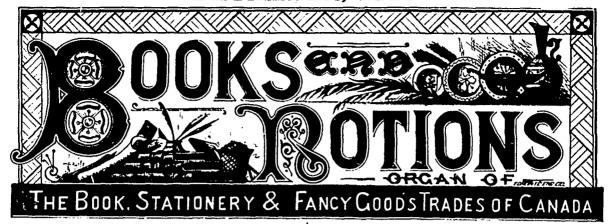
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ONE of the best and most popular features of the Bookseller and The Publishers' Weekly is the "Want" advertisements, "Situations Vacant," "Situations Wanted," "Business Chances," which includes stocks and business for sale and wanted, "Old and Rare Books" wanted or for sale, "Articles for Exchange," etc.

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ONE of the very noticeable features of the last meeting of the Ontario Booksellers' Association was the cordial desire of all parties, retail, wholesale, jobbing and publishing, to sink their differences and work together for the general good. This is as it should be. There is nothing to be gained by quarrelling between different branches of a trade. All have a right to live and work, and the troubles that arise are easiest overcome by quiet, amicable conferences. Let each side yield that position which is most galling to his opponent, and by little acts of kindness and words of friendship keep up that goodfellowship which should exist between people who have business relations.

THE fifth annual gathering of the Newsdealers and Booksellers' Association of the United States was held in New York last month, and some good business done. One of their resolutions passed at that meeting deserves consideration from Canadian Newsdealers. It reads as follows:

"This Association recommends to Newsdealers an advance on the retail price of all daily papers which do not permit of a profit of at least one-half cent on the printed retail price."

The mover of the resolution said: "But few papers could exist without us, and we have as much right to say to publishers that they live by our services, as that we exist by them. Publishers labor under the impression that we are obliged to handle their publications regardless of the profit on them; that the demand necessitates keeping them. After having attained immense circulation through the good-will and energy of the Newsdealers, the publishers repudiate their services by advancing the prices beyond such figures as will enable the dealers to make a living profit."

They petitioned Congress to issue coins of the value of half a cent, as they frequently feel their want; the absence of such a coin forcing them to be, as expressed in their petition, "in countless cases either underpaid industrial slaves, or overpaid usurers, or boycotters of certain newspapers."

They also ask that the present rate for second-class postal matter in the United States be perpetually continued, and that the rule permitting the return to

the publisher of unsold material at the same rate be restored. They claim that the low rate of postage for second-class matter has given them, in a great many instances, access to first books, and thereby an increased profit.

So it seems the retail Bookseller is not to be the only one who is to suffer from the competition of the dry goods store. In Boston, Jordan, Marsh & Co., who do a large retail dry goods business, are going to do at least a portion of their own publishing. This month they advertise four new books of their own make.

It would appear that "La Terre" is even more nasty than Zola's other novels, although that was needless. It must be very bad when the New York Post Office and the United States Customs authorities have refused it admission. Vizetelly, the London publisher, has been fined \$500 for publishing a translation of it. The fine was made this low on condition that Mr. Vizetelly withdraw all the copies already issued. In this connection we might ask does it ever pay a Bookseller to have this class of books on his shelves? They do sell, but do they attract or do they drive away the best class of trade, and do they pay in the long run? We ask correspondence on this subject.

AT this the busiest season of the year to dealers in Stationery and Fancy Goods, there is alike greater temptation than usual, on account of pressure of work, to be indifferent to small office duties, and at the same time greater necessity for giving special attention to these same matters. We would, therefore, wish to impress upon our readers the necessity for extra care in such matters as unpacking goods, claiming of credits with the least possible delay, pricing goods as they arrive, checking monthly statements, advising the wholesaler if his notice of draft cannot be safely accepted, providing in time for notes falling due, etc., etc. In these matters system is of the utmost importance, and the greatest possible effort should be made to keep abreast with the office work so as to avoid misunderstandings which, besides the unpleasantness, are very apt to end in loss.

