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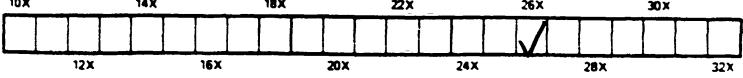
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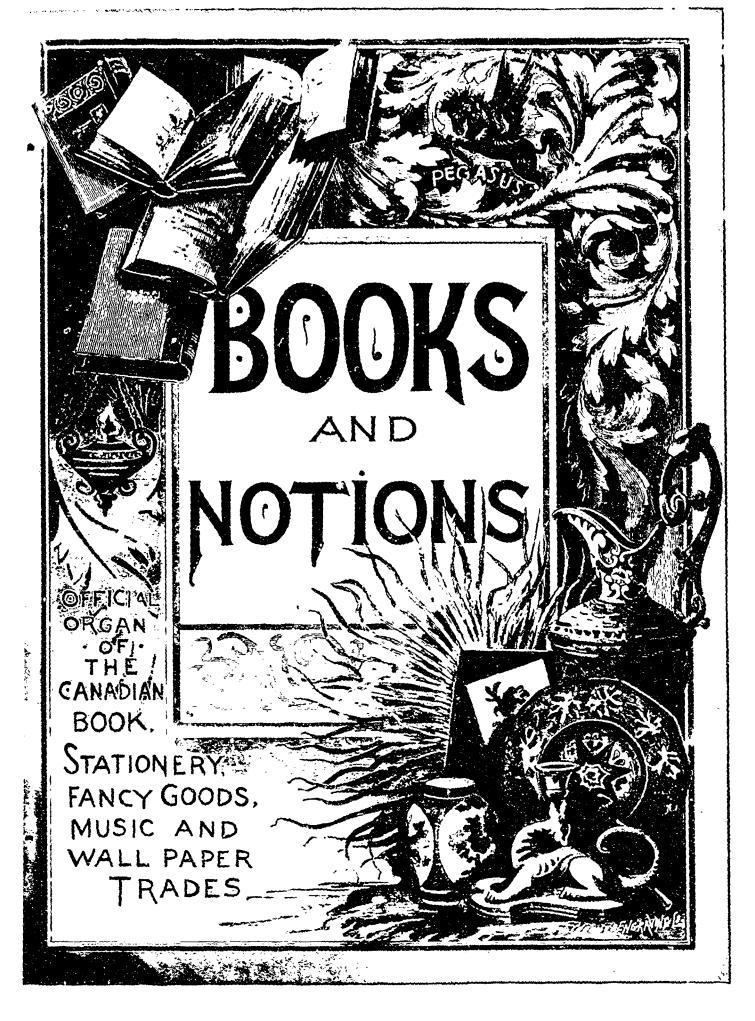
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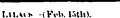
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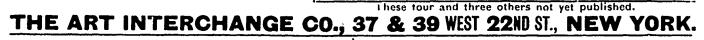
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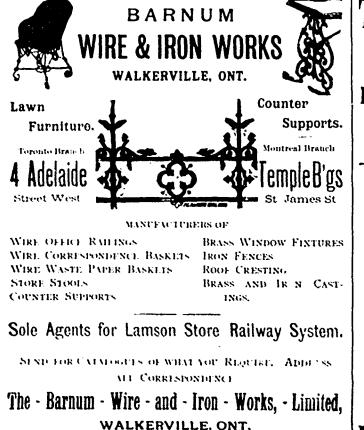
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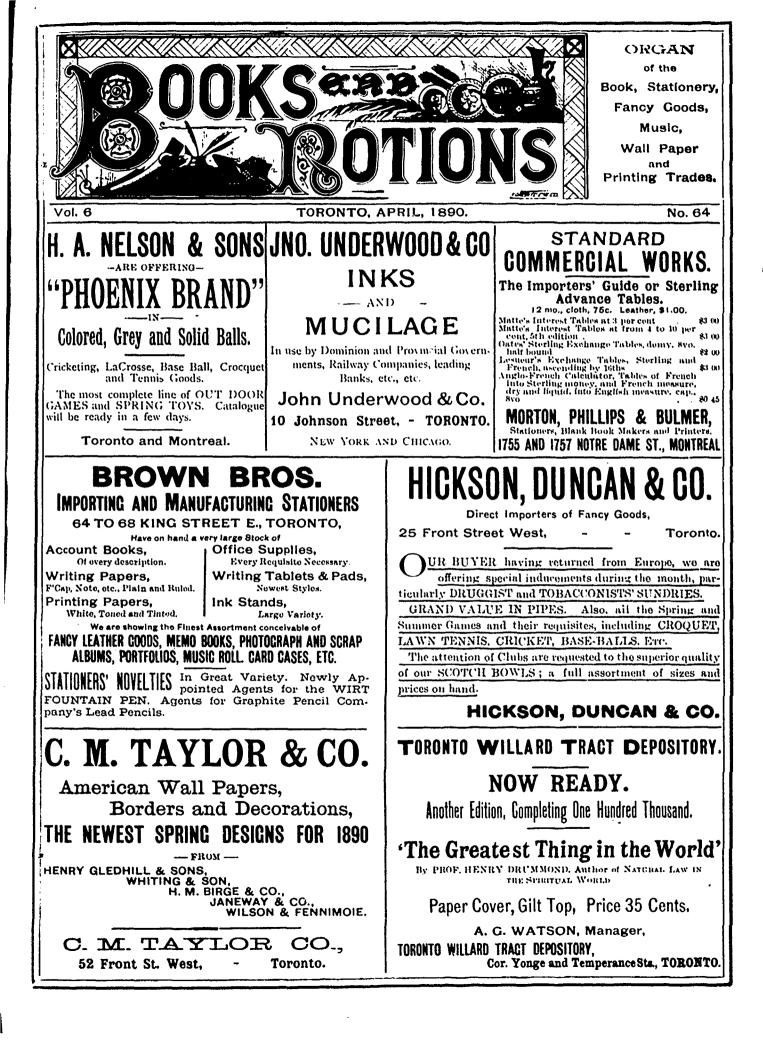
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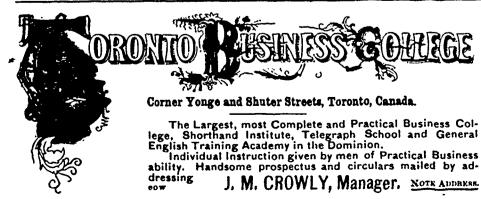
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HE Postmaster-General's reply to the question asked by Dr. Landerkin, M.P., in the House of Commons. regarding postage on periodicals, does not apply to any of the complaints made in the March No. of BOOKS AND NOTIONS.

It is quite true that the Canadian news agent has the right to re-mail English periodicals to subscribers in Canada. In order to do so, however, he must first pay the British postal

authorities \$160 per ton postage from Great Britain to Canada The following table will, I think, make this point clearly understocd.

