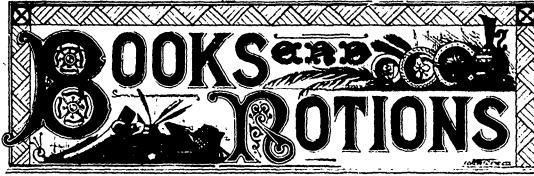
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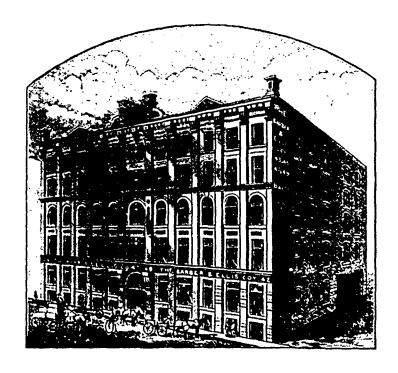
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A movement which gives an increased profit of \$200 a day to the newsagents of Ontario, or \$62,400 a year, is worth telling of even twice or three times, and when it has been gained by the action, individual and united, of the newsdealers themselves, it illustrates the fact that they have a power which can make itself felt, and which should be exercised when their interests are at stake.

Some interested parties are attempting to prove that the new rates to newsagents on Toronto daily papers are the result, not of the action of the newsagents but of a combine of the three great dailies.

To those who know the true inwardness of the case, this is sheer nonsense; but for fear that some of our readers might be led away by their sophistry, we give a condensed history of the whole movement.

At the annual meeting of the Booksellers' and Stationers' Association, held in Toronto, March 9th, 1887, Messrs. T. J. Day and B. H. Rothwell were appointed as a committee to interview the publishers of Toronto dailies with a view to an improvement in the commission to newsdealers. They did their work well, and each of the publishers interviewed agreed that the commission was too small, and agreed to consider a new scale of rates.

A short time after this the publishers of The Mail issued as they had promised a new schedule, which in its general features was very nearly the same as the present general rates, and newsagents were pleased to see this first result from their work. The other publishers did not, however, follow suit, and on the 28th of May The Mail issued a circular in which the following passages occur: "Since that time" (the time at which they sent out their new rates) "we have been considering the matter and gathering all the facts, which appear to be as follows: First-Newsagents say that it costs just as much to handle one paper as another - a one cent paper as a two cent paper-and where delivery is made it costs just as much to deliver one paper as the other. Second-We find that newsagents all over the country are handling papers on which they have a margin of only one-third of a cent a copy. In some cases they are even delivering papers for this small commission. Third-They inform us that they are able to handle these small papers simply because they may as well sell all when they sell one, and the

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profit on The Mail pays for the delivery or handling of the others. We desire news agents to have a fair profit on their work At the same time we do not feel that we ought to be supplying facilities for other newspapers to compete with us. If papers ! forced upon the public at such low prices as agents receive the same attention from those agents as papers on which there is good pro that we could not afford to handle papers at as those of the newsagents, and will have to reduce the margin of profit to the lowest point We are willing to do one of two things cither newsagents must cease to handle other papers at a less profit than they get on The Mail, or we will reduce the commission to meet the lowest fraction on which agents handle other dadies."

The position taken by The Mail was the correct one, and the Executive Committee of the Booksellers' Association at a special meeting called to consider the subject passed the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the profits to newsagents on handling daily newspapers are entirely inadequate, and that all efforts looking toward an increase of those profits should receive the hearty co-operation of the trade

"That on examination of The Mail's special circulars to newsagents dated May 28th, 1888, and July 10th, 1888, we believe that they are making an honest endeavor to place the commissions on a proper basis, and should receive general support from dealers.

dividual newsagent. One here and anothers there and a hundred from all over wrote in to the publishers pressing for a new rate, explaining that the old commissions were utterly inadequate, and that finally they would have to cease handling any paper which would not give them proper profits

In November Mr. Sharpe, President of the Booksellers and Stationers' Association, and Mr. B. H. Rothwell, of Brantford, were again instructed to interview the publishers. Their work this time resulted in a circular from The Globe on November 26th, suggesting a new schedule of rates, and asking the dealers for their approval.

The Managing Director of The Empire had also been seen by the committee, and he stated that the rates proposed by them (which were almost identical with those now adopted met with his approval, and would if adopted by other publishers be accepted by him for The Empire

The above is the story of the transaction which brings an increased profit of \$62,400 per year to the pockets of our newsdealers, and we want the pruse to be placed where it belongs. First to Messrs. Sharpe, Day and change.

The improved condition of affairs brings bring the matter in from the States by freight that we would live loyally by the conditions, to the Customs Department of the Post to preclude the possibility of fair profits to thing in it to push for. 2nd-The strongest reduction, plank in our representatives' platform was fit, we must consider our own interests as well any less commission than that asked for and now granted. We must not stultify them by continuing to handle other publications at a less margin. To carry out this provision it is not necessary to cease selling any paper, but we should make the retail price large enough to yield the one cent per copy margin for each delivered paper.

> And now finally a hint as to where the most money is in these rates for us. The net rate to dealers is 1 4 cents per copy or \$4 by the year. One and one-half cents a copy comes cent, truly good interest on your money. Any agent who can in any way do so should thus obtain the benefit of the best rate. publishers say that it is worth this difference to avoid expenses in bookkeeping and making drafts, and we may as well take advantage of it.

