which will be issued in very handsome form.

NEW EDITIONS.

McLeod & Allen will publish on February 1, popular editions (cloth 50c, paper 25c.), of the following copyright novels: "Whispering Smith," "The Lightning Conductor," "The Princess Passes" and "The Message."

Something special in the way of sets of the works of Dickens, Thackeray, George Eliot, Stevenson, etc., is being offered to the trade this spring by McLeod & Allen, who will show samples a little later.

The Copp, Clark Co. have brought out a new edition of "The Elusive Pimpernel," with several half-tone illustrations. The original edition had no illustrations. (\$1.25).

Notable Books Appearing in England

Some Interesting Particulars About the New Productions of English Publishing Houses in all Departments of Literary Activity.

After an autumn season, in which there was a 'lenitude of all classes of books, the volume of book publishing has dwindled to very small dimensions for the first month of the year. However, there are a few titles worthy of consideration.

Fiction.

Gertrude Atherton is bringing out through John Murray, her new novel, "Tower of Ivory."

William Le Queux's new romance, which Eveleigh Nash is to publish, has the title, "The Treasure of Israel."

Quiller Couch has collected a volume of short stories of adventure, to be called, "Corporal Sam and other Stories," and this, Smith, Elder & Co. are to bring out.

"A Winter's Comedy" is the title of Halliwell Suieliffe's new story, to be published by Werner Laurie. It is concerned with the intrusion of Saul Dene, a nouveau riche, into a Yorkshire county set.

John Murray announces "The Luck of the Lantern," by Robert Aitken and "Outland" by an anonymous

Werner Laurie publishes this month, "Master John," the story of an Irish eardriver, by Shan F. Bullock; "Black Sheep," by Portal Hayatt, and "Eternal Fires," by "Victoria Cross."

Chatto & Windus issue "The Stone Ezel," by Mrs. Antrobus, "Opertunity," by Margaret B. Cross, "A Call," by Ford Madox Hueffer, and "Service," by Constance Smedley.

Allen Raine's posthumous novel, "Under the Thatch" is to appear through Hutchinson & Co.

Blackwood & Co. publish "Major Owen and Other Tales," by Dr. Christopher N. Johnston.

Chapman & Hall announce the publication of "The End of the Rainbow," by Stella M. During.

H. de Vere Stacpoole's new novel, "Garryowen," comes from the publishing house of T. Fisher Unwin.

History and Biography.

"Emerson's Journals," containing the diary which he kept all his life, is to be published early in the new year, by Chapman & Hall.

Two additional volumes of Hon, John W. Fortescue's "History of the British Army," covering the period from 1802-1809, are announced by the Macmillan Co.

The life of George Sand, the French novelist, by Rene Dumie, translated by Alys Hallard, is to appear through Chapman & Hall.

Cassell & Co., publish a small volume by A. McKilliam, entitled ''Makers of History.''

The Maemillan Co. have two books on India, ready for publication: "The Gates of India," by Sir Thomas Holdieh, and "Administrative Problems of British India," by Monsieur Chailley.

Blackwood & Co. announce, "The Life and Times of Akhnaton, Pharaoh of Egypt," by Arther E. P. Weigall.

An interesting story of an artist's life is to be published by Longmans. The artist was Monsieur Rodolphe Christen, who was born in a remote valley of Switzerland, but who eventually became a naturalized British subject and settled in the Scottish Highlands. The book is by his wife.

Lord Acton's "Lectures on the French Revolution" are to be brought out this month by Macmillan & Co.

"Events of the Indian Mutiny at Ferasepore and Through the Seige of Delhi," being the personal memories of Captain Griffiths, is announced by John Murray.

"England Before the Conquest," a history of the country from the days of the Celts to the time of the Norman Invasion, by Professor Oman, is to appear from the publishing house of Methuen & Co.

Williams & Norgate announce a critical study of the life and works of Lawrence Sterne, by Walter Sichel.

A monograph on that interesting man, John Lyly, is announced by the Cambridge University Press for early publication. It is the work of Professor Feuillerat.

Nature and Travel.

"Travels in Spain," by Philip Sanford Marden, who has already issued a pleasing book on "Greece," is to come from Constable & Co.

'Leaves from an Afghan Scrap-Book,' an account of a residence of some length in Afghanistan, by Mr. and Mrs. Thornton, is announced by John Murray.

"Travel and Sport in Turkestan," by Captain Price Wood, is an imposing book, which Chapman & Hall are to publish.