Postage on one ton of English magazines from London, Eng., to Toronto	
Cost of re-mailing from Toronto to retail dealers	,
and subscribers in Canada (re-mailed free)	· · ·
Total	\$160 00
Freight on one ton of English magazines from London, Eng., to New York by mail steamer	\$20 00
Cost of mailing from New York to retail dealers	,
and subscribers in Canada	20 00

Total ..... \$40 00

The above clearly shows that even with the "re-mailing" privilege the Toronto dealer would have to pay \$120 per ton more than the New York dealer for delivering English magazines in Canada. Then compare the cost of mailing from Canada to the United States with the cost of mailing from the United States to Canada.

Postage on one ton of English magazines from London, Eng., to Toronto	\$160 00
and subscribers in the United States	80 00
Total	\$240 00
Freight on one ton of English magazines from London, Eng., to New York Cost of re-mailing from New York to subscribers	\$20 00
and retail dealers in Canada	20 00
Total	\$40 00

The Toronto dealer would have to pay just \$200 per ton more to supply the United States than the New York dealer has to pay to supply Canada, if the former brought his supply from Great Britain by mail.

Now compare the cost of mailing American periodicals from Toronto, with the cost of mailing them from Buffalo.

Cost of mailing one ton of American periodicals from Toronto to retail dealers in Canada	\$80 00
Cost of mailing one ton of American periodicals	400 00
from Buffalo to retail dealers in Canada	20 00
In favor of Buffalo	\$60 00

There are wholesale news agents in Toronto and Montreal, and they ought to be in a position to mail these publications as cheaply as their rivals in Buffalo and New York. The wholesale price of the Century is the same in Toronto as in Buffalo. But a bookseller in Hamilton can have a copy mailed from Buffalo for one cent, while it will cost him four cents to have one mailed from Toronto.

Another complaint made in BOOKS AND NOTIONS for March, was that the publishers of Canadian libraries are unfairly treated by the present law. These libraries are published periodically, weekly or monthly as the publisher so desires. They are dated in the same way as magazines, and in the United States, are recognized as periodicals, and carried for one cent per pound, while in Canada they are classed as books, and have to pay four cents per pound if sent in the Dominion, and eight cents per pound if sent to the United States.

Cost of mailing one ton of Canadian libraries from Toronto to the retail trade in United States	\$160 00
Cost of mailing one ton of American libraries from	
Buffalo to the retail trade in Canada	20 00

It takes \$140 per ton more to send libraries from Toronto to the United States than it does to send them from Buffalo to Canada.

Cost of mailing one ton of Canadian libraries from	
Toronto to Canadian retail dealers	\$80 00
Cost of mailing one ton of American libraries from	
Buffalo to Canadian retail dealers	20 00

It takes \$60 per ton more to send libraries from Toronto to another part of the Dominion than it does to send American libraries from Buffalo to any part of the Dominion.

The "re-mailing" privilege is valuable in the case of English daily and weekly newspapers, and we wish it retained in the Act, but we also desire the following clause inserted as well:

"British and foreign periodicals, when mailed by newsdealers to subscribers and other newsdealers in Canada or in the United States, one cent per pound."

Then let our postal officials interpret the term periodical in the sense recognized in the United States and all will be right.

J. A. Nelles, of Guelph, sends me some good hints on the checking book question His book runs alphabetically by names of subscribers instead of by publication. I prefer the latter, and so do the great majority of those who have written on the subject, although I admit there are many points in favor of the Nelles method. His best pointer is a hitle book of numbered receipts sent out with the collector, each one filled out in the store, and each one accounted for on the stub.

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The book is not quite ready for delivery, but a sample heading is shown herewith. First column, ledger folio; 2nd, how delivered, which is 55 be indicated by C, called for, D delivered, M, sent by mail; 3rd column, name. Succeeding these are the weekly columns, in which a stroke from upper right hand corner of each space to lower left hand corner indicates completed delivery for the week; and a stroke from upper left hand corner to lower right hand corner indicates full payment up to the end of that week.

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For next year it is proposed to issue the book in December and make spaces for the full year. Suggestions of improvements and and algetations will always be in order.

#### THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The regular monthly meeting of the Executive Commutee of the Booksellers' and Stationers' A-sociation was held at the office of BOOKS AND NOTIONS on Monday, March 17. There were present: -Messrs. J. A, Nelles, Guelph, in the chair; Samuel Wallace, N. T. Wilson, and J. B. McLean. A letter was read from Mr. R. O. Smith, Woodstock, regretting that he could not be present. Minutes of last meeting were adopted.

Mr. S. Wallace stated that he had seen the Minister of Education regarding the report that the Government would introduce a bill to permit municipalities to supply school books and requisites free of charge to the public school pupils. The Minister informed him that no such bill would be introduced this session, but one would in all probability be brought in next session.

A report of the debate in the House of Commons on the article on postage in the March number was read, as also the correspondence on the matter. It was shown that though application had been made to the Government for the past five years, this was the first occasion on which they were able to secure any attention from Parliament. Mr. Bain moved, and it was agreed that copies of the article 'published elsewhere in this issue, be sent to each member of the House.

No action was taken on the matter of uniform prices for periodicals, owing to the absence of Mr. A. S. Irving in New York. There was, however, an informal discussion on the matter.

#### THE CITY TRADE.

The pushing Secretary, Mr. F. Porter, of the City Association has sent the following notice to the local trade:

The Executive Committee of the Toronto Retail Booksellers' and Stationers' Assocation desire to call your attention to the following facts :

Those who have given any serious thought to the demoralized condition of the Stationery and Book trade which closed 1889, must be alive to the needs of a Retail Organization to meet the unhealthy state the trade is in Our trade is antagonized from so many points, and in so many ways, that it is essentially necessary a united effort be at once made to meet the growing evils of 1890

The dry goods trade unscrupulously misrepresents our prices to decoy the unwary and deceive as to the cheapness of their own wares. This lying ticketing, where the worst trashy books are represented at less than half price, is a fraud and unworthy of fair and honorable dealing. This slaughtering of the trash of the New York jobbing market we are sorry to say is encouraged by the wholesale houses here.

We ask those who have not joined our Association to meet with us for the purpose of securing justice and averting our manifold evils. The existence of our trade depends on our union and mutual effort.

The following subjects are considered of serious importance and worthy our unanimous consideration at an early date, viz. :

I. How the Retail trade (books, stationery, etc.), can be confined exclusively to the retail dealers;

11. What moral pressure can be brought

to bear on publishers and jobbers in the Stationery trade to enable us to obtain our just rights;

III. If the wholesale houses here ignore our just claims, should we openly antagonize them by importing by co-operation our goods direct from the best available markets?