Since writing the above we learn that the After this commenced the action of the inrates, and will thus give our Western Ontario members still another chance for profit. Other publishers may have adopted the rates, if so we will be pleased to hear from them and give them the benefit of the announcement. Will newsdealers kindly forward to us immediately on receipt any new rate cards they may receive.

POSTAGE ON PERIODICALS.

When in Ottawa Messrs, A. S. Irving and D. Rose had an interview with the Deputy-Postmaster-General regarding a reduction in the postage on periodicals to meet the competition with the States. They urged a reduction for 4c. to 1c. per lb., being the rate now charged from the States to Canada. They received but little encouragement, however. Colonel Smith said that there was a deficit now of over \$750,000, and the Department wanted to reduce rather than increase it. Mr. Rose asked for a reduction in the paper-covered book postage, but the Deputy said it would be impossible to consider the matter. On the other hand, the States authorities, which now carried them at a cent a pound rate, intended placing them at a selves upon a basis which would admit of book rate, namely, 4c. per lb.

Rothwell, second to those local associations allowed to rest, so unfair is it to the Canadian the fact that it is the most satisfactory way and agents who pressed the publishers for a trade. Some of the dealers have lost heavily of insuring good faith on the part of all a by it. As is well known, dealers used to Obviously the trust method is in opposition

with it certain responsibilities to the dealer, 'and express. Now the bulk of this is brought The better rates were obtained by: 1st-A in by mail. Private citizens have it delivered promise on the part of our representatives; at their houses free, while dealers have to go that we would not cut on prices, and that we Office for theirs. A petition is to be drawn would push the business when there was some- up and circulated at once, asking for the

THE TENDENCY OF TRADE.

A recent issue of the Boston Herald contains the following interesting article upon the subject: It seems to be the opinion of some of the best informed European authorities that what is termed the American system of trade is fast coming into use in all of the civilized countries of the world, and that its development is likely to be productive of great changes in the ordinary methods of business. This American system consists in the keenest sort of competition, brought about by the thorough utilization of every cent of capital employed. This leads to the rapid to \$4.68 for the year -a difference of 68 cents turning over of stocks of goods, on the theory for payment in advance, a difference of 17 per | that quick sales and small profits are to be preferred to slow sales with the change of large profits; in the enlargement of both pay in advance for his regular supply, and mercantile and manufacturing enterprises, so as to reduce by the size of the output the proportionate costs of rent, taxes, insurance and other fixed charges. The effect of all this has been to reduce the price of almost all articles of consumption to their purchasers, and to compel the seller to be content with a fraction of profit which in years past would have been altogether insufficient to make the business a satisfactory one.

> Naturally, under such conditions, those enterprises have succeeded best where there has been an abundance of capital or credit to enable the managers to buy whenever the market seemed to justify a purchase without regard to stocks on hand, trusting to exceptionally large sales caused by special inducements in the way of low prices. We are now informed that in European countries, both in retail and wholesale business, competition is producing practically the same results; that is, the consolidation of the manufacture and distribution of products in fewer and fewer hands, in consequence of the considerable reductions in incidental costs that attend large operations, or operations conducted on the theory of quick sales.

It is pointed out that one of the potent causes for the formation of trusts may be found in this evolution of business methods, since the keenness of the competition has been such that often the margin for profits has been entirely swept away, and the interested manufacturers or merchants have considered it necessary to agree among themprofits to all included within their combina-It is not likely that the matter will be tion, the form of trust owing its adoption to

to the direct tendency of business, and, under a system of competition unrestricted by customs regulations, there can be little doubt that in most cases it would not be effective in greatly increasing prices; and, indeed, if its continuance depended upon such increases it could not long exist. An exception may be bers of the Government on January 22nd, a refound in the case of the copper trust or combination. But it is said that here the chief called for that purpose. part of the profit which the copper monopoly consisted of Messrs. J. Ross Robertson, Preproposes to obtain comes less from the con-sident of the Association; A. S. Irving, D. sumer than from the dealers in copper, who A. Rose, A. W. Croil, G. H. Suckling and R. have been able to make disproportionate T. Lancefield, Toronto; and John Lovell, gains in consequence of the past fluctuations John Macfarlane and Ald. J. Rolland, Monin the price of that metal. That is, the intent of the copper trust is to make money by crowding down the middlemen by more direct | Sir John Thompson, Messrs. Pope, Carling, dealings with the consumers of copper, Whether this operation will or will not be at- Foster. tended with success by the combination over which Mr. Secretan presides, it is, no doubt, a method which is likely to be more and more resorted to as competition increases in intensity and new economies are found necessary.

The weak and inactive rivals having been driven out of the business, and the trade held by them taken up, the more enterprising and pushing of the business men will be on the lookout for new opportunities of profit. Expenses in the form of salaries and wages cannot be greatly reduced. Indeed, the tendency is directly the other way. But the middlemen, in the form of retail dealers, jobbers, commission merchants and the like, constitute a considerable force, which can from time to time be depleted to the benefit of manufacturers; that is, the nearer he can approach to the consumer and deal directly with the latter the greater the advantage to both parties. This process of elimination may prove a slow one, but it is one which seems inevitable, and the more trade and manufacture are consolidated in a few hands the easier it will be to carry them on without the assistance of those who have hitherto taken an active share in distribution. Commenting upon this change, an English writer says that two big depots for the sales of their wares, one used by the manufacturers of Bradford and the other by those of Lyons, would half ruin every retail dry goods dealer in London. But operations on this scale are in the line of present business development, and, whether we foncy the results or not, there seems to be no other alternative but to submit to them with such grace as we may.

