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BOOK8 AND NOTIONS, TORONTO.

THF: lbooksellers of Ontario are to be congratuhated upon their anmual meeting which occurred on the 3 tst ult. A hearty, hamonious meeting, a clear understanding as to what they met for, and a prompt business-jike "say of doingr $i t$, and tinally, the election of an able staff of officers. BOOK ANL Notions heartily welcomes them, new and old, and will work with them for the benefit of the whole trade.

Copyritiat legislation is at present attracting the attention of the whole civilized world, and an gttempt is being made to establish a universal system. The leme Convention, of which we have already spoken, is being adopted with and without variations in many countrics, Great lbritain has adopted it in its entirety, and the government of this country would have adopted it at last session of Parliament but for the prompt action of a few of the publishers and pronters of this city, who oerceiving that under existing circumstances such a zourse would ruin the publishing trade here, and would matcrially injure the printing, stereotyping, paper, and indred trades, they onganized a Copyright Associaion. and by vigorous action delayed the passing of the fet for that session.

Since that time the Association has had numerous neetings and consultations with authorities; they have

- 'rafted a new Copyright Bill which we print in another lumn and to which we dirert your special attention. - he gist of the proposed bill is :--

Ist. That foreign publishers and authors are to have eir rights proterted in Canada under the following nditions : (a) That at the time of their first publicain they register in otawat their intention to publish re. If That the) publish here within two months rirat issuc.

2nd. That reprints of such books, etc, as are thus reprstered and in proceso of matnatuture, shatl not be admitted into (C'mada during those two months.

3rd. That foreign publisherv or authors neglecting to regivter or to publinh as above atated, forfeit their rights, and atter the evpiration of the two monthe any person or pernoln may publish reprints.

Mr. J. Rows Kobertson, the l'resident of the Cops: right Issociation, and Mr. (i. H. Suckling, a member of that Asocation, appared before the Copyright Commutee of the Booksellers Asoociation and explained the situation of atiais and the features of the proposed bill, and that committee referred the matter to the Annual Meeting with the result that our $\lambda$ sso. ciation has taken hold of the matter heartily and will aid the sister association in securing desmable legisla. tion.

We would be pleared to have our sulescribers discuss the features of the proposed bill in books ann Notlons.

## THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the looksellers and Stationers' Association of Ontario was held on Wednesday Oct. 3Ist, at the Queen's Hotel. Mr. H. Fred Sharpe, St. Narys, was in the chair. Among those present were Messrs. B. H. Rothwell, Brantford ; N. T. Wilson, London; W. Midalleton, Kingston; George Tait, st. Catharines; W. H. Murch, St. Thomas; J. ©s. Cloke, Hamilton; R. A. Cormack, Whitby; Donald Bain, Wm. Brice, J. J. Dyas, J. T. Hornibrook, Henry Hutchison, A. S. Irving, S. R. Hart, R. T. Lancefield, J. 13. McLean, D. A. Rose, A. F. Rutter, H. L. Thompson, C. R. Warwick, A. G. Watson, and S. Wallace, Toronto.

Letters regretting their inability to be present were read from Miss Karch, Peterboro, and Joseph Fletcher, Toronto. Miss Karch's name was received with applause, Mr. Dyas remarking that she was the only lady m-mber of the Association.

The minutes of the last semi-annual meeting were read and adopted. Mr. J. J. Dyas read the secretary and treasurcr's reports, which were adopted. The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand at last annual mecting of $\$ 9.90$. Receipts for the year vecre $\$ 123.90$ and disbursements were $\$ 110.80$, leaving a balance on hand of $\$ 13.40$.

The following is the secretary's report:
Since the last semi-annual meeting the question of copyright has been prominently brought under our notice, and on the suggestion of the city members of the Executive Committec, the President appointed a special committee to consuder the subject. The repert of that committee will be presented at this meeting. Postage on periodicals has also been a subject of con-
, ideration. I joun meeting of the Evectutise Committer and that of the Tormmto Dintrict Association "an leeld, and Mr. Irsmg "as apponted as a deputatum to proned to wana to endenor to line the matter rettled. The re, ult of that wisit will abo be
 hase been ors.mated ame last meetimp. There was hum one applathon made to orfature such a body; whih "as made it a bume when ! ubd not comply whithe tequest, nor have I vine been able to in a date. The payment of ofice rent by the Association whardly warrinted by the amount received for memberv fees. It would be well in consuder whether or not the evpense shoper wann should be continued.