As a personal favor we ask that when you write about goods described or advertised in BOOKS AND NOTIONS you mention our paper. By that means you will do us a very considerable service. Publishers and dealers say that they can trace handsome results to their advertisements in BOOKS AND NOTIONS, in many cases large orders from outlying districts which their travellers do not reach. It is very pleasant to hear these facts, and the many letters of encouragement from our subscribers all over the Dominion give us courage to use further exertions to make BOOKS AND NOTIONS worthy of the trade it represents.

BOOK NOTES.

Of Christmas books and booklets for this year, none are more attractive than Prang's. In design and execution they are all that could be desired. "Mother Songs, or, Baby's Lullaby Book," by Charles Stuart Pratt, is specially admirable. The pictures are from water colors by W. L. Taylor, and the music by G. W. Chadwick. One song for each month, set to original music, and sixteen full-page illustrations in color, surah satine cover with special design in colors. The "Old Garden," by Rose Terry Cooke, is brilliant in color, and brings back vividly to the mind the rich flowers that grew in our grandmothers' gardens: the honeysuckle, Canterbury bell, crocus, tulip, sweet pea, and all the other old timers. The text in New England idiom accompanies the illustrations.

It's well enough; looks kinder knowin'.
Them red and yeller leaves and things;
They raise a mortal sight o' showin',
Some like a bird that never sings.

But birds to sing, and blows for smellin', Was what we had when I was young: A patch-work quilt is just as tellin' As them things on the grass plot flung.

"Golden Milestones" is a volume of extracts from the leading poets of England and America, arranged to typify the advance of life from infancy to age. The book is illuminated by eleven full-page illustrations. "Louisa May Alcott, the Children's Friend," is a beautiful memorial to a writer whose writings are so much esteemed by the younger portion of the community. "Little Women," her best known book, attained an immense circulation, equalled by few, and remains popular as ever. This volume is by Mrs. Edna H. Cheney, a life-long friend of Miss Alcott, and consists of a short biographical sketch, with extracts from her works illustrating her life. The "Birds' Christmas" is a beautiful booklet in monotone, with cardboard cover in colors. Prang's satin art prints, art tiles, calendars and shape books are as usual artistic and sumptuous.

J. Theo. Robinson, Montreal, has issued "John Ward, Preacher," by Margaret Deland, author of "The Old Garden." All Mr. Robinson's late publications have been good sellers.

"History of Canada," by Wm. Kingsford, vol. 11., is just out. Vol. 111. completes the set, and will be ready in the spring.

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It is not surprising that people are looking forward anxiously for the Christmas number of the Montreal Star to send away to friends in England and elsewhere. Somehow the Star always manages to make a hit with its pictorial and commemorative numbers. There is no cheap or catch-penny style about them. In fact they are so pretty and so taking that they sell at sight. We hear that orders are pouring in from all parts of Canada for the Christmas Star, which will be for sale in a few days. Orders should be sent early in advance as they have always run short and the orders are filled in the order in which they are received."

"Galloping Days at the Deanery," by Chas. James, 25 cents; and "A Dangerous Catspaw," by David Christy Murray, have been copyrighted by William Bryce.

Messrs. J. & A. McMillan, St. John, N.B., have in press and will shortly publish "The Hulsean Lectures," delivered by the Rev. J. de Soyres, before the University of Cambridge, in 1886. The subject of the lectures is "Christian Reunion."

Estes & Lauriat have issued an Edition de Luxe of Victor Hugo's "Notre Dame de Paris," translated by A. L. Alger, and illustrated by Rossi, Bieler and de Myrback, with 160 original drawings and 16 full page water color sketches, printed in Paris for this edition. One hundred special copies will be issued at \$20 and 400 copies at \$12.

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With the constant public demand for "Little Lord Fauntleroy" in story form has now come the dramatization to make the book even more popular and eagerly sought for, the Scribners having reached the sixtieth thousand of Mrs. Burnett's famous juvenile classic.

The attention of the music trade is called to an advertisement in another column of the W. F. Shaw Company. This firm, now established nearly four years in Canada, by strictly catering for the bona fide trade only, has risen to a prominent position among wholesale music dealers. Among their new issues are found the following: "Bellak's Improved Piano and Organ Method, No. 2," "Universal College Song,", Improved Royal Songs of Scotland," the new "110 Songs of Scotland." See catalogue.