IV. Is this course practicable, and how  $\rightarrow$  shall it be done?

V. How, in a fair spirit and by just means, can we obtain that justice which our trade demands and deserves?

By a united effort, will you help to relieve, by every fair means, these grievances, which must be met?

Don't fail to attend the next meeting to be held Tuesday, April 1st, 8 p. m., at No. 6 Wellington st. West.

#### FANS.

"Nothing worries me more than buying fans," said a country dealer to a lady storekeeper in Toronto lately. "I never know what to buy." "That is just why I like the trade," was the reply, "for I buy what 1 think pretty and make my customers think the same." Fans are like sponges in one way and unlike them in another. It can be safely said that none but the most expert buyers can tell the value of any but the cheapest grades of fans within probably 20 to 25%, and for a lady or gentleman to go from store to store to compare prices is about impossible. Unlike sponges, fans more generally appear to be cheap in proportion to their appearance than dear, and should never be sacrificed, even at the end of a season, except perhaps to get rid of a decidedly unpopular pattern. Apart from Japanese fans--many of which are made in the United States - and the patent closing church styles, almost all fans arc made in France and Austria. The French goods which are mostly seen in our tallrooms are made in large factories. The Austrian goods on the other hand are made by innumerable little makers, who work at home, assisted by their whole families. The product of their toil they take to Vienna dealers, who frequently sell them the materials used, and pay them a mere pittance for their work. The climate of the South of France being particularly adapted to the bleaching of bone, all the so called "ivory" sticks are made there, even those used by Austrian manufacturers. It is not difficult therefore to see why it is that the Paris fan generally has a bone handle, while the Vienna article is made of wood. It is very difficult to obtain

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Every year brings out new styles, though Canada holds tenaciously to feathers. The height of fashion just now is gauze decorated with lace and painting of flowers and sprays. Satin fans will of course always command a sale both plain and decorated, while black fans are about as staple as bread and butter, although they follow the demand for feathers, gauze or satin according as fashion may dictate.

The colors to be bought will perhaps puzzle the dealer quite as much as the styles, for a hard and fast rule cannot be laid down, some shades suiting certain patterns better than others. Satin and feather fans for instance sell largely in cream and white, while gauze will be more likely to take in the dress colors of the season, such as light blue, pink, Nile green, cardinal, etc.

In the large cities of America there is no article of dress outside of jewelry in which such extravagance rules, it being no uncommon thing for a society lady to be the happy possessor of a number of fans costing over \$100 each. In these finer lines, tortoiseshell and real wory are the favorite handles, while feathers of rare birds or paintings that are real works of art adorn the upper portions.

It is only natural to suppose that in goods like these the profit must be very large, but dealers in Canada need scarcely expect any but a very occasional trade in such goods.

#### THE POSTAGE DISCUSSION.

The following is a verbatim report of the discussion in the House of Commons on the cost of mailing English Periodicals:-

Mr. Landerkin asked BOOKS AND NOTIONS the organ of the Book, News, and Stationery Associations of Canada having made the following statements :---

"The cost of mailing one copy each of the following English periodicals for one year froin Toronto and from Buffalo is as follows :-

	From Toronto.	From Buffalo
"British Workman.		łc.
Family Friend		f
Children's Friend.	12	4
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Good Words.	. 24	- Ā
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Sunday At Home	24	
Leisure Hour.		- Á
Family Herald	24	4
Chambers' Journal		- Ā

"It will be seen from the above partial list, that the cost of mailing English magazines from Toronto is just six times as much as the cost of mailing from Buffalo. The Canadian dealer must pay as much for mailing a magazine for two months as the American

dealer pays for a whole year. Is this not very unjust? Are we asking anything unreasonable when we seek to be placed in a position to compete in our own country for trade that rightly belongs to us ? We certainly are entitled to at least as favorable facilities as are given to foreigners.

"There is no prospect of the American Government increasing their postal rate to equal ours, which is an excessive rate on this class of matter. The only remedy is to reduce our rate to the same as theirs. Until this is done the American dealer practically enjoys what is equivalent to an export bounty of 15 per cent. on all English magazines sent into Canada.

"But when we consider the facility afforded the Americans for mailing English newspapers into Canada as compared with our facility for mailing them into the United States, we find ourselves still more unfavorably situated. In Canada each weekly newspaper has to be prepaid by stamp. It may only weigh 1 or 2 oz., yet 52c. per year must be paid on it. A glance at the following comparison of the cost of mailing one copy of some of the leading English weekly newspapers for one year in the two countries will convince anyone how utterly unfair the position of the Canadian newsdealer is --

Cost of mailing Cost of mailing

	to U.S.	U. S. to Can.
"Lloyd's Wookly Reynolds' Wookly	52c.	8c.
Reynolds' Weekly.	5:	8
Despatch	53	8
All id. weeklies	52	8
Illust'd, Lon. Nows.1	30	28
Graphie 1	30	28
Piotorial World 2	08	52
The Queen	60	65

"While the American Government throws no obstacle in the way of our sending periodicals into the United States -all periodicals being admitted free of duty- the Canadian postal law practically prohibits it. The postage on td. English papers is 52c. per year-more than 50 per cent. of their real value. An export duty of from 20 per cent. to 50 per cent. on all English newspa-pers sent into the United States would seem unreasonable, and yet the Cana-dian newsdealer has actually to pay this, in the shape of extra postage."

If the foregoing statements are correct, do the Government propose to remedy these inequalities and remove the burdens complained of?

Mr. Haggart. The organ of the associations mentioned by the hon, gentleman is entirely mistaken, as he will see if he will read clause seven of the Canada Postal Guide, which says :

"British newspapers and periodicals, however, brought by mail to Canadian booksellers and newsagents, and re posted by them to regular subscribers in Canada, may be mailed by such Canadian booksellers or newsagents free of postage."

In answer to the second paragraph in which are quoted the different prices paid by the different papers, I may state that if these newspapers are mailed to regular subscribers by booksellers or newsagents they go free of postage.

Mr. Landerkin. - Before you leave the Chair, Mr. Speaker, I desire to bring before the House a matter which I have already referr ed to. It will be remembered, that this afternoon I asked a question of the Postmaster

General, which I had taken from the organ of the Book, News, and Stationery Associations of Canada. It had made certain statements, and I asked the Postmaster General if they were correct. These statements were in regard to the postage charged on English periodicals sent out by dealers in Canada. The Postmaster General stated that the organ was misinformed. Since that I have received a telegram from Toronto, which I will read to the House.

Will read to the riouse. "Articlo in Book and Stationery organ regard-ing postage on poriodical acorrect in overy parti-cular Have seen Bam, Hart, Winnifrith, Allan and other loading booksollors hore All say they are prying postageon English magazines. Clause 5, under third class matter in Postal Guide, does not cover the posit. Magazines are brought to Canada by freight, and we cannot consciontionally mark them remailed unless received by mail at double present expense. Have sent copy of this to Postmaster General.