Mewn. R. T. 1.ancetield and J. B. Melean were elen ted members on the recommendation of the Exectotue Committec.

Mr. John Ross Kobertson was mtroduced as a representatue of the Copyright Association, and addressed the mectug on the Copyrgite guestion. He explained brietly the objects amed at by that body and asked the Asociation to co-operate with them in bringing pressure upon larhament to pass a Dommion Copyright Act which would afford sulficient protection to authors and owners and be at the same time advantageous to the publishing trade and people of Canada. Mr. Robertson also answered a number of questions relating to the mater.

Mr. Rothwell, on behalf of the committe appointed to consider the proposed bill, reported favorably. He thought it was time that they, as Bookscliers, should unite to have a Copyright Bill. The one reported, he though, "as complete. It might be well for a committee of the Association to confer with the Copyright Association on several matters in the bill. He suggested that blank memorial sheets be sent to every Bookseller throughout the country to get the signatures of all in the book, stationery, printing, and allied trades. He was heartily in atcord with the proposal. Some parts might affect retailers a litile, but they would have to give way a little to the publishers. They should each give way on certain points to the other.

Mr. Murch was afratd that this Copyright Bill meant that the day for cheap books in Cinadia was passed, and that under it the publisher would have a finger in the pie but that the retailers would not.

Mr. Sharpe did not agree with this, view.
Mr. Brece remarked that it would not have that elfect. If the proposed Copyright l'nion took place between Cireat Britann and die States, Canadians would never be in as satisfactory a position to get one.
Dir lluichison wanted time to consider the bill. It had been drawn up by publoshers and they maght quite umwittingly insert something that might be unfas orable to the retail Bookseller.

Mr. In mg agreed with hm. Thes would each hase to kive and take.

Mr Mutchison replied that, as a Bookseller, he would like to take all he could. Laughter.)

Mr. Rothwell moved, seconded by Mr. Hutchison, - The commote appomed to enquire into the Copsrght bill han me reponted favorably to the meeting on the proposed hill, we, the Ontario Booksellers' Associatue assembled, heartily approve of the draft bill, and we pledre ouselven, as Booksellers, to render all aswhance powible in our power to aid the Copyright Awociation ow bring the mater properly before the Dommion Ciovermment."

The motion was carried.

- Mr. Sharpe suggested the formation of a committee rurefully selected and not identitied with the Copyright Assentateon, of meer that Assoctation to disctiss a few minor ponts not quite clear m the proposed bill.

Mr. Mutehson moved, sectaded by Mr. Irving, and It was agreed to, "That the pestent of this Associatoon name and appome a commute of Booksellers of this city to confer with the commutee of the Copyright Asoctiation, and to coopperate with them in setting the matter before the trade gencrally:"

The President appointed the followng gentemen: Mewrs. II. Hutchison, S. R. Hart, and H. L. Thomp$s \mathrm{mn}$.

Mr. Inving gave an accoumt of his efforts to have the duy removed from foregn periodicals. He had seseral conferences with the Minister of Custons and the Commustoner. The Commssioner agreed that of the plates were bound in they would come in free. He had that done, but that was not sufficient, for he was called upon to pay dury because they were not paged. They made him pay duty one day and the next they returned it to him and then made him pasj it back the third. The department now held the mones. However, the Minister had promised him that at the next session of Parliament he would have the matter fixed in a way that would be satisfactory to the trade. They wouldnowhaveto use their influence on the Postmaster(iencral to reduce the postal mates on periodicals and lrooks.

DIr. Wilson said something should be done regarding the reduction of postage. He suggested that petitions be sent round to Booksellers to have signed for presentation to the l'ostmaster-General.

Mr. Rothwell thought the old commitee should be appointed to work upon the new Postmaster-General. He believed that the old rate of three per cent. on the sale of stamps could be returned.

It was decided on motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Middleton, that the Executwe Commutee take inmuediate steps to acquaint the lostmaster-(ieneral of the injustice the Canadian book and news trade are suffering through the facility afforded by the United States postal law for supplying our customers with English and American periodicals and paper-covered books. That petitions be prepared and sent to all the trade throughout the counery for signature, asking for a uniform rate of one cent per $t$., on this class of matuer.