"In the Torrid Soudan," a book of travel, by H. Lincoln Tangye, is announced by John Murray.

Political and Social.

"Through Afro-America" is the title of William Archers' study of the race problem in America. Chapman & Hall are to be the publishers.

Booker T. Washington's "The Story of the Negro" is about to be issued by T. Fisher Unwin.

An important book announced by Longmans & Co. is



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"The Governance of Empire," a work by Major P. A. Silburn, D.S.O., Member of the Legislative Assembly of Natal, is to be published shortly by Longmans & Co.

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Co. a book based on a series of lectures which he delivered in India on the tariff question.

"Ancient and Modern Imperialism," an address delivered by Lord Cromer before the Classical Association, is heart issued in book form by John Murray.

"Health Progress and Administration in the West Iedies," by Sir Robert Boyce, is on John Murray's list for early publication.

"The Passing of the Shereefian Empire," by Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett, is to appear through Blackwood & Co.

Faith and Knowledge.

"Science from an Easy Chair," a popular treatise on a large variety of subjects by Sir E. Ray Lankster, is to appear with Methuen & Co.

T. & T. Clark are issuing the second volume of "The Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethies" (Arthur to Bunyan), which Dr. James Hastings is editing, with the assistance of one hundred and sixty-nine contributors.

"The Conquest of Consumption," a work by Dr. Arthur Latham and Dr. C. H. Garland, is announced by T. Eigher Irwin.



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The Clarendon Press is publishing an "Atlas of Economies," by J. G. Bartholomew.

Edward Stanford is publishing in four parts a work designed to celebrate the jubilee of the Geologists' As-

sociation. It is entitled "Geology in the Field," and consists of a series of articles by competent authorities on the various districts in England and Wales, visited by the association on their excursions during the last fifty years.

Early Announcements of Spring Lists

Several Novels by Noted Writers to Appear During the Approaching Spring Season—Other Books.

That there is to be a new novel by Marie Corelli this year is an interesting piece of information brought home from England, by E. W. Walker, of the Methodist Book & Publishing Co., who publish all her works in Canada. The title has not yet been announced.

G. B. McCutcheon's contribution to the spring list will be a novel entitled, "The Butterfly Man," which William Briggs will publish in Canada.

Louis Joseph Vance, author of "The Brass Bowl,"
"The Bronze Bell," etc., will depart from his usual custom of giving his books titles beginning with B., and
will give us this spring a story entitled "The Fortune
Hunter." William Briggs will issue the Canadian edition.

McLeod & Allen will have ready early in February a new novel by Hallie Erminie Rives, author of "Satan Sanderson," which will have the title, "The Kingdom of Slender Swords."

A new British Columbia story by Harold Bindloss will appear in February through McLeod & Allen. It will be entitled "Thurston of Orchard Valley."

The Copp, Clark Co. will publish early in the year, a new novel by Baroness Orczy, the title of which has not yet been fixed upon.

Winston Churchill's new novel is definitely announced by the Maemillan Co., for February publication. Its title will be "A Modern Chronicle," and it is a love story of modern life in the outwardly prosaic surroundings of the big cities of the twentieth century. (\$1.50).

Cassell & Co. announce a long list of fiction for spring publication. For February they will have, "The Rust of Rome," by Warwick Deeping and "The Goddess Girl," by Dorothea Denkin. For March, "The Girl With the Red Hair," by Max Pemberton, "Our Flat," by A. W. Barrett and "The Morning Star," by Rider Haggard. For April, "A Strong Man's Love," by Walter Wood, "The Road Back," by Sydney Warwick, "The Mystery of Barry Ingram," by Annie S. Swan, "The Brown Mask," by Percy Brebner. For May, "At the Call of Honor," by A. W. Marchmont, "London and a Girl," by Alfred Gibson and "Fate and the Man," by T. Hanshew. For June, "Freda," by Katharine Tynan.

Yet another posthumous novel by Marion Crawford is to appear this season. It will be published in February by the Macmillan Co. with the title "The Undesirable Governess." (\$1.50).

Three novels announced for February publication by the Macmillan Co., of Canada, are: "A Life for a Life," by Roger Herrick, "An Interrupted Friendship," by Mrs. Voynich, and "Nathan Burke," by Watts. All three will be published at \$1.25.

Importations by Canadian Publishers

Books of English and American Publishers, which will be Shown this Spring by Canadian Publishers.