"Canada's Christmas" is the title of an annual issued by William Bryce, Toronto, and is a purely Canadian work. The illustrations are by Canadian artists, produced by Canadian draughtsmen on Canadian made paper—and all designed for the delight of Canadian homes. The story, which has been specially written for the number by Campbell Shaw, of Oakville, Ont., is the work of a young Canadian, and the theme, "A Romance of the Rockies," is also national in its character. Retail price 30 cents.

"Morning Lark," "Life's Story," "Come Along, my Darling," and "Mother told me so," have just been published by Strange & Co.

The libretto of Gilbert & Sullivan's new opera "The Yeoman of the Guard, or the Merryman and his Maid" has just been published by the Anglo-Canadian Music Publishing Association. The opera will be produced in Montreal December 10th, and played throughout Canada. The English and American press speak well of it as an opera.

Andrew Lang says in the New Princeton Review there are four popular kinds of novels—the novel of the new religion, the novel of the new society, which declines to have a religion, the novel of the dismal common-place, and the novel of the divorce court.

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Mr. W. L. Thomas writes an interesting article in last month's Universal Review, telling about the history and progress of his illustrated weekly journal, The Graphic; and in referring to the too successful start made, and the initial difficulties overcome, Mr. Thomas says, "The paper manufacturer and the ink maker between them contrived products beautiful enough in themselves, but which, on coming in contact, set up a chemical action which resulted in a very strong, very offensive smell. Copies with wrathful and uncomplimentary remarks written on the margin arrived freely by each post addressed to the editor, one of which the comment of a very well-known professor (surely land).

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Mr Thomas deplores the dying out of the English school of draughtsmen on wood and wood engravers, and says he draws most of his recruits from France and Germany. He also tells the cost of the Jubilee commemoration number, and shows that, on an edition of 200,000 copies printed and sold within a few days, he lost £40 by the transaction. The true story of Millais popular "Cherry Ripe" is also told. 500,000 copies were printed, yet the demand was so great and the sensation so extraordinary that his publisher had to return £4,000 in hard cash for orders he could not execute, and defend actions at last for not supplying the trade with the quantity required. English Exchange.

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CHAT OF THE TRADE.

Dawson Brothers, the well known and highly respected publishers and wholesale booksellers, of Montreal, dissolve partnership the first of next year, and two firms will take the place of the old one. Mr. Charles F. Dawson will continue the stationery business in all its branches, and Mr. W. F. Brown will carry on the book and periodical department.

Mr. Robert Phillips, the Secretary of the Wellington Booksellers' Association, is recovering from a severe sickness. He is not yet able to be out. He reports everything quiet in his vicinity.

Mr. D. T. McAinsh, Secretary of the Toronto Book-sellers' Association, reports the prospects for Christmas trade are good, although just at present business is quieter than at the same date last year. McAinsh is an enterprising business man, with a thorough knowledge of his business. His windows and everything about his store looks enticing and business-like.

Mrs. Stotes has opened a new stationery and news depot at 446 Q een Street West.

Our old friend, Menzies, of Peterboro', is in business difficulties. We hope to see him on his feet again shortly.

Armstrong & Co. have opened a stationery store and news depot at 205 1/2 Yonge Street.

H. A. Nelson & Son have a large collection of mechanical toys for show pieces, the mechanism of which is very good and should sell well. They have also a fine collection in washable dolls, plush goods, French and American leather purses and horn hat and coat novelties.

Brown Bros. report large sales of their Diaries for 1889. This is the twenty-fifth year of publication, and each year greater improvements are added. They are also doing a good business in fancy leather goods.

Rowsell & Hutchison have now in press and which will be ready early this month, "The Lives of the Judges of Upper Canada and Ontario," by David B. Read, Q.C., which will be of interest to the legal profession. Rowsell's Diary for 1889, for the use of lawyers, is for sale by the same firm. This is the fortieth year of publication of this Diary.

CATALOGUES RECEIVED.