The usefulness of trade papers has been tried and tested; they have been weighed in the balance and not found wanting; and look where you may, when you find a man in the front rank of his calling, gradually drawing away from his fellows, opening up new sources of supply, searching out and creating new fields of demand, there you will find a man who is availing himself in fullest measure of the possibilities of success that the "class" journal brings to his command.—The Timberman.

THE COPYRIGHT QUESTION.

A deputation representing the Canadian Copyright Association were afforded an opportunity of placing their views on the subject of Canadian copyright before the memspecial meeting of the Council having been The deputation treal. The members of the Council present were: Mr. Mackenzie Bowell (in the chair), Tupper, Costigan, Haggart, Dewdney and

Mr. Robertson said the deputation desired to present a memorial signed by over 2,000 names, comprising representatives from all the Provinces in the Dominion, including over 300 booksellers, 300 publishers and manufacturers, and over 1,500 type-setters, stereotypers, bookbinders, paper makers and others engaged in industries which pertain to the art of bookmaking in Canada. The memorial was based strictly on the lines of the National Policy, a policy that to-day was the plank on which the Government controlled the country, a policy which was adopted, as far as copyright is concerned, in 1870, reiterated in 1872 and again in 1875, when it was distinctly provided that copyright in Canada could only be secured when the book was first printed and published in this country. The Copyright Association felt that the Berne Bill, if applied to Canada, would practically emasculate the entire trade in the Dominion in connection with books, and that the publishers would be ruined. So far as the operation of that bill went, the inhabitants of Spain, Switzerland, Tunis and Tripoli would be practically Canadians for copyright purposes. Under the Berne Bill no one could import from the United States a reprint of English copyright works, which were to-day furnished to the Canadian public at prices ranging from 15c, to 75c. The importation of educational works containing extracts from copyrighted books would also be stopped, and, what was most important, this Berne Act would be retroactive in its character, and would apply to all books copyrighted years ago in England. To-day the Canadian reader could secure for 50c, the reprint of an English book which, under the Berne Act, he would only be able to obtain across the sea and import at a cost of \$7. The Canadian public would be unable to pay these prices, and the result would be that they would have to go without the works. He cited the cases of two well-known works, "In Far Lochaber" and "Robert Elsmere," the English publishers of which declined to allow it to be published in Canada, the result being that the Canadian market was flooded with place Canadian publishers on a footing to

American reprints. Had "Robert Elsmere" been published in Canada it would have involved an expenditure of from \$6,000 to \$7,000, and if the Act which the deputation desired were law to-day, Mrs. Ward, the authoress, would have obtained on the 20,000 copies sold in Canada a royalty of \$1,000. far more than she has got as it is.

Mr. Robertson pointed out that a very large amount of money is sunk in the printing business in Canada, but the English bookseller, with that keen eye to business which had always characterized him, had persistently rfeused to sell the Canadian market to the Canadian publisher and Interally farmed out Canada as a publishing ground, telling them. "If you want books, you must go to the market of New York and Boston for them." "Blackwood" now sold for 30 of 40 cents, but under the Berne Act "Blackwood" would cost 75 cents, and "Littell's Living Age," which contained extracts from all copyright works, could not be imported at all. To-day the Americans can obtain copyright in Canada through the English publisher, where the Canadian with his machinery, type, energy and enterprise could not obtain it, and the American author could obtain a British copyright by assigning his copyright to an English publisher, which copyright covers Canada, The man who made the carpet, the gasalier, the various articles of furniture in that room had protection, but the printer got none whatever. Dearly as they loved the old flag and the connection with the Mother Country, as nine-tenths of the Canadian people, he believed, did, they maintained that fealty to the Old Land carried with it no obligation to sacrifice the interests of the Canadian to the greed of the English publisher, and for that matter the English author. The English publishers so far had taken every means in their power, directly and indirectly, to force on the Canadian people an Act repugnant to them, and had endeavoured to use the people of this country to attain that end. The delegation thought that patriotic considerations should not deter them from doing that which was to the advantage of the Canadian as opposed to the British publisher. The policy they advocated was the logical development of the policy which was making this a great nation; a policy that was nurturing the young industries of this country into life and prosperity; a policy which they thought should give relief to at least-half a dozen great interests in connection with the trade of book making. He had no doubt that Hon. Mr. Bowell, from his knowledge of the business, would readily comprehend the large interests involved. It affected the entire book trade of Canada-the printer, the binder, the stereotyper and others directly engaged in the art of book production, and above all it affected the reader. They asked the Government not to allow the people of this country to be imposed on by the English publisher, but to

enable them to compete with their American rivals. They were perfectly willing to give to others what they asked for themselves. The main point of the Act proposed was the payment of a royalty. Under a royalty Mrs. Ward would have received ten per cent, on f the retail price of all copies of her book sold in Canada, which would have been a magnificent profit to her and her publishers. He trusted the views of the delegation would commend themselves to the members of the Government, and that they would either accept the bill presented or frame another to suit the requirements of the case, so that the printing interests of Canada might be fully protected. They looked to the Government for this, because it lay in its power, by any action the Government might take in this matter, to either make or unmake, to either aid or irretrievably emasculate and practically annihilate what interested most vitally the publishers of the Dominion Mr. John Lovell, as representing the Eastern delegation, said he thought the matter had been fairly and honestly placed before the Governsince 1823, and could testify from long experience that it was utterly impossible to heations by the mail service. [Empire make any impression on the English publishers. In 1872 he went to England to try and prevail on the publishers to make some concession to the trade in Canada, and was finally told that they would never allow colonists to reprint their books. The greatest ignorance prevailed among the English publishers, and they looked upon this country as entirely American