William Briggs has arranged for the Canadian market for the new Memorial Edition of the works of George Meredith, which Archibald Constable & Co. are to issue. The edition will comprise twenty-six or twenty-seven volumes and will contain all Meredith's writings. It will be sold by the set only.

Books for boy scouts have now become quite a feature, and William Briggs announces that he will carry a stock



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of several titles—''Scouting for Boys," by Lt.-General Baden Powell, "Yarns for Boy Scouts" and "Scouting Games," by the same author, "Boys of the Otter Patrol," by Breton-Martin, "Things all Scouts Must Know." "Camping Out," by Victor Bridges, and "The Phantom Battleship," by Rupert Chesterton.

Dent's Bible Dictionary, a comprehensive one-volume dictionary, will be carried in Canada by William Briggs. (#3.50).

A remarkable series of reprint copyright fiction is being imported by the Canadian branch of the Oxford Press. These books are published by Henry Frowde in conjunction with Hodder & Stoughton, and are to be called the 'Oxford Copyright Fiction Series.' They are admirably printed, with attractive three-color illustrated jackets, and include the most popular works of Joseph Hocking, David Lyall, Ian Maclaren, J. M. Barrie, John Oxenham, Max Pemberton, S. R. Crockett, Anthony Hope, etc. They can be sold profitably at 35 cents, and at this price are remarkable value.

An array of juveniles surpassing in interest the splendid line of 1909 will be shown this season by Henry Frowde. The books are published in England in conjunction with Hodder & Stoughton. At their head comes a superb edition of "Robinson Crusoe," in two cloth bindings and one leather binding, illustrated in color by

Noel Pocock (7s. 6d. net and 10s. 6d. net). Three more books compiled by the inimitable Cecil Aldin follow, these are: "The Twins," a companion volume to last year's 'Pickles," "Farm Babies," along the line of "Zoo Babies," and "The White Kitten Book," recalling the "White Puppy Book" and "Black Puppy Book." All three are profusely illustrated in color. "Locomotives of the World," by J. R. Howden, is an interesting and instructive book. Other strong titles are "The Bird Book," "Ballads of Famous Fights," and "Sheaves of Gold." There is also an admirable series of six-penny juveniles with color frontispiece, including such popular titles as "Robinson Crusce," "Tales from Shakespeare," "Coral Island," "Little Women," "Andersen's Fairy Tales," etc.

Henry Frowde supplies "The People's Budget," by Rt. Hon. David Lloyd-George, published in England by Hodder & Stoughton. (30 cents).

Macmillan's Library of Foreign Travel is being made ap by the Macmillan Co. It will include such books as Sven Heden's "Trans-Himalaya," Col. Patterson's "In the Grip of the Nyika," etc.

The Maemillan Co. of Canada are importing a series of recent copyright novels in decorated cloth bindings, which they call Maemillan's Dollar Library. Among the titles received are: "White Fang," by Jack London, "Antonio," by Ernest Oldmeadow, "A Lady of Rome," by Marion Crawford, "Schastian" by Frank Danby, "The Heart of a Gypsy," by Rosamond Napier, "Chateau Royal," by J. H. Yoxall, "Spies of the Kaiser," by William Le Queux, etc.

A cheap edition of Sven Hedin's splendid book of iravel, "Trans-Himalaya," will be issued in February by the Maemillan Co. of Canada. It will come in two volumes, at \$2.50.

"Games for the Playground, Home, School and Gymnasium," by Jessie H. Bancroft, containing a collection of 400 games, is announced by the Macmillan Co. (Cloth, \$1.50 net).

The Macmillan Co. offer this month "A Book of Operas, Their Histories, Their Plots and Their Music," by Henry Edward Krehbiel. (\$1.75 net).

"The People's Law or Popular Participation in Law Making," by Charles Sumner Lobingier, Ph.D., is an important compendium published by the Maemillan Co. (\$4.00 net).

The Macmillan Co. will bring out this month "Child's World in Picture," containing story-like descriptions, illustrated by pictures of life in far-away and unknown lands. (\$1.00 net).



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**Allison, W. T. The Amber Army and Other Poems. Toronto: Briggs. 85 pages, 515x8 inches. Cloth, \$1.00. Bancroft, Jessie H. Games for the Playground, Home.

School and Gymnasium. Toronto: Macmillan. Cloth,

Blackwood, A. The Education of Uncle Paul. Toronto: Macmillan. Cloth, \$1.25.

