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O peaceful and harmless were retail book. sellers-to all intents - that no one would have suspected that they would turn even if a monster placed its foot on their necks. But when the duty on books was changed from $1 ;$ per cent. 10 six cents per pound, the retail bookseller found be was trampled on.
From the retailer's point of view, we denounce the tariff as unnecessarily hurtful to a legitimate business. We do so for the following reasons:
I. The wholosaler can advance his prices quite easily from 15 to 17 cents on a 25 cent book, and from 35 to 38 cents on a 50 cent book-and these are two popular prices; but the retailer must still sell the books at 25 and 50 cents, with the result that his profit is reduced, and business not increased.
2. Subscription books are cheaper than before, and hence the business will drift from the hands of men who pay taxes into that of wanderers who pay no taxes-men like the Chicago aldermen.
3. The allowing of the following books to come in free-viz., books for use of mechan.
ics' institutes, public free libraries, and university and college libraties, and books on the curriculum of university and incorporated colleges - has cult offa large volume of the retailers' trade, and turned it into the hands of New York and other collectors of books for libraries.
$\ddagger$ The cheap books are the books most sold by the bookseller, but now the cheiper the book the higher the tax.
These reasons should show the dificulties under which the retailers will now wriggle. He had them all before in 1879 , but in: four months the 15 per cent. was introduced. It was a failure then and - but we are no pro. phet.

Now for facts. A wholesaler in Toronto. on March 20 , passed a shipment of cheap books, value $\$ 17$, duty $\$ 7.20$, rate 42.3 per cent. On the same day another deater passed a bill of books-costly books- on which the duty was 6, cents, while under the old taiff the dut would have been $\$ 2.10$, the value being $\$ 14$. Thus on the cheap books the duty is about +2.3 per cent. and on the luxuries of the rich the duty is 16.5 per cent; These instances can be proven.
The duties on Einglish books are as follows: On four penny books, zo per cent.: on six-penny books, $2 j$ per cent.; on ninepenny books, 25 per cent.; on shilling books, 33'i per cent.; on one and six-penny books, $2 j$ per cent.; on two shilling books, 25 per cent.; on two and six books, 20 per cent.; on three and six books, 17 per cent., and so on decreasing as the price advances. The highestduty is on shilling books, and this is just the class of books on which the duty $h$ is been increaseci over 100 pe. cent In a recent shipment to a Toronto house comprising 7,226 books, 6,930 books ranged in price below two and six-pence ( 60 cents) and only 396 from $\$ 1$ to $\$ 175$. That is, the bulk of the shipment was the cheap books on which the duty has been materially increased; and to make matters worse, the shilling books were almost double in number those at any other price.
This refers to the medium weight cloth books. There are extreme cases where the duty amounts to much more than the amounts named here, but we have contented ourselves with placing the rates as low as porsible. For instance, on Scott's novels issued in England in paper covers, in sixpenay edition, the duty runs over 40 per cent.
The result of these changed circumstances is that the bookseller is ignored and so is the consumer. Public libraries and mechanics' institutes in large and wealthy sowns get their books free, while the Sunday School library of the scattered settlers in the mining and lumbering regions of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Brthsh Cinlumbia and the Northwest-where it and it alore is the source of refining literature-must be heavily taxed The civilizing influence of
the Sunday School library follows in the wake of the civilizing missionary; so to complete the plan, tar the missionary's salary of $\$ 500$, received mainly in dried meat and old clothes. To give an idea of the Sunday Schools of Cimada let it be known that they are $\mathbf{5 7 6 , 0 0 0}$ in number, seattered in every portion of the country

But to turn irom such sentimental arguments to those most prictical, even if less important, it maybe pointed out that a specifie duty of this kind is hard to manage. The importer sets in a case of books which may contann 50 different titles, and each book of different weught. He turns them all out on the custom house floot and the custom house scales, and spoils $\$ 2$ or $\$ 3$ worth in the process. He packs them in again and sends them up to his warehouse-a no small job. He takes them out and weighs each title separately and marks the price arcord. ingly, all the time wondering if it is wocked to damn the man who invented specific duties.
By puttiny bookplates on the free list and puting a duty effocents per pound on sheets the Covernment probably intended to encourage the making of books in this country. But they have recknaed without the English author and publisher. When the latter sells 10 a C'nited States publisher, he sells North Anerica, the Canadian market being a mere bagatelle. How is the Canadian to get his plates or his copyright. Under existing circumstances he cannot get it. He must simply be glad he has been given the privilege by his generous government-given it with one hand. while the other hand prevents him realizing the benetit. liy this we mean that free plates are of little use until we get our Copyright Act enforced, and stand on our dignity as men, instead of being thrown as a bait to enable the English publisher to get another "five poun' " out of the United States publisher.