Mr. Bryce complained that Canadian publishers who had registered their works in the Department of Agriculture were not protected by the Customs Department He was told by the Customs collectors that they had no right to do so, and that his only recourse was the law courts if his copyright were infringed upon by American reprints. The English publisher in this respect was protected, as 1212 per cent duty was collected in such a case

Mr. Bowell in reply said. I think I am but expressing the opinion of every one of my colleagues when I say that we are very much president has laid the whole subject before about his place the council, and I can safely promise that it made in reference to the difficulties he has the existing insurance facilities. through the Customs, if I find the difficulty lies tempting or have used to sympathy. through the Customs, it i must us such that my comes the success with my department, that matter will have my comes the success. Merchant's Review.

ADVERTISING SHEETS.

It is not all improbable that the Postmasterthe Post-office Act at the coming session, in so far as it relates to the free postal delivery of printed matter. Hon, Mr. McLelan, before he left office, made a thorough enquiry into the subject, and came to the conclusion that something ought to be done to stop the free delivery through the mails of certain soi disant newspapers, which are in reality nothing but advertising sheets. There is no intention to interfere with the bona fide newspaper, but only with the large number of "fake" publications which have come into existence since free transmission through the mails was accorded to newspapers. Last year to one railway company the department paid the rather large sum of \$50,000 for the carriage of printed matter alone, and with a deficit of half a million last year and a prospective reduction of letter postage from three to two cents, the Postmaster-General will do well to economize by making those few individuals who own publications to "toot" either their ment. He had been in the printing business, own business or somebody else's for a con-Sideration, pay for the delivery of their pub-

> The Postmaster-General will do a wise as well as popular act if he will adopt the course above mentioned. Free postage for newspapers would no doubt be a blessing to the public and the publishers but for the fact that such a horde of fakirs have taken advantage of the rather loose wording of the act, and all kinds of advertising schemes have been made to sail under the title of newspapers and secure free delivery.

> The authorities have done their best by subsequent rulings to abate the nuisance, but have only succeeded in a measure, and today many publications, which are merely the advertising circular for some firm or firms are circulated by the mail at the expense of the general public. This was not the intention of the act, which was framed for the benefit of the KEAI newspaper publisher and the actual subscriber, but which is in reality working to their disadvantage.

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every one of us. Speaking for invself I real-Imerchant will be able to insure himself not Policy speech, and personally I thank him for value of perishable goods or articles that it. I think he is in the right direction any- have gone out of style. There are some if he will put into writing the statement he has the age that they do not take advantage of encountered in enforcing the copyright law tempting of fate invites disaster and when it

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

Kennan's Siberian articles in the Century General will recommend an amendment of are attracting great attention everywhere. The Century Company have issued an enlarged reproduction of the map of Siberia, showing the route taken by Mr. Kennan. Copies are mailed in a roller to any address for ten cents.

> The Yankee dialect made famous in Lowell's "Biglow Papers" is now scarcely to be heard in New England, save in odd corners like the home of "Cape Cod Folks," or in the mountain fastnesses of New Hampshire, or among the Berkshire Hills. A new writer, Ella Loomis Pratt, who has done some clever sketches from the last-named region in the columns of the Springfield Republican, and other journals, has treated that life and dialect in a full-fledged novel, "A Gentleman of Fairden," which is announced as a feature of the Literary News, New York, for 1889. It is said to abound in pleasant and humorous pictures of places and people in the Berk-

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"John Bodewin's Testimony," by Mary Hallock Foote, has been issued by J. Theo. Robinson, Montreal. The Montreal Gazette says, "As a vivid picture of Western mining life it has no superior."

"The Battle of the Swash, or the Capture of Canada," by Samuel Barton, is a wellwritten sketch, after the idea of "The Battle of Dorking," The author is a bosom friend of Chauncey M. Depew, and an authority on Wall Street. His clever satire has had a large sale in the United States.

"Mr Incoul's Misadventure," by Edgar Saltus, which had such a run in the United States, over 30,000 copies having already been sold, has been republished by the Montreal News Co at 25 cents. Mr. Saltus is a clever writer, full of bright sayings, and a master of the English language. "Mr. Incoul's Misadventure" bids fair to be as great a success as Edgar Saltus' previous works.

February Outing contains as usual interesting articles on all kinds of sport. Among The insurance idea is probably only in its; the contents of this month's are .- "Winter will receive the most serious consideration of infancy. The day may come when the retail Shooting in South Carolina," "Across Wyoming on Horseback," "Sleighing," "Blades of ize, and if I were in business now probably I only against loss by fire and by death in his Steel," "On a Canadian Farm in Midwinter," would realize it the more, the great importance stable, but against the depredations of dis"A Russian Wolf Hunt," and a weird, paof the industries in which you are engaged. honest clerks, the delinquent debtor and the thetic tale of mountain life entitled, "Herne, Mr. Robertson has made a strong National loss incurred in his stock by depreciation in the Hunter." This is a specially interesting number.