Browne, Edith A. Greece, Peeps at Many Lands Series. Illustrated. Toronto, Macmillan, 50 cents net.

Buckley, Arabella B. Wild Life in Woods and Fields. Toronto: McClelland & Goodshild. Limp cloth, 15 cents. By Pond and River. Toronto: McClelland & Goodehild. Limp cloth, 15 cents.

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21652. Illustrated Chart of Canadian History. By John C. Saul, M.A. United Editors Limited, Toronto, 26th November.

21655. The Broken Trail. Pages from a Pastor's Experience in Western Canada. By George W. Kerby, B.A. (Book.) George W. Kerby, Calgary, Alberta, 27th November.

21677. The Canadian Men and Women of the Time. Part One. Illustrated with Portraits. Second Edition. Edited by Henry James Morgan, LL.D., D.C.L., F.R.S.C. (Book.) Albert Henry Proctor Morgan, New Liskeard, Ont., 1st December.

21678. A History of Simcoe County. By Andrew F. Hunter. In Two Volumes. Andrew F. Hunter, Barrie, 1st December.

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21685. Canadian Patent Office Practice. By W. J. Lynch, Chief Clerk of the Canadian Patent Office. (Book.) William Joseph Lynch, Ottawa, 3rd December.

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21756. Casselman Consolidated Business Accounting System. (Book.) Chester Casselman, Chesterville, Ont., 22nd December.

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21764. An Introductory English Grammer. By S. E. Lang, Winnipeg. The Copp, Clark Company, Limited, Toronto, 22nd December.

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21768. The Township of Sandwich, Past and Present. By Frederick Neal. Illustrated. (Book.) Frederick Neal, Sandwich, Ont., 23rd December.

21777. The Canadian Almanae, 1910. (Book.) The Copp, Clark Company, Limited, Toronto, 27th December.

21778, Prairie Patchwork; or, Western Poems for Western People. By Ceeil E. Selwyn. Illustrated by Ryal W. Hathway. (Book.) Ceeil Edward Selwyn, Winnipeg, 27th December.

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JANUARY FICTION APPEARING IN CANADA.

Anthony Partridge, author of "The Kingdom of Earth," has written another romance entitled "Passersby," which the Mussen Book Co. publish on or about January 12. It has London as its seene. Its heroine is a street singer, Christine, who comes to London, accompanied by Ambrose Drake, a hunehback, with a piano and monkey. The fortunes of these two are strangely linked with those of an English statesman, who in his youth led a wild and criminal career in Paris, as the leader of a band of thieves and gamblers. Here is material for a thrilling tale. (Cloth, \$1.25).

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William Briggs announces five novels for January publication. They are Baroness Orezy's story, "The Nest of the Sparrowhawk," "In the Shade," by Valentina Hawtrey, "Mary up at Gaffries," by S. C. Nethersole, "The Man Outside," by Wyndham Martyn and "Gloria," by G. Frederick Turner,

Best Sellers During December

Reports from the Leading Centres of Trade in Canada, with a Summary Showing the Most Popular Books of the Month.

Brantford.

- 1 Attic Guest. R. E. Knowles, Westminster.
- Foreigner. Ralph Connor. Westminster.
- 3 Silver Horde, Rex. Beach, Harper,
- 4 Inner Shrine, Anonymous, Mussen, 5 New North, A. D. Camern, Mussen,
- Northern Lights. Sir Gilbert Parker. Copp.

Chatham.

- 1 Foreigner. Ralph Connor. Westminster.
- 2 Attie Guest. R. C. Knowles. Westminster.
- 3 Truxton King, G. B. McCutcheon, Briggs.
- Anne of Green Gables. L. M. Montgomery. Page.
- Anne of Avonlea. L. M. Montgomery. Page,
- 6 Ballads of a Cheechako. R. W. Service. Briggs.

Edmonton.

- Foreigner. Ralph Connor. Westminster,
- Northern Lights. Gilbert Parker. Copp.
- 3 Ballads of a Cheechako. R. W. Service. Briggs.
- 4 Broken Trail. R. W. Kerby. Briggs.
- New North. A. D. Cameron. Appleton.
- 6 Anne of Avonlea. L. M. Montgomery. Page.

Guelph.