J. B. MCLEAN, Secretary-Treasurer, "Ontarlo Booksollors Ass'n."

I thought I would read this telegram so that the Postmaster General may have an opportunity of reconciling his statement with that of the dealers in these periodicals. I gave him notice that I would mention the matter, and he is here and can give any explanation if he sees fit.

Mr. Haggart .- My statement this afternoon was strictly correct. If you read the question put by the hon, gentleman, you will see that he asked in reference to the cost of mailing the English periodicals named for one year from Toronto and from Buffalo. What I stated in my answer was that any periodical that had been sent from the old country to this country by mail to any news agent or vendor, being afterwards re-sent to any subscriber in this country was sent free. The hon. gentleman has quoted a telegram from the news vendors in Toronto from which it is inferred that they get their newspapers or these periodicals by other means than by the post office, and then they expect them to be sent free. The question which was put to me, and the statement in the paper, are entirely divergent from that. You will find, if you read it, that the inference to be drawn is that they receive their papers from the old country by mail, and then these being resent to subscribers, they have to pay certain rates. I stated that parties who get their newspapers from the old country by mail re-send them to all their subscribers free.

Mr. Landerkin. The Postmaster General has not apprehended the question that I put to him and of which I gave notice. The question is in the following words :

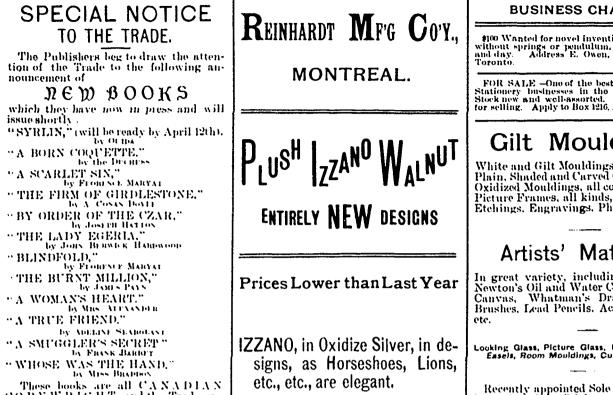
"The cost of mailing one copy each of the follow-ing English periodicals for one year from Torouto and from Buffalo isas follows."

I did not say re-maited, I did not ask about re-mailing. The Postmaster General apparently has not understood the question, and has not answered the question, but he has answered a question that I did not ask.

Mr. Haggart. - The hon. gentleman must see that the cost of mailing a British newspaper would be the same as our own periodicals, and that we could not send them if they had not come through the mail from the publisher to the vendors. We cannot send them on any different terms from what we send our own periodicals.

Mr. Landerkin.-I did not ask for a state ment of re-mailing, I only asked how they went, whether the author of this newspaper had been misinformed or not. It appears he has not been misinformed, and that the Minister misapprehends the question.

Mr. Edgar - The question that has been raised by my hon, friend isimportant. It does seem from the statement made here, at any



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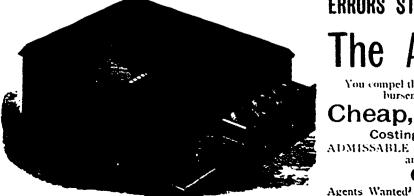
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rate, that the cost of mailing English magaimes from Toronto is just six times as much as the cost of mailing the same English papers from Buffalo. That surely, is a matter worthy of consideration. What the Postmaster General has said does not answer that at all, does not show any good reason for it. He does not deny that that anomaly exists, and he has not given any good reason, that I have heard, why it should con tinue to exist.

Mr. Haggart. -1 do not understand the bon. gentleman. Does he mean to say that a cent, or whatever it may be for three or four ounces, is too much for periodicals that are re-sent through the post office? I am only following out the law.

Mr. Edgar. Perhaps he is following out the law, but 1 venture the suggestion that the law is an improper one that gives the people an opportunity of sending from Buffalo for half-a-cent what costs twelve cents to send from Toronto. It is discriminating heavily against our own newsdealers in this country, and discriminating grossly in favor of newsdealers on the other side of the line; and surely that is not the National Policy.

Mr. Haggart. - No; you do not understand. The newsdealer who gets a periodical from the old country to Buffalo or New York, pays the mail across from London to New York, and, besides that, he pays this postage. If they be mailed from the old country to Toronto or Montreal, he pays no postage in this country ; therefore it is cheaper in this country than in the other.

Mr. Edgar.—The Buffalo man did not pay the mail any more than our man.

Mr. Waldie. – The Postmaster General is mistaken as to the course of the dealers. The dealers in Buffalo, get their periodicals from the old country by express, in just the same way as our dealers in this country. I am compelled to say, that our postage rates are a great deal too high, and discriminate against the dealers of this country.

Since the above discussion took place in the House the Toronto Post Office has issued the following circular to the trade :-

"Only such British papers and periodicals as reach Canada by mail are allowed to be re-posted free to Canadian subscribers. Dealers re-posting such publications free are requested to state either verbally or on the covers of the packets whether they have been received from Great Britain by mail."

The executive committee is hard at work, and hope eventually to induce the Postmaster General to accede to our request.

#### **TORONTO BOOKSELLERS.**

At the second monthly meeting of the Toronto Booksellers' Association held on the 1st inst., in the office of BOOKS AND NOTIONS, the report of the committee that had interviewed the Ontario Ministry with reference to free school books was presented and received; the city was divided into sections to which canvassers for new members were detailed; the fees of members were received. The number present was fifteen.

#### THE NEW YORK PUBLISHERS' COMBINATION.

Combination among the New York publishers has been finally consummated, and the era of cheap books is over. This the trade here should be thankful for. In the old chaos books could be bought in New York at ruinously low prices, and dealers were forced to sell here at little or no profit. But while the prices go up in New York it is a question if the auvance will not be wholly at the expense of the retailer. The price conventionally established for a book is very tenacious and conservative in its downwardness. Prices are easily reducible, but longstanding ones are with difficulty put up on books. The retailer will have to pay more, but will the retailer get more? That is for the trade to settle, and as the trade has been remiss in doing what it could to settle the former unsatisfactory condition of the business in American books, it is not a matter of sanguine expectation that the trade will assert itself in this emergency. Prices of all "libraries" have gone up. Why should retailers not put them up on their customers? The large "universal" stores are in the way of a unanimous advance, and that is the chief obstacle. The Munro, Seaside, Lovell, Hurst, "libraries" are in the combination, and all will be issued henceforth under the general name of "Seaside.' Ogivie is the only publisher not in it, and he cannot withstand it.