The Methodist Book and Publishing House way. (Laughter) I would say to Mr Bryce merchants, however, who are so far behind have just issued new and cheap editions of two books by I. Jackson Wray :-- "Nestleton Magna, a story of Yorkshire Methodism," and "Matthew Mellowdew, a story with more heroes than one." Price 60 cents each. Also new editions of Stanley's "Through the

Dark Continent"; "Songs of Salvation," by Crossley and Hunter; and a new music book | arrive; by Whyte Brothers, entitled, "Songs of Calbook "Manual of Evidence in Civil Cases," the Montreal News Company. by R. E. Kingsford and J. E. Kingsford.

the publication, January 5th, of "A Latin Gunther, the writer of those popular books Dictionary for Schools," by Charlton T. "Mr. Barnes of New York," and "Mr. Potter Lewis, Ph.D., the editor of "Harper's Latin of Texas. J. Theo. Robinson, Montreal, Dictionary." It is not an abridgment, but an entirely new and independent work, designed to explain every word or phrase in the Latin literature commonly read in schools, the complete works of Caesar, Terence, Cicero, Livy, Nepos, Virgil, Horace, Ovid, Juvenal, Phiedrus, and Curtius, the Catiline and Jugurtha of Sallust, the Germania and Agricola Mrs. Langtry and Mrs. Potter were taken of Tacitus, and a few words found in some specially for use in preparing these illustraextracts of Florus, Eutropius, and Justinus. The original meaning of every word is first given, and then the modifications which it own the only successful graphite mines in

As we go to press two more new books

"The Truth about Tristrem Varick." A vary." The same house announces a law novel by Edgar Saltus. Published by the

"How I Escaped." A novel, by W. H. Messrs, Harper & Brothers announce the Parkins; edited by Archibald Clavering issues this edition at 25 cents.

> Harper's Bazar, published February 1st, will contain pictures of Miss Mary Anderson, Mrs. Langtry and Mrs. Potter in the Shake pearian characters which they have presented during the current season. Photographs of

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underwent in usage. The editor has prefer- America, situated at Ticonderoga, N.Y. They eral plan of the work was not finally adopted make this dictionary the best of its kind.

The third number of School Work and Play, a journal for Canadian boys and girls, published by the Grip Printing and Publishing Co., is to hand. It is full of interesting matter with numerous illustrations. It is edited by W. H. Houston, M.A.

questions at once interesting and useful.

red illustrations drawn from the earliest also own a vast water-power at the outlet of authors read by the students - Casar's Gallic Lake George into Lake Champlain, where War, Cicero's Orations against Catiline, and they have a mill six stories high and ninety the first books of Virgil's Æncid. The gen- feet square for the perfecting of their graphite, a view is given above. This gives until after consultation with thirty of the the Company an advantage over any other leading Latin scholars and teachers in the establishment in the world in the graphite country, in fact no pains were spared by the trade, and enables them to produce highly editor, and no expense by the publishers, to perfected grades of graphite suitable for every branch of the mechanical arts, at moderate prices. Their factory and general offices are at New Jersey, N.J.

Considerable interest has been excited in J. M. Barrie by the publication of the novel by this author, "When a Man's Single, a Tale of Literary Life," from the press of Harper & Brothers. J. M. Barrie is known have a large sale. Practical Problems in Arithmetic, by James in England as the author of "Auld Licht" Edinburgh Eleven," containing sketches, pository.

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William Bryce has added to "Bryce's Library" "Commodore Junk," by G. Manville Fenn. This novel is full of action. bright and interesting throughout. It should

"Leaning on Jesus' and "A Prayer for White, is to hand from the press of the Grip Idylls," a collection of reminiscences of life Guidance are the titles of two pretty little Publishing Co. It will supply teachers with in a old Scotch weaving village, and of "An booklets issued by the Willard Tract Re-

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor BOOKS AND NOTIONS:

Sir, I do not agree with Mr. Kirby, in properly to their notice, your last issue, that the Copyright law is at a fault, or has anything to do with the ill success of a Canadian work of merit; but he part, as no one is more anxious than I to see has struck the key note in accusing the pub. the native literature of Canada prosper, and lisher of want of interest once he has got his it know how much is dependent upon the victim to go the whole expense in the pro- intelligent bookseller to attain it. duction of the work. Here is the real secret; of the failure of all Canadian books. The publisher has no interest in it beyond his commission, large as it is, and yet not large enough to cope with the profit he makes on certain classes of foreign books, which he naturally labours to sell, to the neglect of the you another Dollar which pays up to the end Canadian author's productions,

Well has "Fitz Greene Halleck" proclaimed, "I have long since learned that the success of a work depends more upon the publisher than its author. And this view is confirmed by a letter I received lately from a leading French writer, who has published, at his own expense, many a volume of classical poetry and prose, who observes that he has long ceased attempting to issue a volume for sale, as never mind how meritorious it might be it would not sell

He had resolved upon giving his MSS as a present to the publisher (no doubt to get him interested) only requesting a few copies in return to distribute among his friends

I am credited with having issued the most successful volume in Canada of recent years I am pleased to say that the "Fall of New France" has been a success. But why? sim ply because I personally have done the publisher's work by

1st. Issuing the volume at my own cost; and, Issuing the announcements of it both to the public and to booksellers (for the latter would have heard nothing of it otherwise);

3rd, Printing and circulating the reviews in circular form;

4th, The employment of agents and canvassers:

5th, Not a spasmodic but a continuous interest in effecting its sale

By which an huberto unheard-of event in Canadian publishing bas been attained a first edition of five times the usual number printed, and nearly all sold, of an historical and fine art volume, in place of a very triding and limited edition, with the bulk left on the publisher's shelves, to find their way, in the not distant future, to the paper mill, an experience far too many of our able authors have had to mourn

Mr Kirby and the French author are right in their conclusion not to publish (at their expense' for the benefit of the public, if they i intend to depend upon the publisher to sell. a little interest be evinced by them and the stated that G. C. Mortimore contemplates re- the order of the day the coming season.

success of such of the Canadian authors as to blame for the backward state of native literature in Canada, as I know from experi-

I trust, Mr. Editor, the reproof I have seen occasion to administer will be taken in good

I am, sir, yours truly, GERALD E. HART. Montreal, January 29th, 1889.

BRUSSELS, 10th Jan., 1889. Success to BOOKS AND NOTIONS. I send of 1890. G. A. DEADMAN.

NIAGARA FALLS, July 1st, 1889. The compliments of the season, and a prosperous year to BOOKS AND NOTIONS. The enclosed Dollar pays my subscription to end of 1890. ABEL LAND.

ST. CATHARINES, Jan. 16, 1889. DEAR SIR, I enclose \$1 for two years' subscription for BOOKS AND NOTIONS, which is always a welcome visitor, and always interesting. The holiday trade was moderately good, but hardly up to last year. The sale of cards was considerably less than last year, but moderate priced artistic booklets had a large sale. As to plush goods—every store in the city dry goods, jewellers, druggists, etc., had them, and were pushing them at very little over cost consequently this trade was somewhat demoralized. We had a good sale of board books, and shelf books sold a little better than for two or three years past, Wishing you a happy and prosperous year,

> I remain, yours truly, M. Y. KEATING.

DEAR SIR, - Re The Copyright Question. There is one thing to which I object in the copyright law. It allows anyone to take an old book or an old piece of music they may have been in circulation for 100 years- and copyright it. The publishers find a song or a set of exercises selling well and he makes improvement in the new one. Of course, I by anyone who wants to buy the right, but I do not believe in allowing copyright on anything that has already been published. There are lots of others in the trade who believe as BOOKSELLER, Peterboro'.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 21, 1889.

tiring from business and taking a position in descrive it will be assured. They alone are Toronto. He is a general favourite with the trade here. The winter has been unusually open. No snow of any consequence until the ence the public will buy if the book is brought | middle of this month. The air is thick with commercial travellers. WINNIPEG.

> P.S. I shall be east in two weeks and will drop in to see you.

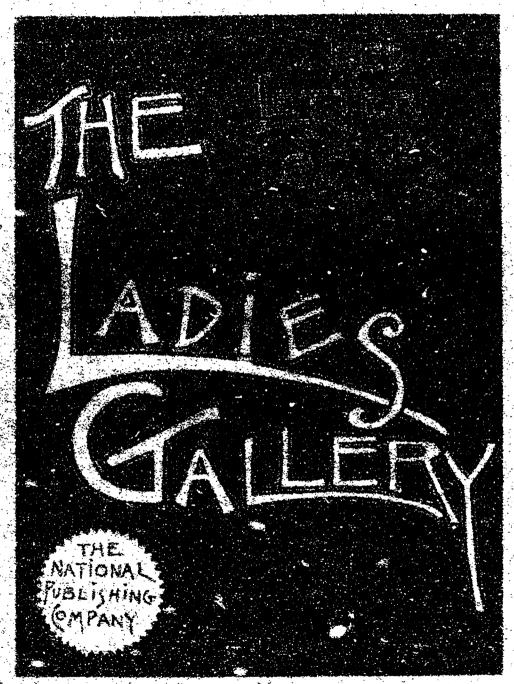
> > MANITOWANING, Jan. 1, 1889.

DEAR SIR, Has fall trade and Xmas trade been good? Well yes! Sales over an average up this way. Still tramps and scabs enjoy quite a good living out of the legitimate trade of the North Shore and Island. Have cards sold well? Yes, from here to Sault Ste Marie. How can country booksellers and stationers afford the inroads of general merchants upon their Christmas sales? Why, deal in their lines as much as possible, all the year around. Adopt yourself to your circumstances; if you do not you will go under. A hundred years from now there will not be, apparently, any exclusive bookstores. Forewarned is forearmed. Yours truly, W. J. TUCKER.

Editor BOOKS AND NOTIONS:

SIR, Dickens graphically describes the feeling in Montreal just now, when he gave the title "Great Expectations," to one of his works and there is every reason to hope they will be realized. The recent cold spell and snowstorm giving us three feet of "the beautiful," has set Carnival booming, all classes benefit, the booksellers and printers not the least; all the large lithographic establishments are full, working till midnight, getting our "Carnival Makes" (and I believe some of the Toronto houses also). Amongst the largest now going on are the Star Carnival Number, or P. Morland's, the Witness Carnival Number, or Bishop's, and Henderson's Ice Paiace picture, or the Canada Bank Note Co., the sales of all these as well as innumerable others are expected to be large. For a while it was thought we would not be able to run a Carnival this year owing to the open season, but whoever saw Montreal without an icebridge, and with weather to form a bridge. Our carnival is near; the preparations to entertain our visitors are on a very large scale, far ahead of any previous up his mind to copyright. Under the present year, in addition to the usual toboggan, skatlaw he may do so, and I don't see any ing, snowshocing, etc. (see small bills). The sight of the illumination and storming of the don't object to a new book, a new piece of Ice Palace by ten thousand snowshoers in music, or a new anything being copyrighted costumes, and torches, and the grand drive , with some thirty or forty large cars all manned by our different clubs in comic dress will be long remembered. We hope to see lots of our Western and other friends down. The Christmas trade here was fairly up to the mark, in some cases ahead of last year; cards sold well, but not the very expensive. There is a DEAR SIR. The holiday trade was excel- feeling that the bottom of the card trade may their work, so long as the present apathy exists lent the best in the history of the city - drop out any day, and in that case the reamong both publishers and booksellers. Let standard books especially in demand. It is tailers will suffer fair, hence caution will be