In writing to publishers for copies of catalogues always mention BOOKS AND NOTIONS.

JAMES CLEGO, Wet Rake, Rochester, Eng. The Rochester catalogue of second-hand books, many exceedingly scarce.

S. DRAYTON & SONS, 201 High Street, Exeter, Eng. Catalogue of popular and standard words.

FRANCIS EDWARDS, 83 High Street, Marylebone, W., England. "Americana." A short list of books relating to North and South America, the Arctic Seas, and the Pacific Ocean.

VAN ALLANS & BOUGHTON, 17 to 23 Rose St., New York. List of second-hand presses and other

printers' requisites.

PLATEN PRESSES, GOULDING & Co., Fort Hill Square, Boston, Mass. A reprint of an article from the *Inland Printer*, with price list and description of printing presses manufactured by the firm.

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CANADIAN COPYRIGHT.

There is no assertion more frequently reiterated than the assertion that this Dominion makes it own laws; yet it is not true as regards copyright. The Imperial Government has year by year relaxed its control over our legislature until everything is conceded but this one thing. We make our own tariff; we raise our own troops; we regulate our own Patent laws, but our Copyright law is dominated by an Imperial statute passed in 1842, which still binds us. Time and again our Government has represented to the Imperial authorities that we are competent to attend to our own copyright legislation. A statute passed in 1872 by the Canadian Parliament on the subject was reserved and never received the royal assent. The existing Act of 1875 was also reserved and after much discussion the Imperial Parliament passed an Act, Aug. 2, 1875, entitled "An Act to give effect to an Act of the Parliament of Canada respecting Copyright," so that it is manifestly incorrect to say that Canada legislates for herself, and this may also be seen on reference to the case of Smiles vs. Belford, (vol. 23 Grant's Chancery Reports), where the Imperial Act of 1842 will be found to have been enforced in Toronto. This state of matters ought not to exist. If our Parliament is competent to legislate in regard to anything it is competent to this subject also. There is no difference between a patent and a copyright in principle. Our law protects the inventor, if he will manufacture in Canada: but if after two years he will not do that, he ceases to be protected. The Canadian statute of 1875 gives protection to every book printed in Canada by an author living anywhere in the British Empire or in any country which has an international copyright treaty with Great Britain, but the book must be printed in Canada. The Imperial Acts steps in and says: "The book may be printed anywhere, but if it is first published in England, it shall also be copyright in Canada." Against this the Government of Canada has always protested. In 1870, the Canadian Government forwarded to England a minute of the Privy Council for Canada, which laid down the principle that the people of Canada will never consent to the extension of copyright without local publication. This principle was near being abandoned by a bill which was brought in during last session. It would, indeed, have been inconsistent for a Government, pledged to a National Policy, to have gone back upon a principle like that laid down before the National Policy was adopted by the country.

The anomaly of the Copyright law will at one appear if it be applied in the case of a patent. If a patentee in England were to sell the Canadian market to a United States manufacturer, and, if in spite of our patent law, he could secure a monopoly of our market to his United States assigns, the patented article which might be the subject of such a deal would never be made in Canada, and an immediate outery would arise. But in the case of books a similar thing is done every day. Black's new book, "In Far Lochaber," is protected by the Imperial Act of 1842, and may not be printed in Canada. Our Government has offered time and again to secure a royalty to the author, but its offers have been refused, and the Imperial Parliament still insists on regulating our literary affairs. We cannot reprint "In Far Lochaber." We may import the United States edition or pay \$7.50 for the English edition: and now we are threatened with another turn of the screw under the Berne Convention, so that we shall be shut up to the English edition or do without. Mr. Black's novels are not of much importance, but there are many books we shall find it hard to do without. And yet we talk of the autonomy of Canada.—

Toronto Telegram.

STATIONERS IN THE MIDDLE AGES.

We are indebted to the *Bibliographie de la France*, of September 15th, for a curious bit of antiquity relating to the Booksellers' trade in the middle ages. The document (translated, of course, from the original Latin) is to the following effect:—

REGULATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PARIS CON-CERNING BOOKSELLERS OR STATIONERS.