- 1 Foreigner, Ralph Connor, Westminster,
- Calling of Dan Matthews, H. B. Wright, McLeod.
- 3 Attic Guest. R. E. Knowles. Westminster.
- 4 John Marvel. T. N. Page. Copp.
- 5 Ballads of a Cheechako. R. W. Service. Briggs.
- 6 Songs of a Sourdough. R. W. Service. Briggs.

Hamilton.

- 1 Foreigner, Ralph Connor, Westminster,
- 2 Attic Guest, R. E. Knowles. Westminster.
- 3 When a Man Marries. Rinehart. McLeod. 4 Actions and Reactions. Rudyard Kipling. Macmillan.
- Northern Lights. Sir Gilbert Parker. Copp.
- It Never Can Happen Again. Wm. De Morgan.
 - Frowde. London.

- 1 Foreigner, Ralph Connor, Westminster, Calling of Dan Matthews. H. B. Wright. McLeod.
- 3 Silver Horde, Rex Beach, Harper,
- 4 Old Rose and Silver. Myrtle Reed. Putnam.
- 5 Attic Guest. R. E. Knowles. Westminster.
- 6 John Marvel, Assistant. T. N. Page, Copp.

Moncton.

- 1 Ballads of a Caeechako. R. W. Service. Briggs.
- Foreigner. Ralph Connor. Westminster.
- 3 Songs of a Sourdough. R. W. Service. Briggs.
- 4 Truxton King. G. B. McCutcheon. Briggs.
- 5 Attic Guest. R. E. Knowles. Westminster.
- 6 Danger Mark. R. W. Chambers. McLeod.

Montreal

- 1 Foreigner, Ralph Connor, Westminster,
- Anne of Avonlea. L. M. Montgomery. Page.
- Anne of Green Gables. L. M. Montgomery, Page.
- 4 Silver Horde. Rex Beach. Harper.
- 5 It Can Never Happen Again, Wm. De Morgan. Frowde.
- 6 John Marvel, Assistant, T. N. Page, Copp.

Ottawa.

- Foreigner, Ralph Connor, Westminster.
- 2 Stradella. F. M. Crawford. Maemillan.
- 3 Northern Lights. Sir Gilbert Parker. Copp.
- 4 Silver Horde. Rex Beach. Harper. 5 Anne of Avonlea. L. M. Montgomery. Page.
- 6 Attic Guest, R. E. Knowles, Westminster,

Peterborough.

- Foreigner. Ralph Connor. Westminster.
- Attic Guest. R. E. Knowles. Frowde.
- 3 Old Rose and Silver. Myrtle Reed. Putnam. 4 Northern Lights. Sir Gilbert Parker. Copp.
- 5 Goose Girl. Harold MacGrath. Westminster.
- Ballads of a Cheechako. R. W. Service. Briggs.

Port Arthur.

- 1 Foreigner. Ralph Connor. Westminster.
 - Attie Guest. R. E. Knowles. Frowde.
- Silver Horde. Rex Beach. Harper.
- 4 Ballads of a Cheechako. R. W. Service. Briggs.
- 5 Anne of Avonlea. L. M. Montgomery. Page.
- 6 Round the Fire Stones. Conan Doyle. Copp.

Quebec.

- 1 Attic Guest. R. E. Knowles. Frowde,
- 2 Foreigner. Ralph Connor. Westminster.
- 3 Bridge Builders, A. C. Ray, Mussen.
- Little Sister Snow. Frances Little, Mussen,
- 5 Going Down From Jerusalem. Norman Duncan. Harper.
- Anne of Avonlea. L. M. Montgomery. Page.

St. John, N.B.

- 1 Foreigner, Ralph Connor, Westminster,
- 2 Attic Guest. R. E. Knowles. Frowde.
- 3 Anne of Green Gables. L. M. Montgomery. Page,
- 4 Anne of Avonlea. L. M. Montgomery, Page.
- 5 Songs of a Sourdough. R. W. Service. Briggs.
- 6 Old Rose and Silver. Myrtle Reed. Putnam.

Stratford.

- 1 Foreigner, Ralph Connor, Westminster,
- Attic Guest. R. E. Knowles. Frowde.
- 3 Truxton King. G. B. McCutcheon. Briggs.
- 4 Little Sister Snow. Frances Little. Mussen.
- 5 Northern Lights. Sir Gilbert Parker. Copp.
- 6 Anne of Green Gables. L. M. Montgomery. Page
 - Toronto.