One good result of the advance will be that newspapers can no longer afford to give away so much literature and thereby hinder trade. Another is that our own publishers will have more to do, as a consequence of the check to importation. The rise in prices will at the same time raise the quality of the books. The duty and the advance will help the Canadian publishers to pay their royalty. English publishers will get better orders for cloth bound books, the Americans having gone up so high. Heretofore the English Christmas books had a very poor market here, which will now be improved.

The advance on "libraries" is large, running in some cases to nearly 50 per cent. That advance will be felt at once. The advance on standard fiction is quite 50 per cent, but that is not likely to be felt here before the fall. The better paper, binding and printing of the latter will be the value received for this advance. If there is no advance among retailers upon "libraries" they will be able to redeem some of the trade now in the bands of the large general stores. In a larger trade they may make up for station ary prices.

The plates of the competing editions of standard sets (12 mos.), and poets, that have already been obtained or contracted for, are from Hurst & Co., Worthington Company, W. L. Allison, Alden Book Co., Pollard & Moss, F. F. Lovell & Co., G. W. Dillingham, of New York; Aldine Book Co., Estes & Lauriat, De Wolfe, Fiske & Co., of Boston , J. B. Lyon, of Albany; Donohue, Henneberry & Co., Belford, Clarke & Co., of Chicago; J. B. Lippincott Co., of Philadelphia, and the plates and stock of the paper-covered series of George Munro, Norman L. Munro, National Publishing Co. of New York.

#### MUSIC NOTES.

"Haute Volee;" Rye, by Chas. Bohner. "On Time:" Jersey, by Chas. Bohner. "Memory;" Song, by Toujee. The above are the new pieces of music with which Messrs. Whaley, Royce & Co. are on hand for this month's trade. They have received an encouraging demand for their latest music, and are prepared to fill large orders.

The twelfth thousand of the University of Toronto Song Book has just been issued by Messrs, T. Sucking & Sons, The collection of academic favorites is most acceptably presented in this issue and should command a wide sale. The book is already well established in the favor of Canadians, and is growing in popularity every year.

The Anglo-Canadian Music Publishing Association are ready to supply the trade with the following select issues, for which there is already a strong demand :--

"The Gondoliers" (1) Lancers; (2) Polka; (3) Quadrille; (4) Waltz, from Gilbert & Sullivan's Opera. Price 60 cents.

"Sunshine and Shade." Valse, by Thos. Bouheur. Price, 60 cents.

"Rosina." Military Schottische, by Marcato. Price, 35 cents.

"Geraldine." Waltz, by J. B. Hutchins. Price, 50 cents.

"When the Lights are Low." Valse, by Thos. Bonheur. Price, 60 cents.

The latest music which Messrs I. Suckling & Sons have got out is bright, attractive and sure to sell. Three of the leading pieces are ;---

"Fantasie." Valse, by Chas. Carte. Price, to cents.

"Toujours a Toi." Valse, by E. Frazer Blackstock. Price, 50 conts.

"Winter Pleasures." Polka, by Chas. Bonheur. Price, 35 cents.

The Government has decided to admit books for Toronto University library free of customs duty.

In placing their new goods on the market this year, the Reinhardt Manufacturing Co., of Montreal, have reduced their prices even lower than last year, notwithstanding the duty has been-raised on imported goods. Their Izzano in oxidized silver are being greatly admired and selling well.

The plumbago industry, which is mainly represented by a mine situated near Buckingham, is not pleased at what the Minister of Finance, has done for it. The material enters into stove polish, lead pencils, and other articles, and the protection afforded, they claim, is not sufficient to keep out foreign producers. The duty has been raised from 25 to 35 per cent, however, on lead pencils, without any obvious grounds for it.



Messrs Warwick & Sons find their year's staple business quite up to that of last year, and their import business ahead of last year's record

Messis, J. Suckling & Sons are very well satisfied with the way the season is opening in the music trade. Buying has been steady and active.

Rider Haggard's next book, "Beatrice," will appear in May, published simultaneously in England and Canada, in the latter country from the press of Mr. Bryce, Toronto.

Jacques Cartier, a new historical work by Mr. Joseph Pope, private secretary of the Canadian Premier, is now available to the trade, through Messrs. Hart & Co, of this city.

Another novelty that the Toronto News Co. is introducing is for more juvenile pur chasers. It is the Troy cannon This diminutive piece of ordnance weighs 2% lbs, is safe, and retails at 75 cents

D. Appleton & Co. will publish immediately, "Around and About South America," by Frank Vincent, who relates his experiences of twenty months of quest and query, made useful with maps and plans and fiftyfour full page illustrations.

There have been several changes in the stationery trade recently. Mr J. Switt, who was with Gage & Co, has gone to Copp, Clark & Co.s. Harry Matthews, of Copp, Clark & Co.s. has taken the Eastern route for the Willard Tract Depository,

Messrs Cruickshanks Bro, Blenheim, have a good trade in books and stationery, fancy goods and toys, and feel no serious depression in trade, although the weather is unseasonable and the roads almost impassable. BOOKS AND NOTIONS is a welcome visitor here.

Travellers from the Methodist Book Room set out on their route on Monday, the 31st ult. They carry samples of the choice lines laid in for this season by the Book Room'a buyer while he was abroad. They are samples that are very certain to interest the trade

Mr. Wm. Bryce has in press Bellamy's "Looking Back," which he can soon supply to the trade cheaper than ever..." Stanley's Relief of Emin Pasha" will also be publisted shortly by Mr. Bryce, reprinted from English plates and illustrated. The retail price will be 50 cents.

Arkell & Son, Blenheim, look on BOOKS AND NOTIONS as a useful journal to the trade and say they get many good trade points as well as suformation that is interesting to them as book and stationery dealers. Prices are well maintained in Blenheim, and Messrs. Arkell & Son will do their part towards keeping them in a healthy condition.

There is a feeling among the trade that prices should be assimilated. This feeling is expected to end in a revised list to which all dealers shall assent and which they shall observe. The class of books of course on which uniformity is practicable are the only ones likely to be included in such a list. We expect a beginning to be shortly made in this city.

Messrs. R. W. Douglas & Co's select catalogue of rare and currious books ought to be kept handy for consultation by every dealer in and connoisseur of books. Some notable treasures of literature and the bookmaking art are there described that were scarcely beheved to be in existence. Many very costly volumes have already found their way into the hands of United States bibliophilists.

"The Pocket Atlas and Gazetteer of Canada" was noticed as an embryo two months ago in the press of Messrs. Hart & Co. At about the middle of the current month the book will be through the course of publication and ready for all standing or future orders. We thall be able to tell our readers more of the book in next issue, but from a rapid glance through an advance copy we believe it will be the standard manual of Canadian geography.