Forasmuch as the richest crops come from the most carefully prepared fields, we, the University of Paris, who labor in the field of the Lord to gather in the precious fruits thereof, and who wish to guard against all possible injury, particularly from the dishonest practices of certain dealers in and around the University Schools, Enact and Ordain that the Stationers, commonly called Booksellers, every year or two years (or as often as we shall require), shall take oath that they will keep, offer for sale and sell the books received by them for that purpose, and fulfil all other parts of their engagement with the schools, in good faith and conformably to the laws. And, as the students are hindered in the course of their studies for want of the proper books, owing to the insatiable greed of certain of the aforesaid Booksellers who buy second-hand stock for next to nothing and re-sell at an exorbitant price, we order that all Booksellers shall undertake by oath not to make any real or pretended contract securing to themselves the property of the books received by them on sale, nor put them out of sight with a view to acquisition later on, but to offer them freely, openly, and without reserve, as soon as the works have been de-livered. In case of books entrusted to them for sale by individuals, they shall say what they conscientiously believe to be a fair and honest price for the books in question, and inscribe the price and the seller's name in a conspicuous part of the volume. After finding a purchaser, they shall promise by oath, not to hand him over the work or receive payment for it as if it were their own, without first acquainting the owner truly and without deceit of any kind, with the actual amount offered for his property. Furthermore, as many Booksellers ask a very high commission, they are forbidden to charge more than four deniers a work and proportionately for part of a work; and for this they must look to the buyer, and not the seller, for payment. The copies kept in stock, too, must be perfect and in good condition, no excessive commission being chargeable on that account, or, in the case of books let out on loan, beyond the tariff prescribed by the University.

Lastly, we ordain that any Bookseller refusing to bind himself by these obligations, contravening them, or failing to keep them, shall forfeit all favor and privileges of the University whatsoever as regards their trade, and any master or scholar dealing with any tradesmen offending in this way, will cease forthwith to be a member thereof.

The present Act is ordained and confirmed by the General Meeting held in Paris at the Chapter of the Preaching Friars, and stamped with the University Seal, the sixth day before the Ides of December in the year of the Lord 1275.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Dyas:

DEAR SIR, - In bidding good-bye to the business in which I have long been engaged, I must thank you as one of the trade for your earnest advocacy through your BOOKS AND NOTIONS of all matters of interest to the fraternity, and as Sec of the Association, in your untiring efforts to assist the trade. I feel, as no doubt many others do, that while we have been personally unable to take a hand in the work, it has been in good hands, and we have been placed under no inconsiderable obligations thereby.

Wishing you personally, and as a late member of "the trade," every success, I am, truly yours,

R. B. Andrew.

Bowmanville, Nov. 12th, 1888.

Editor Books and Notions:

DEAR SIR,-There have been no meetings of the Wentworth Association since spring, as one dealer will not co-operate. Trade is picking up. Booklets and other Christmas stocks are making their appearance. The wet fall has retarded trade, but if we get favorable weather the Christmas trade is likely to be up to or beyond that of late years. We still suffer to some extent through the blind policy of one outside dealer, who has an inordinate desire to win for himself fortune and fame, and to this end reduces school books to ten per cent. below their value.

No failures have taken place in our business, and all are hopeful. One enterprising east-end dealer, H. S. Williams, has illuminated the front of his store with an electric light. Mr. Hunter has been blessed with a fine stone walk in front of his store. No cutting in annuals has taken place as yet.

Hamilton, Nov. 20th, 1888. BURLINGTON.

Editor Books and Notions:

Sin, Sorry I can find nothing interesting to give you, but I think it is all the fault of the Association and the friendly feeling it has brought among the Booksellers: otherwise we might have cutting of prices and lively times generally,

Business has been very quiet all summer and fall, but look for an improvement in a few days when holiday trade should commence. If anything occurs that I think would be interesting to BOOKS AND NOTIONS readers I will report it. Yours truly,

St. Catharines, Nov. 23rd. M. Y. KEATING.