It is only fair to state that where a bookseller handles only cloth books from $\$ 1$ to $\$$ per copy, the duty is a benclit rather than a hindrance. But such books:llers i rm but 5 per cent of the whole profession.

## OTHER PHASES OF THE TARIFF.

OTHER phases of the tariff besides the book duties must be discussed. The fancy goods trade complain that the new tariff is hard to understand, and that the schedules are not sufficiently comprehensive.

One dealer ventured the idea that sporting goods should all come in under one heading For instance, rubber balls might be classed as toys and be dutiable at 35 per cent.; if elasjed as rubber goods they would be 25 per cent, while if put under goods not mentioned tuey would pay 20 per cent. Different appraisers might make different rulings, and some dealers be put at disad-
vantage for a tume at least. He would have all baseliall, ennis, cricket and other sport. ing koods put in one clas.

Another example is in the rase of fancy toilet and other cases. The duty on the case 13.35 percent., on the comb in it 35 per cent. on the mirror 30 per cemt, and on the brush 25 per cent. The importer thus hav his groods shipped and invorced acparately; so as to save the daty, but this neceasilatis. a deal of extra work on the mpoter and on the customs clerks. The writer saw a mall invoise of fanc $y$ goods amounting io $\$ 280$ on which there wat six different rites of duty to be charget, and the different thems were all in xed up in a way thas made a great deal of work.

Cellulod under the new rate pays zo per cent., while the old was 35 per cemt : hatnmocks pay 5 per cent. less; tenms rarguets still pay 25 per cent as manufartures of nood, kut beemg free: mouth orkans, after vgorous kicking by the mponers, were claved under musical instruments instead of tojs this ruling remans: lead pencils and slate pencils are down tive per cent.; musical instruments remant the same: clocks are down from 35 to 25 : fincy cases are now chessed under "pold, shlver and jenellety," at the same rate, 35 per cent.: dollo and wiss remam the same : poture and photo frames of any material are now in a spectal class and pay jo ber cent, while formerly they pand 35 per cent as other fancy goods: bouse furnishing , hardware is advanced al/z per a ent.; combs and brushes remam the s.mie.
An example of the beatuy of specific duties can be seen on the case of strawboad. Thus has a ypectific duty of $\$ 8$ at ton some years ago it wons $s_{4}$, thus miking a duty of so per cent: hom it costs but 825, and the dute is thus iz per rent.

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## STANO SALES IN PHILADELPMIA.

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## OPINIONS ON BOOK TARIFF.

WE have collected a number of opinious on the book tariff which will be found interesting and instattive reading.