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CHESLEY, Jan. 3, 1889.

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ing you one dollar for two years' subscription tion to BOOKS AND NOTIONS, and in saving that I appreciate your publication very highly. Notwithstanding our severe fire of June 9th, we have all got comfortably settled in our new stores which are larger and better adapted for our several wants than our previous premises. The fire has had the usual result of bringing more business men to our village than it can reasonably be expected to support. Already the permicious effects are visible in cutting of prices, etc. I enclose you a copy of the advertisement, taken from this week's local paper, of the last arrival in our line. The loss of snow has been a great drawback to us in this north-timber country, but on the whole trade has been satisfactory, and really better than I anticipated. Trusting that you will have a prosperous year, and that BOOKS AND NOTIONS will long continue to be a regular visitant. I remain, yours truly,

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We are sorry that the cut rate man has struck Chesley, but Mr. Goodeve may comfort himself with the reflection that he is not by any means the only sufferer from that sort | St. Thomas. of infliction.

TRADE CHAT.

The Barber & Ellis Company, 43 to 49 Bay Street, Toronto, have had printed probably the finest stationery catalogue that has ever been issued in that line in Canada. It is well printed, conveniently arranged, and complete. Where possible the prices of goods are given, and it is well illustrated. Altogether it is a valuable book of reference for every one handling any of their lines of goods. The Barber & Ellis Company are now located in magnificent quarters, having abundance of space, light, and every other convenience.

N. Wheeler & Co., of Hamilton, report trade up to the average. Cards were their best selling line at Christmas, although there bought their claim some time ago. was a good steady sale of plush goods.

George Midgeley, of Hamilton, had an extra good holiday trade, which is probably to be accounted for by the first-class style in which he does his work.

Mr. Adam Hunter has taken into partnerthat I will have to leave some things I would ship Mr. P. H. Grant, and the new firm of Hunter, Grant & Co. will continue business at the old stand, 52 James Street North, Namilton, until such times as they can se-DEAR SIR,-I have great pleasure in send-1 cure larger and more suitable accommoda-We wish them success.

> A. Irving, Hamilton, reports booklets as selling well. Very little call for high-priced holiday goods.

> John Eastwood & Co., Hamilton, have had a steady and large volume of business in their binding department. As usual, they have had a good holiday trade, and are now looking for busy times with their wall papers and spring goods.

C. J. Grundy, of Aylmer, reports a bad state of business in that locality, caused by sales of bankrupt stocks, and hopes soon to see a law which will stamp out such impositions on legitimate trade.

R. C. McLachlan, St. Thomas, had a good. holiday trade and successful year. Collections up to former years. Plush goods took the lead in the holiday trade, and cards were neglected. Mr McLachlan has a fine store and a well assorted stock.

Rice & Chapple, London, Ont., are closing out their retail business, and propose to confine their operations to wholesale business, They report a good holiday trade in books.

We had the pleasure of a call from Mr. Joseph Lux, the well-known representative of Raphael Tuck & Sons, the fine art publishers. Messrs Tuck have arranged with Warwick & Sons, Toronto, to represent their interests in Ontario.

W. H. Murch, St. Thomas, reports bronze and brass goods as taking the lead in his holiday trade, although booklets had also a good sale with him. He reports collections satisfactory, and trade generally healthy in

Robert Elliott, St. Thomas, does a large business in photographing and picture frames besides carrying a good stock of notions and ladvise dealers to purchase carefully until some valuable pictures.

We regret to have to chronicle the failure of F. Qua & Co., of King Street West, Toronto. The firm was never regarded as being very strong but it was hoped that, with the addition of new capital brought in by a partner some six months since, they would be able to pull through. It is not good policy to add to one's capital and pay so dearly for it as in this case, for Mr. Qua could have managed his business almost as well by himself and not have drawn nearly so heavy for salaries. The firm's predecessors (Blizzard Co.), we understand, lose nothing by the Bible," vol. II (the first vol. of this series-

stationery and fancy goods line, has also come announce new editions of those popular to grief. His habilities are by no means light, books, "Abundant Grace," by Dr. Mackay, and Toronto wholesalers are feeling some- and "Christian's Secret of a Happy Life," by what poorer since the announcement.

Every business man appreciates the convenience of tablets or pads for memorandum purposes, letter heads, etc. It has remained for Western inventors to put envelopes into the same convenient shape. Messrs, Kirtley & Phillips, Columbia, Mo., patented, and The Morgan Envelope Company are introducing an envelope tablet. The flap is a blotting pad, and the general scheme is to address the envelope, bring this flap over against it, and blot it, after which the envelope is detached. The gumming of the envelopes in place in the tablet is so neatly done that their edges are not marred, while the position in which they are held for addressing purposes cannot fail to please. By this plan the envelopes are kept clean, and are always at hand, and further, there is no need of searching for a blotting pad after an address has been written.