- 1 Attic Guest. R. E. Knowles. Frowde. 2 New North. A. D. Cameron. Briggs.
- 3 Bella Donna. R. Hichins. Copp.
- 4 Foreigner. Ralph Connor. Westminster. 5 Cardillae. Robert Barr. McLeod.
- 6 Northern Lights. Sir Gilbert Parker. Copp.

Winnipeg.

- 1 Foreigner. Ralph Connor. Westminster,
- 2 Ballads of a Cheechako. R. W. Service. Briggs.
- 3 Anne of Avonlea. L. M. Montgomery. Page.
- 4 Anne of Green Gables. L. M. Montgomery. Page. 5 Northern Lights. Sir Gilbert Parker. Copp.
- 6 Suitable Child. Norman Duncan. Frowde.

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- 6 Silver Horde. Rex Beach

Conducting a Circulating Library

A Librarian Tells Some of Her Experiences and How She Has Solved Some of the Problems That Have Confronted Her

By Mrs. Marvin, Before the American Booksellers' Association

Let him who thinks the duties of the librarian are simply to stamp and hand books across the desk pause, ere he chooses this for a profession. She must know her books and study her people, making them feel she takes a personal interest in them and the books they read.

Only the librarian knows too well the problems are many which confront her. If she has solved the greatest problem of all, how to keep her temper amid the many trials and provocations of the day, she has gained a vic-

tory not to be lightly esteemed.

It was nearly three years ago I sent out my first library book, explaining to the people the books were loaned for two cents a day, no deposit required, the rental the be paid when the book was returned. I was asked, of course, how we dared take the risk. I answered, "We trust in the honor of the New Haven people." It is to their credit, I can say, only in a few cases has the trust been misplaced.

Keeping Records.

We tried many methods for keeping our records, but they were cumbersome and not suited for rapid work. It was a happy day when the firm consented to buy me a eard filing cabinet. This, I think, is the quickest and most accurate system for library use. Our books are eatalogued by author, each with their own number, and easily found on the shelves. They are neatly covered with a paped cover; this is removed when the book is returned and replaced with a fresh one. It means work, but the clean appearance of our books pays for the extra trouble.

The library had only been running a short time when we were besieged to reserve books. This we decided would only lead to dissatisfaction in the end. We have, therefore, adhered strictly to the rule, "No books reserved." To this fact I attribute in a great measure our success. Every one, no matter what his station in life, has the same opportunity to obtain the new books. I have been offered money, candy, flowers, etc., to break the rule, but our absolute refusal to do so, I feel sure, has been of no loss to us, rather a gain.

Shall we deliver books? This we debated for some time, finally deciding it would be a saving of both time and money to refuse this request also. We are sincerely thankful we kept out of this pitfall. It would have taken one person's time the entire day to wrap, address books and receive telephone orders.

The Over-time Problem.

What to do about books that are not returned promptly soon became a problem that needed careful consideration. How to approach the delinquent and yet not offend. If the book has been out for three weeks we send a postal card with this formula printed on it: "We beg to remind you that a copy of — which you took out on — has not yet been returned." This in most cases has proved sufficient, still in all folds there are some black sheep. If after three notices have been

sent the book has not been brought back, we put it in the hands of our collector. That his pathway is not strewn with roses he could tell you better than I.

Some of the excuses given why the books have not been returned are unique, to say the least. Our store was closed Washington's birthday. About three weeks afterward a book was brought in by a young lady, who said, "I tried to return this book on Washington's birthday, but could not get in the store. Must I pay the extra fine?" When I called her attention to the fact that quite a time had elapsed since the 22nd of February and the 15th of March, she still could not see why she was expected to pay the full amount. Another patron, after keeping out a book for over a month, returned it with this excuse: "I went to New York just after I took out this book, the maid put it in the bookease, and I supposed it had been returned, until I received your notice this morning. You surely do not intend to charge me a month's dues." The fact that had the book been returned promptly, it would have been paying for itself, does not seem to occur to them.

Is a Catalogue Advisable?

The "pros and cons" of a catalogue were discussed at length. The library grew to such an extent it seemed wise to publish one. We do not regret the expense. Books that have been standing on our shelves for months have taken a new lease of life, many people saying, "I did not know you had that book in the library until I saw it in your catalogue."

How many copies of the popular books to put in the library each librarian must judge for herself. It depends upon the demand and the number of patrons. We put in from ten to thirty copies, these more than pay for

themselves.