The game called "Nellie Bly" is the newest diversion. It is intended for young people, but will find favor with old ones as well. It has all the qualities of a pastime, and adds to them others of utility. The game being on a geographical basis, whets the memory for the situation of places, and being slightly intricate trains the player in the habits of caution and foresight. It will retail at 75 cents, and is supplied to the trade by the Toronto News Company.

Gebbie & Co., Philadelphia, have just published a delightful book on the drama, entitled "Players and Playwrights I Have Known: a record of the English stage from 1840 to 1880, by John Coleman." Commencing with Macready, it gives a bright and chatty account of the lives of the actors, both befere and behind the scenes, whose names are familiar to the present generation, and is full of anecdote of the plays and players of the time. The book is in two handsome octavo volumes illustrated with tifty engravings.

The catalogue of Messrs. Chas. Backh & Sons, manufacturers of brushes, brooms, etc., is a piece of work that the publishers, Messrs. Warwick & Sons, should have put their stamp upon. It is a credit to their establishment. The volume is bound in a heavy linen cover, on which the title is handsomely engrossed in bronze and silver lettering. The contents are beautifully displayed under attractive designs. The colored and other illustrations are well brought out. Reference is facilitated by means of a thumb-index which opens departments numerically arranged. It is a very fine catalogue.

Mr. Wm. Bryce has studied the European market at its leading centres in England, Germany and France, and has just returned from a lengthy tour of observation and buying. Booklets, he says, are likely to be cheaper. Fancy goods, toys, etc., are on the other hand stiffening in value. His opinion is that there is no occasion for dealers to sacrifice any foreign fancy goods that have been carried over in good condition. Staples made from tin and iron will be specially good stock, as coal and labor are constantly rising in value in Europe. Those who buy late will have to pay higher prices.

W. J Slater, Chatham, says his last year's trade shows a steady increase over former years, and while he thinks his trade would have been better through the holidays with good sleighing and more seasonable weather, he is well satisfied as his local city trade was exceptionally good. Booklets and plush goods were in favor, while cards were entirely neglected. Medium priced articles were in demand, while high priced goods were slow. He says every dealer should encourage BOOKS AND NOTIONS, as it is certamly devoted to the trade.

There is no fuller stock of stationery, fancy goods and notions, toys, etc., in Ontario than that kept by Mr. J. H. Fisher, Paris, Ont. Mr. Fisher has great taste in the selection of his stock, and understands how to display it to catch the eye. This is proved by the fact that several people living in Toronto, and visiting friends in Paris, were so well pleased they made their late holiday purchases at his store. Mr. Fisher says plush goods and booklets were the choice with him this year. He keeps a large stock of the goods manufactured by the Gendron Manufacturing Company, Toronte.

The circular paper, noticed in last issue as part of Messrs. Hart & Co.'s stock, is now kept by that firm in seven varieties, all under the general name of Elegante. As well as for circular purposes it is most suitable for pamphlets and catalogues in which richness of appearance is a desideratum. Besides this paper for printing purposes, Messrs Hart & Co. have a line of notepaper and envelopes which are most appropriately also named Elegante. Very modish are those-a letter goods, and they seem too luxuriously beautiful to defile with ink. They are put up in boxes, each box containing a package of envelopes and the usual proportion of paper.

Zola's latest work, "La Bete Humaine," will be followed by "L'Argent," which will deal with Bourse speculation and, to a certain extent, with politics. Then will follow "La Guerre," a naturalistic work, treating of

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the army, the war of 1870, and containing a long dissertation on the surrender of Sedan. The next book will conclude the Rougon-Maguart series, and will describe how all the characters not already killed off will end. As soon as the series is completed, which will be in 1891, M. Zola intends to devote himself exclusively to the stage. He will then be fifty-two years of age, and will confine himself to the production of original plays, that is to say, plays which have not been adapted from his novels.

An item of interest to the stationery trade we incidentally picked up in Messrs. Warwick & Sons' stationery room. That firm has just got out two new tablets one of letter, the other of note size-padded by the Johnston process, and named Cros-har Tablets. The paper is the linen quadville variety, and the name arises in the fact that vertical and horizontal water-lines cross each other on the surface of each sheet. The lines in both directions are separated by a liberal writing space, and not differing in color from the paper. They are not a violation of the good form which discountenances ruled paper. Crossbar is a class of paper for which there will be a large demand, as there is a countless number of people who do not want to be dissenters from fashion, but who like to have some visible track to lay their written sentences upon. The writing quality of the paper is excellent.

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trade often make a mistake in not pushing little books of this kind, and if they will but call the attention of customers to whatever subject a little book is about, it is astonishing how many can be sold. Only a few cents profit, you say? Yes, but many littles make a muckle, etc.

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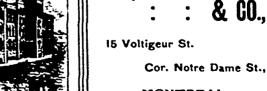
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297. Misadventure, by W. E. Norris, Book. Win Bryce, Foronto, Ont., 21st March, 1899.

Messis Brown Bros are giving special attention to their leather goods department. New designs of pulses, wallets, portfolios, music rolls, etc. are being rapadly made up for the spring and similarer trade. They have some cheap goods in very attractive new designs.

It is expected that the powe of classic bands and other rubber stationery goods will be advanced. Manufacturers, and whole salers are advised by circular that prices are withheld for the immediate present, owing to the advance in crude Para rubber.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

HALFAS, N.S., March 17, 1899. Editor of BOOKS AND NOTIONS.

DEAR SIR, In response to your request some time ago to "let us hear from you" occasionally, I will try to give you some of the "down East" news.

Trade is really pretty good throughout the Maritime Provinces, although reports are quite the contrary as regards the Upper Provinces.

By this 1 mean particularly the retail trade Hahfax booksellers had a very good Christmas season. I heard a prominent bookseller say, the other day, that 1889 was the best year he has known in trade in Nova Scotia, and the others agree with him, I believe.

We have not degenerated as vet, I am happy to say, into the "entrage" habin now so common in the trade up West, and we all hope we never shall. I may say that the most pleasant relations exist between booksellers and stationers as far as Halifax is concerned.

Of course, we all mark our books cheaper here than your Western importers. I don't know exactly why, except that it has been, but almost all English juveniles and other books are marked 30c, to the shilling in Hahtax. In St. John, N.B., however, I understand they mark them at 35c.

Probably the principal reason is, because we can import cheaper from Europe. Freight steamers are continually coming and going direct between London and Liverpool and Halifax, and freight charges on books are only about fifteen shillings per ton of forty cubic feet.

Another advantage we have is this: A dealer here can send off an order to England say to-day, March 15th, and in four weeks' time have the goods on his shelves or sent out to his customer.

This reminds the that the same dealer inght send an order for goods to Toronto, Ontario, the same day, and perhaps he will get them in two weeks time, but not always. It is a great bar to trade with our western houses, the extremely long time it takes for treight to go from West to East, or vice versa. Could not the BOOKS AND NOTIONS stir up somebody on this subject in the interest of wholesale dealers in the West, and retailers down East?