Mr. R. J. Lee, late of Davis' bookstore, Peterboro, and Mr. Henry Thompson, a traveller for a Montreal house, have formed a partnership to carry on a book and stationery business in Peterboro'. They will open about February to, in Mr. Thomas Menzies old stand.

The bankrupt stock of books and stationery of T. Menzies was sold to C. M. Taylor & Co., of Toronto, at 55 1/2c, on the dollar, and the book debts to C. W. Sawers at 4c. The stock was valued at \$10,149, and the book debts at \$4.475.

Mr. M. Vardon, formerly with the Toronto News Company, has invented a very convenient tissue-paper.

Mr. John Ross Robertson, of The Evening Telegram, is developing into quite a successful orator. He made an excellent speech before the Privy Council in support of the Copyright Bill. He brought out all the points up a most concise form, and createdarvery avourable impression on the Ministers, There is some talk of a change in the

prices of school books. We would therefore something definite is known.

Mr. J. A. Taylor has resigned his position on the Toronto News Co., and will devote himself exclusively to the National Publishing Co., of which he has become proprietor. He was very popular in the warehouse, in which he has spent the past twenty-two years, and his confreres intend presenting him with a handsome desk, chair and an illuminated address. BOOKS AND NOTIONS joins with them in wishing him every success.

The Willard Tract Depository announce among their new books "The Sermon failure, as a wholesale house in Toronto had a very large sale; "Vital Questions," being the report of the Great General Chris-Thomas Menzies, of Peterboro', in the tian Conference at Montreal. They also H. W. D.

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Each speaker will be allowed fifteen minutes for his paper. After that there will be a general discussion of half an hour. It is proposed also to introduce the "question drawer."

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The annual meeting of the Toronto Press Club was held at the Club, 148 Bay Street, Saturday afternoon, 26th ultimo. Mr. John Ross Robertson presided. The reports presented showed the club had just completed the most successful year of its existence. The following were elected officers for the present vear :-

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goes, is not only childish but very poor policy the samples are There is no trade that will stand "cutting," so depended upon, so that cutting not only takes address: away all their profit, but makes their cus tomers districtful of them

mas trade.

There have been several changes amongst about to leave our midst lately. Mr. Curzen has transferred his allegiance from F. Robertson & Co., following T. F. Smith's example. Mr. Elwell is no longer with Atkinson Bros, and Mr. John Campbell has severed his connection with the Gold smith's Stock Co. (Limt d., and gone back Bros. Co., are out on their maiden trips, and we hear are doing very well. I. Faastin & Co. and W. H. Bleasdell & Co., have also made changes in their staff, but we have not yet learned the names of the fortunate ones.

Mr. J. W. Lester, for ten years with Messrs. W. H. Bleasdell & Co., has gone into partnership with Mr. C. J. Mitchell. The new firm will be Mitchell, Lester & Co., foreign manufacturers' agents for the importation of all classes of staple and fancy goods

All the largest fancy goods buyers have visited New York within the last two or three weeks, seeing samples from all parts of the world Every year New York is becoming a greater centre of commerce, and Europeans are recognizing the fact too by being well represented there. German leather goods are a little later this year than previously, the manufacturers having been delayed in their samples by a very brisk trade in November and December last, but Austrian, Bohemian and French lines are all in and selling largely. Canadian stocks are somewhat too large for heavy buying, but there is a very hopeful feeling about spring trade, as people should have money to spend after such a mild winter

Among the greatest novelties is the Unbreakable Doll. Made of numerous layers of thin paper, glued together and pressed into shape, they seem capable of standing the hardest usage. Made in several pieces, with perfect-fitting joints at the knees, thighs, shoulders, elbows, neck, etc., and all kept tightly into place by a strong clastic cord the such thick, running through the body goods, and are being made both better and RAPHAEL TUCK & SONS, 298 Broadway, New York.

and the limbs, they can be adjusted so as to take the most natural attitudes. All the Most of the wholesale fancy goodsmen in latest appliances for closing the eyes, talking, Montreal and Toronto have taken stock and etc., are added, making them, without doubt, balanced their books for 1888. The profits the most perfect dolls ever invented. It is have been below their expectations so far as of course to be supposed that they are not we can hear, and there is a feeling all round cheap, but they might be sold much more that selling goods "for glory," as the saying reasonably if not so gorgeously attired as all. By WILLIAM W. EVALL, OF OSGOODE HALL

Mr. E. D. Manchee, who has been H. A. poorly as miscellaneous fancy goods in which Nelson & Sons-manager for the past seven the loss on samples, alone would represent years, was presented, on the occasion of his a good profit on the year's business. A house severing his connection with that firm, with a moreover, that sells on two prices cannot be handsome gold locket and the following

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Artificial flowers, for decorations, seem to sell quite readily in the States. They may become popular in Canada, but we would advise care in buying them, as when shopworn and dusty they are very poor stock.

In toilet-case fittings all the rage in New York are the Antique Ivory and Oxydized Silver styles. White, of course, takes the lead, and black follows pretty closely behind, but amber is dying out. For cases, plush has as firm a hold as ever, and all the talk about leather cases for 1889 has been forgotten.

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