The Foronto laialy Vall says: "The new book duty provides that literature, like pork, shall be laxed at so much a poumd. The specilic rate is six cente This touch of originality cannot be said to have ornamented the tariff It fars with senerally accepted deas of the fitness of things. An enlightened l.obengula might choose this way of taxing his people's reading matter, but a less primitue mode would suit us better. And the duty is as unfarr as it is uncouth. In the first place, it is on the aggregate a very great advance on the fotmer duty. But the burden of this advance falls altogether on the poorer class. l'pon the books bought by people who collect libraries the duty will ascrage fllst about what it was before, as among those costier books some will be very light, some ind lle-weight, some heavy, and the total duty will be found to approximate closely to that formerly collected on the ad warem bisis. The increase, therefore, fills on the people who buycheapbooks. The tonnage of such books brouglit into the country is many tuncs that of the imported dear books. The duty on the cheap books will. therefore, be many times the duty on the deat books. Hence, the burden of the book t.t, will have to be borne by the people who can atford only cheap books, that is. by the poorer classes. This, it may be said, is not an unmixed evil, as it will tend to exchule a portion of that deluge of pernicious Interature that is tiooted into the country from the Unted States. But it will have the same tendency aganst the purest and most elevating literature that now finds its way into the famly and the Sunday School in cheap edhons from the lititish and Americin press The cheapness of this class of broks is an mfluence for the diffusion of culture, and it should not be meddled with."
iV. I Gage, in answer to inquiries, said. "The change of all classes a books to specatio duty is the kreat cause of the trouble We we prepared to approve of the specitu duty on all (heap repronts of Bitish authors. They way be doubled without inpuring the trade if the idea is to force the prantind of these repunts in Canada. llut, when we come to consider the application of spectic duties to the sale of all popular liter: ature outside of the reprints referred $t 0$, it means an advance of about 100 per cent. on the ohd taruf. A 15 per cem. ad valorem duty will be found when applied to the sale of popular hiterature in cloth to be only half liat now proposed. When 1 say popular literature I refet to books sold over the counter tor the fereat mass of the people. For example, take the enormous quantity sold in the form of sunday school libraty literature. l'nder the new specatic duty this will pay at
least jo to 33 per cent. duty, instend of 15 . It is quite a common thing for a bookseller to give an order for 10,000 copies of such a book as the popular l'ansy series. Six cent. a pound on these books means an increase of fully 20 per cent. on the cost to the consumer.
"Tinke cheap novels. "Che reading pub'ic use largely the novels of Sir Walter Scott. l.y:ton and other authors published in l.ondon in cheap paper covers at (x). The new tariff puts a duty on these of $f$ per cent., or fully threetimes the old duty, certainly an en. ormous increase.
". Inother serious increase is in holiday books. For the holiday trade the books of largest sale are the cheap picture books for children, costing from to to 25 cents each. The duty on these is 70 per cent. now, instead of 15 , or nearly five fold of an increase. Of course there will be a corresponding advance to the public. With almost all the books I have spoken of the impost serves no protective purpose. The Canadian market is too limitcd to warmant the production here, say of holiday books, and they must still be imported.
"If you turn now to the class of expen. sive, copyrighted and finely-bound books you will find that the duty is vastly less than before. lake as an example a recent book by (ioldwin Smuth, published at a price that puts it beyond the reach of others than the rich. 'Essays on Questions of the Day," just issued, paid a duty under the old tariff of 22 cents per copy, while now, admitted by weight, it would may only rok cents, or loss than one-half the old duty."

The Toronto Empire says: "An outcry is raised that this will increase the price of the cheaper class of books purchased by the poor, and it may at once be freely conceded that the effect will be an increase of duty on the cheap and trashy publications which are brought in in such quantities, though on each volume (and these books are purchased by the single volume) the increase will be so little that it will not materially affect the sale. But to offset this the cause of education is helped by bringing in frec all books for university and college curriculums, and for mechanics' institutes, and by the gicat reduction there will be in the duty on the better class of books The poor will be much more helped by letting the struggling student, or the poor man who has a taste for scientific knowledge (and the poor have that taste as well as the rich), get his or her books at the low. est possible price, than by encouraging the sale of books of a imshy character. Almost the only class of books on which an argument can be raised is those for Sunday school libraries, the duty on which will be increased, though not greatly. But on the other hand, Bibles, prayer books and hymn books are made free of duty, and inost people will prefer to have these books cheap.
er, even if they have to pay a few cents more to read about those abnurmal prodigies who, fortunately, generally die young."
A. S. Irving, President of the roronto News Company, was asked the following question: Under the present arrangements will you abandon the bringing in of books in sheets and cominence the bringing in of plates, and thus continue to issue your series of 50 cent. novels? He repl ed as follows: "We will continue to import the sheets so long as we can do so without loss. We prefer to print the books here from plates, but the market is so limited that it is practically out of the question with 90 per cent. of the books that we issuc. Even with free plates we cannot afford to bring thein in. This is based on our experience of 25 years. We have purchased more English copyrights of works of fiction than any other firm in Can. ada, and know exactly what can be done with them. If the new copyright act was enforced we have protection and could increase the number of books printed and published in Canada. But even free plates will be of no benefit to publishers unless they can afford to pay the royalty recuired by the publisher or author of the bonk. This reyalty increases very naterialy the cost of the book, and is an element which people who do not thoroughly understand the situation $t o o$ frequently overlook. The Canadian publisher of any book, Canadian or foreign, must pay a royalty on the books printed, even when plates only are imported Books brought in in sheets do not have this increased tax, for obvious reasons."
H. L. Thompson, Manager of the Copp, Clark Co., Lid., spoke as follows : " 1 am convinced that the change in the tarift on books will be detrimental to retailers. The wholesale man finds little difiticulty in adapting himself to changed conditions, and advancing his prices. With the retailer it is differen. He sells his books at certain pop. ular prices which customers know and expect ; hence to advance on these is almost impossible. Moreover 1 can see that subscription books, now being admitted cheaper than before, will still further injure the retailer'strade. For myself I would be glad to see the duty of 15 per cent. retained on cloth books, and the six cents per pound placed on papor-bound books. This would help the publishers of cheap books, the printer, paper maker and bookbinder. But cloth books cannot poasibly be made here, in the majority of cases, as only a few of a title can be sold. Yet even in the cases where books are published in Canada in cloth binding, free plates and 15 per cent. duty should be sufficient protection."
Mr. Rutter, of Warwick Bros. A Kutter. said: "From a manufacturer's stand point 1 am satisfied with the tariff with one exception, and that is subscription books. These can now be brought in bound and ready for sale at a lower rate than before, and this will tend to stop the growing prac-
tice of bringing in the plates and printing and binding these books in Canada. This must be remedied. There are about 25 outside firms selling subscription books in Canada, and the only benetit the country eceives is from the board of the men who sell them while they are in the country. On the other hand there are several firms here who are trying to do business by having the books printed and bound in this country, and the change militates against them. But aside from this, it seems to me that the (iovernment is changing the duties so as to make the enforcement of the Copyr ght Act a keystone to an arch that they have builded. This is the elevation of canadian pub. lishing to its proper status among Canadian indu-tries. It seems to me that the an. nouncement that the $12{ }^{\prime} \mathbf{'}^{\prime}$ per cent. levied on English copyrights imported from any other country will not be collected after March, 1895 , points strongly in the direction of the enforcement of the Canadian Coppright Act of 1890 . You might also saly that the duty on 'luck's goods, for which we are Canadian agents, has been slighty reduced, and that we intend to give our customers the full benefit."