Editor Books and Notions:

Str., Business is very quiet in B.C., and particularly so in Victoria. There are altogether too many in the trade, and too large stocks for the business to There is a wide contrast between the amount of business done here by our trade and by those just across the line in Puget Sound. They get better prices there, sell more goods from same amount of stock and on shorter credits than we do here.

Mr. John B. Ferguson has sold out his Book and Stationery business to Mr. Jamieson. His many friends in Ontario will regret to learn that he has been very sick. He is, however, nearly well again.

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And that is precisely the point which we wish those to bear in mind who aspire to become Booksellers. Unless one have a love and a suitable education for the book business, he is as little fitted for it as he would be to enter any other calling that requires more than mule power. Even the latter would possibly need intelligent application. As a wise father once told his son about to go out into the world to earn his living: "My son, learn to do whatever you take up for a living intelligently, and master every particular, for it requires as much art to black boots satisfactorily as it does to build a house." Of course, this is exaggeration, but it

contains the seed of truth.

Hardly a tenth of the purchasers who enter a book store know precisely what they require; and if they were asked too pointedly for such particulars as proper title, edition, size, date, etc., would regard the demand as an impertinence. Some of the usual questions are these: "I want one of Dickens' books, if you please."
"Certainly, which one?" "Really, I don't know; I have read so-and-so, and so-and-so." Here the Bookseller must have in his mind the titles of Dickens' different novels, and be able to give at once the names of those not enumerated by his customer-and there is where bibliographical knowledge comes in. If he has not that knowledge he must have what is the next best thing- the knowledge where to get it-in what catalogue or book there is a list of given authors' works. Showing to his customer a book which he does not remember having read, the Bookseller is often confronted with the remark, "Oh, but I want books uniform with those I already have." "What edition is that?" "Well, I don't know; but they have red cloth backs, and are about so big," pointing to a book standing near, "and have pictures on yellow paper," etc. Now if the Bookseller doesn't know his business isn't it likely that the customer will try to find one who does? As a man once said in speaking of the Bookseller's profession, "I don't know any profession requiring higher ability of the kind; except, perhaps, that of the prescribing chemist, who has to sell a mixture comprising a variety of drugs suitable for the ailments - not always exactly described- of his customer.

And how comparatively light is made the labor of the Bookseller in these days of trade helps and of literary journals. An hour's reading each day will serve to keep the specialist or dealer in general literature posted not only in what he has to sell, but concerning that which has been published, and what may be expected to appear in his particular line. Where the Bookseller of the days gone by had to gather his own information by a wearying process, the Bookseller of to-day finds all that work prepared for him and

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departure we give them more prominence.

The printing business has been flat in this city for the last two months, ever since the Exhibition, but it is now picking up. Preparations for the holiday season, calendars and almanacks, trade catalogues, etc., are helping to brighten things and fill the offices with

The elections in the United States kept printing offices very busy for the time, but otherwise they were

The English printers complain sadly about slackness of work. The month of September was the worst that has been for many years, and a large number of men are out of employment.

The Stationery and Trades Journal of London, Eng., says: "Great progress has been made recently among jobbing printers in the way of improvement in the style of their color work, and this has been accomplished by the more frequent introduction of tint-blocks for colored grounds. Such tint-blocks may be made either of metal or of wood. The metal, however, is thought by some to dull the colors. Hence recourse is had to boxwood, and the supply of boxwood blocks cut up to the pattern and size required by the printer, is now quite a business in London. Latterly, a different process has been introduced by a firm who are supposed to have brought the invention over from Germany, where color work of a very superior character is done on a large scale. The plates are made of a special preparation of celluloid, which is easy to cut. When the design is finished, the surface is hardened by pouring on it another solution. The process is simple and easily manipulated, and the saving is at least one-half as compared with the cost of boxwood or metal. It is stated that upwards of a thousand firms have already adopted this process, and the effect is seen in the altered appearance of much of the job work at present being done."

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The London Evening Times which was started in London, Ontario, about two months since, has ceased to exist. Five thousand dollars went in that short time, and as that was the bottom of the publishers' pockets, the end came. The Free Press has purchased the plant. London is well off with two such good papers as the Free Press and the Advertiser, and the public do well to stand by them.