Mr. Dyas reported that the office of the Association was not patronized to the extent that it should be, and he suggested that it be done away with. It would save a rental of $\$ 60$ per year. This was agreed to on motion of Mr. Tat, seconded bs Mr. G. Warwick.

The election of officers was then proceeded with. Mr. Sharpe, who was nominated for the presidency, said he did not care to accept it as there were other men who, he thought, could fill the position better than he. The Association, however, would not hear of it, and he was unanimously re-elected amid much ap. plause. The other offices were filled as follows:-tice-presidents, 13. A. Rothwell, W. Middleton; secre-tary-(reasurer, J. J. Dyas ; executive committee, Messrs. Watson, Tait, Wilson, Cloke, and Bain.

Several members present reported upon the work done by their local Associations.

Mr. Wilson spoke for Middlesex. There had been a little trouble in Strathroy but that had been satisfactorily settled. In Loudon an outside store had cut
school books 20 per cent., otherwise they were getting fair profits. The Association had been a decided benefit to the trade.

Mr. Rothwell aid that in Brantford the trade were now working well together. The Association had done away with all disputes; in the jear they had not one disayreement. They also furnished each other with information regarding persons who would not pay for their papers. When a customer refused or neglected to pay for his newspapers the dealer informed the other members of the trade. They therefore reflused to let him have a paper unless he paid in advance.

Mr. 'Tait, reporting for St. Catharines, said the trade there were working very satisfactorily together. They were the pioneers in arranging newspaper rates. The: advanced the price of the Empire and cilobe to threc cents, and they were now handling these papers at a profit.

Mr. Sharpe said that the trade was in a satisfactory condition in the Huron district.

Mr 'Tait drew attention to the advisability of appointingranorganizer to work up localAssociations. This gave rise to some discussion as to the expense, which was decided by a resolution of Mr. Irving, seconded by Mr. Hart, that "Any expense incurred in organizing dis. trict Associations shall be borne by members of said district."
In reply to the Secretary, it was agreed that when a member was two years in arrears he ceased to be a member.
Mr. Dyas gave notice of a evision of the constitution.
Just before adjourning, Mr. Bryce drew the attention of the retail booksellers to the number of Camadian copyright books that were being imported and offered for sate here. He asked them to refuse to handle these piratical editions.

Mr. Irving said he had seen the Mimster of Custombut he said that there were so many books that they could not keep track of them all.
Mr. Wilon remarked that they mandred to heep track of the music.

No action mas taken.

## TRADE NOTICES.

Guelph is thriving. Mr. W. (i. Nelles has found it necessary to have harger premises to enable him to meet the growing demands of that city, and has saken possession of a fine store near the post-office.

Mr. (ieo. H. Doran has succeeded Mi. H. H. Mebis, of the Willard Tract Depository: Mr. Bebs take, the management of the Standard Pub. Co.
The Willard Tract hase wotrol of the C.madion trade in Art Books and Ribbon Boohlets. They report immense sales of this ne" venture in Chrsomas books. They are fine works of art for a small ngure.
The wholesale dealers in Nimas goods in Toronto are very buss, and gas-light from cellar to atto is the unis ersal order of the day. Taken ats a whole trade is ahead of last year, whth brighter prospects for the nex: six months.

Nimas cards-except booklets- have fallen of considerably this year, and wholesalers are looking for sorting-up orders late in December.
The stock of abums still unsold are ven lon and
the prices are proportionately stifi. 'These dealers' thercfore, who gave import orders are appreciating their daily arriving stocks.

Retaliation is again being threatened by our fiiendly neighbors, their only reason for not enforcing it being the sume loss their own railways will incur by the step. That loss, however, is being felt already, for enquiry amongst our largest importers brings out the fact that they areallalmostunis ersally hat ing their goods shipped ada llalifax and Montreal, which by the way is a cheaper route than around by New York.
Failures in the Stationery and Fancy Goods trades have been conspicuous by their absence during the last month. Is it because wheat is $\$ 1.25$ a bushel?
Geo. Ashfield, one of the largest, though youngest, Fancy Goods dealers in Otlawa, had his place gutted by fire about ten days ago. His loss will be about $\$ 7,00$ fully covered b) insurance. We hope he will be in shape again in time for the Christmas trade.
The weighty representative of Raphael Tuck \& Co.. commonly known as "John L. Sullitan," is in town looking after that firm's merests. He says that thew trade keep up with past gears.
llush goods are selling in greater quantities this year than ever. Opposition is keener and yet the old houses are doing more business than in previous gears. Instead of being a fancy for a year or two they have developed into a staple line.
Square purses are becoming quite fashionable mstead of the oblong shapes: some hades gomg to absurd extremes.