My opinion is that freight would be ordered shipped from England, via steamers direct to Halifas, to a larger extent than is done at present, were it not for the delay, or rather the terribly slow time made on freight between East and West. Write it up Books AND NOTIONS, it would increase trade every way.

Halifax has us full share of book and stationery establishments. On Granville street we have on one side of the street, Methodist Book Room, A. & W. Mackinlay, Knight & Co., P. A. Book and Tract Society, C. H. Gladwin, Knowles & Co., and Geo. W. Jones, and on the opposite side of the street, the Baptist Book Room and T. C. Allen & Co's., making ninedealers within two blocks. The others are scattered over the city. Of these, I think three (3' or perhaps four (4 do) a wholesale jobbing business, and send out travellers through the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland.

Trade is reported to be good in our lines, through the country also, and we hope it will keep good until we have made our spring call on our friends, and of course, ever afterwards. The book and stationery business here is also, I am glad to state, confined to its legitimate limit. I do not know of any dry goods house in Halifax selling books or stationery, and we refrain from keeping dress goods, cottons, boots and shees, etc.

The subscription book business is increasing. The Earle Publishing Co., of St. John, and the Methodist Book Room, of Halifax, are continually wearying us by their glowing advertisement in the papers, and invariably ending with "Agents Wanted." The country is not yet overrun with agents. The Methodist Book Room folks tell us that they have just appointed an agent to go to the Bermudas, Jamaica and the West India Islands, to canvass a recently published work on Canada.

May it not increase trade between Canada and the West Indies, as we have steamers running direct?

The Earle Publishing Co., of St. John, annoance themselves in to-day's papers as general agents in Maritime Province for Scribner's Edition of Stanley's Own Book.

My letter is getting too long, so I must refram.

With greetings to our friends in the West, from

HALIFAX.

#### BRANTFORD, MARCH 26.

DEAR SIR,--In your March issue, a correspondent asks you to inform him where he can get a few gross of paper leaves for artificial flower making. Wfl you please mform Mr. T. H. McCallum that I have a few gross that I could supply him. His address is not given, so I could not write him direct. Yours truly,

S. M. FRY.

GALT, MARCH 3, 1890. -

DEXR STR.- I overlook mentioning a grievence. We have here re wholesale dealers supplying schools and mechanics' institutes direct. Not long ago a Mechanics' Institute (a a small country place a few miles from Galt, had been buying their supplies from me. We supplied by a Toronto wholesale house at  $\tau_0$  and when said wholesale house was applied tome by me for a commission, they refused, saying that they

had no account in that place, and though they had been my customers, they had a right to supply them direct and did so. There is only a small corner grocery in the place, and the people of the village or hamlet are nearly all customers of mine. Now one of our churches here in Galt want a library, and are asking for tenders from Toronto wholesalers, and would like you to use your anduence in some way to prevent the church prople getting supplies, excepting through some of the local dealers. Will be glad of any help you can give us. Would we be justified in withdrawing our current account from wholesalers that supply or tender for said library? Yours,

I. K. CRANSTON.

#### PROHIBITED IMPORTATIONS.

The new tariff which came into force on the 28th of March contains a clause of particular importance to book dealers. We quote it :

The importation of any goods enumerated in schedule "D" is hereby prohibited, and any such goods if imported shall thereby become forfeited to the Crown and shall be forthwith destroyed, AND ANY PERSON IMPORTING ANY SUCH GOODS SHALL IN EACH CASE INCUR A PENALTY of \$200.

[Schedule D enumerates these prohibited articles : Books, printed paper, drawings, paintings, prints, photographs or representations of any kind of a treasonable or sedinons, or of an immoral or indecent character. REPRINTS OF CANADIAN COPY-RIGHT WORKS AND REPRINTS OF BRITISH COPY RIGHT WORKS, WHICH HAVE BEEN ALSO COPY-RIGHTED IN CANADA. According to a late judicial decision, ignorance is not accepted as a mitigating plea.]

Another example of fighting fire with fire is farnished by Messrs. H. N. Brooks & Co., booksellers, of Meriden, Connecticut. They send us a circular headed " Dry-goods without profit," which they say turns out the most successful scheme they have tried yet. In this circular they offer pins, Coates' thread, and other leading lines of the dry goods stores at bottom cut prices, and "dry goods 12mos" at 19 cents each. The sting of the circular is in the concluding paragraph, which says "No price others can make on these goods will be as low as our price, save until we find it out. We shall set the prices." The circu-lar is signed by H. N. Brooks & Co., as "booksellers and stationers and temporary dry-goods dealers." The dry-goods people in Meriden are beginning to feel that what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.'

A drummer who was trying to sell a book called "Sermon on the Mount" to a rising Western bibliophile was knocked speechless By the latter asking him who the author was.

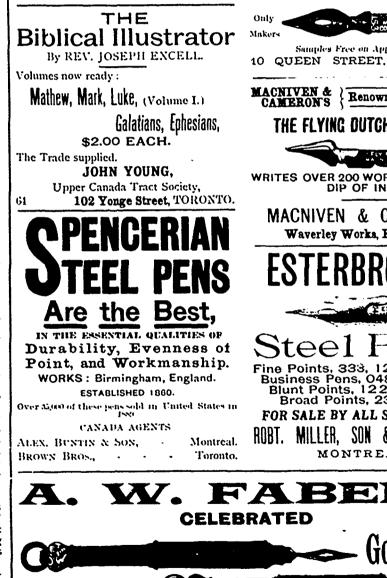
Bookbinders' machinery is dearer, in common with all products of coal, iron and steel manufacture in Germany.

G. R. Hamilton & Co., books and stationery, Orilha, have assigned to W. Q. Phillips for the bencht of their creditors. Hamilton owes about \$2,500, with assets considerably less

Messrs. Underwood & Co. report an in-creased trade in March. Their ink is going into new offices every day.

The latest addition to Lovell's Canadian Copyright Series, "Was Ever a Women in this Humor Wooed?" by Charles Gibbon, and "A Girl of the People," by L. T. Meade, has just been received.