Toronto has a plethora of daily newspapers. Four morning papers, two evenings, and two evening editions of morning papers make even the good-natured Toronto public tired. Toronto is a fine city and growing, but it will take a long time for it to catch up to that number of dailies. The result must be a reduction in the quality, and a decided loss to the general public.

The "patent outside" and the "boiler plate" are getting in their fine work in Canada and reducing the local weeklies to a sameness and barrenness that is distressing. The thoroughly good home paper has to compete with these cheap and nasty outside productions, which from their worthlessness reduce advertising rates and kill subscriptions. The metropolitan weeklies have no greater friends than the patent outside and the boiler plate, because they so effectually keep down the live local press.

Local printers complain very justly of the general practice among their neighbors of sending printing jobs away to the larger cities. This is not fair. The local press and the local printers well deserve all the work in their vicinity. They are expected to continually boom the town free, to aid all the charities with locals and printing, to keep a good stock of type, and to have an office which will be a credit to the place—and as a rule do so. But when they should get their reward in the shape of a nice job of printing, a traveller from some city office carries it off by a promise of a little reduction in prices.

The Toronto Opera House has come to the conclusion that the daily press of this city is a power. One of the proprietors refused to reserve seats for the Empire for the Thanksgiving Day matinee, and Mr. Kribbs, the news-editor, at once returned the four season passes. The Globe being also refused tore up the passes. The other daily papers hearing of this, returned all theirs. After that none of the papers noticed the performance. The house was consequently indifferently patronized. Then the manager got a brass band to parade the streets. But this did not draw an audience. Last week he apologized to each paper and requested them to accept new passes.

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The wholesale trade are not complaining of baving too much to do.

Collections in the smaller towns are being met fairly well. With cold, seasonable weather a first-class Christmas trade is expected.

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Plush goods are having an enormous sale. Every one is selling as many goods as ever, and there are nearly double the number in the trade than there were eighteen months ago. The demand however has been for a cheap grade of goods until lately. Now the trade appear to want some better lines to sort up

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Mr. Geo. Ashfield, of Ottawa, who was burned out last month, was forced to ask a compromise from his creditors at 65c. on the dollar. This he is paying out of his insurance money, and we understand that he is busy making extensive improvements in his old store, where he intends opening up with a fresh stock in a few days. Mr. Ashfield is a pushing man and will make a success of it yet.

John Boyer & Co., the druggists, of Brockville, have assigned. They only started business four months ago, so most people are surprised at the suddenness of the collapse. Those who pretend to know all about it say they knew it would come, before the store had been open a month. Boyer left a fair business in Hastings, and Wright gave up a first-class position as commercial traveller to go into the partnership. There must have been a sad lack of judgment somewhere.

Eight years ago had we been told that the soft and apparently perishable silk plush was to take the place of strong and lasting leather, in books, albums, jewellery boxes, toilet cases, linings of sample cases, and soforth, we would have laughed at the idea as impracticable and extravagant. So great, however, has the demand for plush grown that in many lines it has superseded leather altogether. The Hemming Bros., of Toronto, forcasting this demand and seeing that there was no firm in the line west of Montreal, came from that city five years ago and started a small factory, beginning on jewellery boxes at first and gradually extending to other lines, such as brush, comb, and mirror, odor, glove and handkerchief, and manicure cases, whisk-holders, travellers' trays, etc. So steady and rapid was their progress that after a year and a half they found themselves compelled to move to more commodious premises, and in January, 1885, we find them occupying the top flat of No. 29 Adelaide Street East, having equipped themselves with all the latest improvements in machinery, and employing all the year round a large number of skilled operators. In less than two years, being crowded out again, they moved their office and show-rooms to the ground floor, thereby enlarging the factory, and again last month they added another flat to meet demands of their constantly increasing trade. We give this history just to show how popular plush goods have become, but still more will the fact be appreciated when it is known that there are no less than eight other factories in Canada making the same style of goods, though none on so large and enterprising a scale as that of the Toronto tirm.

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