## PRESENTATION TO WARIVICK \& SONS

The following "as onitted from last monthis issue :
The address to Wharwich © bons which was decteded upon at the ammal pienic and moonlight excursom, was presented to the firm by the employees last month. It was beautifully illuminated by R. .M. Williams. Encased in a very handsome frame it now adorns she mantelpiece of the tirm's priate office. The address is as follows:-..

At a meeting held on board the seamer "Rothsay," zth Aug., 1888 , whik on a moonlight excurvion given by Mesors. Wiarwick N Sons in connection with their ammal picnic, the following resolution was carred unanimously by a standing vere:
-We, the employees in the various departments of the stationery "arehonse and the proming and bookbinding establishment of Warwack $\&$ Soms, do tender our beat and most cordial thanhs fon the cacellent enectainmem prosided by them for us this day it this eacursion and pencic to l.orne l'arh, and the moonlighe excursion on board the " Rohhsay."
"We desire that the good and kind relations now existing between the fim of Warwick $\mathbb{S}$ Sons and outselves which hav been promoted by the kindness shown us on this occasion, will be continuously ob. served in the establishment, and wish the firm every success and prosperity."

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METHODIST BOOK AND PUBLISHING HOUSE.

Gur cut gues but a faint idea of the new . Methodist Book and Prublishing House now in course of erection on Kichmond Street, between Conge and Bay Streets, and evtendang back to Temperanee Sereet.

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(Sur space will not at present admit of a complete description. Suffice it to say that the whole will form the most complete and admirably arranged pemines for the special purposes for which thes are mended.

During the piat few years the business of thas msucution has rapidly grown, until now the old premuses are far too whall for the requirements of the business.

The increase in the number of employees is shown from the fact that ome fine years ano the amoum paid each week for "itges was about $5 ; 00$, while now it amounts to about 51,100 .

The sales in every department are venc much in adsance of previous years, and new machinery has been added so both press-rooms and binder:

## CANADIAN COPYRIGHT.

A nisecting of the Copyright Association of Canada was held on Thursday evening, the 18 th Oct., at the Board of Trade Rooms, Toronto, Mr. J. Ross Robertson, the l'resident, in the chair.

In opening the meeting, the chairman briefly reviewed the situation, showing that the Berne Bill, which had been introduced at the last session of Parliament, threatened the most disastrous consequences to the book, printing and publishing interests of Canada. After its adoption every British copyright book would be copyright in Canada, without requiring manufacture in Canada (as is required by the present law) in order to secure Canadian copyright. This of itself was felt to be a $\quad$-rost serions menace to the printing and publishing interests of the Dominion, but in addition to this the Bill excludes all forcign reprints of British copyright books, thus throwing our market entirely into the hands of British publishers and primters. This is where the book trade and the pulb. lic are deeply interested, as it is well known that the best and most popular books are issued in IEngland at a very high price at first, and it is months, and in some cases years, before they are issued in cheap editions for the people. Hakgard's books afford a good illustration of this. Many thousands of "She:" and "King Solomon's Mines" have been sold in Canada simply becamse we have been able to sell the cheap 25 -cent American editions. And yet the cheapest English edition of these books to-day is six shillings sterling, a figure utterly beyond the pockets of the Camadian people.

A rough draft of a bill containing suggestions for the practical operative clauses for a new Dominion Copyright Act, foverning the reprinting in Canada of lmperial copyright works, the productions of Ilritish subjects, or of the subjects of those countries that have an International Copyright Trenty with Great llitain, was then placed before the meeting, and finally adopied. The following is a brief synopsis of the clauses of most interest to the trate and the public:-

Sec. 1 refuses copyright in Canada to United States authors until such time as the United States Government enters into an International Copyright Treaty with Great llitain and Canada.

Sec. 2 recites that the condition for obstaining the Canadian copyright shall be that the work shall be printed and published in Canada within two months after first publication elsewhere.

Section 3 recites that any work intended to be copyrighted in Camada shall before publication elsewhere, or simultaneously with its first publication elscwhere, be registered in the office of the Minister of Agriculture by the author or his legal representative, which registration and compliance with the provisions of Sec. 2, shall secure the exclusive Canadan copyrght to the author or his legal representatives.

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