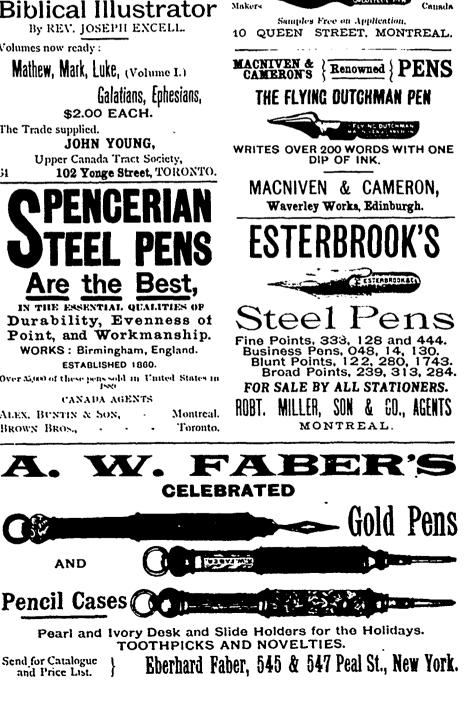
Messrs, Hart & Co, are publishing a new book, called "The Protestant Layman's Handbook," The arrangement of the matter will be by the dictionary method. The subject of each article will be placed in Alphabetical order, and its explanatory and historical treatment will follow. The terms to be defined are those occurring only in ecclesiastical and canonical parlance, terms that crop up in all descriptions of reading in these days. The book is wanted, and should find large sales.



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A. A. Campbell, of Wiarton, has sold out his drug business to R. M. Fisher.

G. R. Hamilton & Co., the Orillia booksellers, assigned early in march to Wm. O. Phillips of Toronto.

S. Henderson, the Lakefield, Ont., druggist, has sold out his business to G. B. Smith.

M. W. Waitts & Co., extensive dealers in books and music in Victoria, B.C., have been burnt out.

Thos. N. Campbell, bookseller and stationer, has disposed of his Prince Albert, N.W.T., store to Robert Jardine. The Campbells are selling, hurrah !

The Reinhardt Manufacturing Co., of Montreal, have taken unto themselves a partner, Ernest Walter by name. We have not met Mr. Walter, but will congratulate him in his new venture.

Laviolette & Nelson, druggists, of Montreal, have been making a change, Mr. C. A. Nelson having bought his partner out with the right to continue his name as formerly.

There was a disastrous fire in Regina on the 19th March, in which ten or more business houses were burnt out. Amongst the sufferers we regret to say was our brother in books, C. Black. We have not learned particulars of his insurance, but trust that he had been a provident man in this respect.

Owing to an error of our type setter, we were made to say Lemain instead of Lemaire, in our article on Opera Glasses in the last issue of BOOKS AND NOTIONS. Our readers of course will understand how the error could occur in confusing between the letters re and n, which in writing hurriedly are apt to look alike.

This is not the first time that Simon Schreek, of St. Thomas, who deals in watches and jewelry, has been in trouble. Report has it that the sheriff has planted both his feet inside the front entrance. We thought Mr. Schreek had fallen in for a bonanza in the shape of a large Louisma Lottery prize. Illgotten gains seem to depart very easily.

Geo. Andrew, one of Winnipeg's largest jewelers, has been closed up, we understand, by two large dealers in Montreal. This has been quite a surprise to Mr. Andrew's friends, who tho ght that he was of late gaming ground steadily. Too much real estate was the trouble. No man can serve two masters. Storekeeping and land speculating were never intended to be tun by the same individual. The principles of action are diametrically opposed to one another. Chris. Dickson, of Clinton, is in trouble. His stock is being advertised for sale under chattel mortgage. As, however, die mortgage is held by relatives, it is Dickson's creditors who are most in trouble. Until this year Dickson was supposed to be doing a flourishing trade, but ill health and extravagant buying are two drawbacks that few businesses will stand. It is likely that there will be some work for the lawyers before the creditors are quieted.

J. T. Petrie, who bought the Davidson stock in St. Catharines last July from R. Hy. Holland & Co., of Montreal, is finding it hard work to make ends meet. After paying off Holland & Co's. mortgage, he finds that he owes the same amount of money to other wholesalers, from whom he has succceded in obtaining an extension of mme months. Petrie 15 a good hard working fellow and we hope that with this lift he will find the hill a httle easier to hoe. Steady careful work will set things straight we think.

D. J. Hawley, who for the past twelve months has been running a stationery and fancy goods store in Trenton, assigned on the 17th March to D. R. Grass of that town, for what that gentleman styles the "benefit" of his creditors, whom he invited to come together at the Palmer House in Toronto on the 28th March, which date was just too late for us to give latest particulars, we having already gone to press. When last seen some of Hawley's creditors were very severe upon him, as he kept ordering goods up to a day or two before he assigned.

In reply to many inquiries we give below some of the series and names of types. The names refer entirely to the size and not the design of the letter.

rent-5 Point Agate-51 Point Nonparell-6 Point Minion-7 Point Brevier-8 Point Bourgeois-9 Point Long Primer-10 Point Small Pica-11 Point Pica-12 Point English-14 Point Great Primer-18 Point D. S. Pica-22 Pt

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Rivalry, Copy of "Ben-Hur" in circulating library patronizingly "Hello, Faunt Got a little of the shine worn off you, I see."

Copy of "Little Lord Fauntleroy' sharply "A little, hey " Fil be juggered if I an't about as shabby and drity as you dare be! Chicago Tribune.

The Iowa State Register has discovered a new volume among the works of Hawthome, as the following extract from its columns shows . "Moses from an Old Mouse" is a pretty story, written by Nathaniel Hawthorne and published by Houghton, Mithin & Co., of Boston and New York. It is a large volume, and is very interesting, as are all of the works of this noted author

The "Pilgrim's Progress" has been translated into Amharic, the language of Abyssima. The book has now been translated into eighty-four languages.

The stock and estate of J. E. Wilton, books and stationery, Strathroy, have been seized under a chattel mortgage.

At a very large meeting of the directors of Upper Canada Bible and Tract Societies, Mr. Taylor, for many years a bookseller in London, was appointed as salesman and assistant in the book room, Toronto.

Mr. Gore, of Montreal, representing the makers of the Esterbrook pen, asked for a specific duty on steel pens instead of the present rate of 30 per cent, ad valorem in order to keep out what are known as seconds and thirds, but which in reality are the culls sent to Canada at a cheap rate.

The board of directors held, their monthly meeting on the 27th ult. Mr. R. H. Yule was appointed colporteur in Manitoba. A second will be appointed immediately. A grant of tracts was made for the Toronto General hospital. Mr. John Young presented his report for the year, showing an advance on cash receipts of \$4,103 over previous year Dr. Molfatt, secretary, gave in his report on the colportage work of the year, showing that in addition to the work done by Mr. Bone on the Welland canal the other five colporteurs had travelled 0.448 miles, visited 16,102 families, sold 4,027 Bibles and Testaments, sold 6,829 religious books, with cash sales to the amount of \$3.577. Very large quantities of the best tracts had been distributed, and many poor families had been given copies of God's Word.

B. Marcuse has just returned from his annual trip to Europe, where he has as usual selected beautiful novelties for the holiday trade. As soon as his camples will have arrived completely, he expects to show to his customers the best and timest line of fancy goods ever imported into Canada, and hopes to be rewarded by a multitude of good orders.

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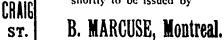
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