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In my opinion the circulating library, when properly managed, is a paying adjunct to any bookstore. The public library does not put in a large supply of fiction and it is new fiction the public taste craves. This want the circulating library fills at a small expense. Our experience has been that the profits from the library far exceed the profits from the sale of books. Whether the sale of fiction has decreased since the library opened we have not decided. This fact I do know—many books have been read from the library and afterwards copies bought to keep or give to friends

Do Libraries Stimulate Trade?

Has trade in other parts of the store been stimulated since opening the library? This is a point on which

we differ. I can only speak from a personal standpoint, I do know people have come into the store since the iibrary was established who never entered it before. Many of them stop to buy things from departments near the library; there my point of view ends.

For fear I ride my hobby too long and so become tiresome, I will relate a few amusing incidents that have

come under my notice.

One Saturday night a young lady rushed in and breathlessly asked if I had a Seuttle in the library. I went to the shelf, took down the "Shuttle," stamped and gave it to her. I have often wondered if she ever awoke to her mistake. A few minutes afterwards a girl came in and asked for "Jim Crow's Daughter." This was too much for my assistants, they started to laugh; so when I handed her "The Daughter of Anderson Crow" she quickly saw her mistake and laughed with us. But hest of all was the request for "The Splinter's Farm"; just for a second I hesitated, then realized the "Spin-Morgan's books one day I said: "Some people compare him to Dickens." The person asked: "Has Dickens written anything new lately?" And this the 20th center's Farm" was wanted. In recommending one of Detury.

Thus goes the day's work, much that annoys mingled with much that amuses, and I am glad to say the bright spots far outnumber the dark ones.



Illustration from "Seymour Charlton" by W. B. Maxwell. (Copp. Clark Co.)

SEYMOUR CHARLTON.

The Canadian publishers of "Seymour Charlton," by W. B. Maxwell, (The Copp, Clark Co.), intend to start a special campaign to introduce this book more intimately to the attention of Canadian readers. The novel is undoubtedly one of the most important of the day. It has been highly praised by the most discriminating crities and has had a great reception in England. Now that the public are having a little leisure to pick out novels worth while, from the avalanche of last fall, this book will undoubtedly come to its own.

ROYAL USERS OF IDEAL PENS.

The Daily Mail, of London, recently contained an advertisement of the London house of the L. E. Waterman Co. There was a noticeable list of users of Waterman's Ideal fountain pens, as follows. His Majesty the King of England, His Majesty the King of Italy, His Majesty the King of Spain, His Majesty the King of Greece, Her Majesty the Queen of Greece, and the President of the United States.

AMONG THE PUBLISHERS.

A new firm, composed of William J. Barse and John H. Hopkins, to be known as Barse & Hopkins, has been established at 296 Broadway, New York. They have purchased the entire publishing business of Brewer, Barse & Co., Chicago. It is the purpose of the firm to carry on a general publishing business along original and popular lines.

J. M. Dent & Co., London, have been turned into a private company, under the title of J. M. Dent & Sons, Ltd. J. M. Dent, as chairman of directors, will continue to guide the policy of the business, while Hugh Railton Dent becomes managing director.

On December 10 the centenary of the establishment of the firm of Blackie & Sons, Limited, was celebrated by a complimentary soirce and concert, given by the employes in the city hall, Glasgow.

TRADE CHANGES.

G. P. Minaker, publisher of the Gladstone (Man.) Age, has opened a book and stationery store in connection with the Age Publishing Co.'s business.

Stewart & Thomas, 61 Albert Street, Toronto, stationers and bookbinders, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by F. S. Thomas, under the style of F. S. Thomas & Co.

The partnership heretofore subsisting between Alvin Grigg and Perey C. Doran, as the Grigg Book & Stationery Company, Pembroke, has been dissolved. Alvin Grigg will continue the business under the old name.

W. B. W. Armstrong, Parry Sound, has sold his book and stationery business to his brother, J. E. T. Armstrong, of Toronto, and will give his whole time and attention to the C.P.R. ticket, telegraph and express agency in Parry Sound.

The item in November Bookseller and Stationer to the effect that W. A. Douglas, of Edmonton, had secured the business of R. J. Stephenson, late of Wetaskiwin, was neowrect. The change that did take place was that Mr. Stephenson became manager of the wholesale and retail departments of the Douglas Co., Edmonton. His Wetaskiwin business was sold to E. A. Hutchins in August, and then Mr. Stephenson took a trip to the coast.

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