## THE "FALCON" FILE.

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## MRS. WARD'S MARCELLA.

SOME one has spread a false repolt among the trade about this book coming out in a colonial edition for L.ongmans. Mr. Ifving, of the Toronto News Co., informs us that it will be many months before this will occur, and hence dealers are quite safo in ordering the edition they are now selling at $\$ 2$. The first Canadian edition was exhausted within 48 hours, and a second supply has been arranged for.

## LETEERS ANO TELEGRAMS.

THE Mmister of Finance is being dul. uged these days with telegrams and letters from booksellers, urging upon his attention the fact that a specific duty on books is objectionable.
On April znd a circular was issued to the trade sgned by W. J. Gage, pointing out that a deputation would wait on the Minister of Finance on the jth, and that every person interested should telegraph on Wednesday evening urging the repeal of the specifie duty. The scheme was excellent. The deputation was to have consisted of W . J. (inge, Dr. Hriggs and II. L. Thompson.
But, unrortunately, keen bustuess rivalry leads men to alter their minds, and the deputation did not so to Ollawa. Mr. Thompson went there on general business, and perhaps took an opportunity to make his presence felt. But as for personal intercessions there have been none.
It is evecedingly lamentable that the trade is not able to shed its narrow-mindedness and unite for the general good.

## A NEW PAPER COMPANY.

THE: Napance l'aper Company failed, and the mills and other assets were offered for sale. As is usual with a big plantof this kind, the company changed complexion, took a new name and the old business. The Napanee l'aper and I'ulp Co. is now running the old mills at Nap. anee and Newburgh, and the Chemical Pulp Mills at Fenclon Falls. John R. Scolt, the late manager of the old company, is manager of the new.
This new company will be a success if it will rehabitate its mills, add new machinery, sell the old for old rron, and get a general husting gatt for its managers and directors. It only requires snap and push to make this business a saccess. Everything will be in runnung order about May first.

## STANLEY J. WEYMAN.

THI: (, entleman of France, the best his. torical novel written since the time of Sir Walter Scott, has for its author, stanley J. Weyman. This writer bas made a profound sensation and surpasses in power lus "House of The Wolf." Mr. Weyman was born in Shropshire, England, passed through Oxford and was ralleci to the bar in 1881. He is a wanderer and delights in travel and hunting. His stories have ap. peared in the Cornhill, the Enghish Illus. trated and the l.eisure Hour, and two new ones are now running as serials in the tllus. trated London News and the New York Sun. The first is "L'nder the Red Robe," the second "My Lady Kotha." Booksel. lers will learn more of them when they get into book form.

Mr. Weyman is a writer of wonderful de. scriptive and entertaning powers, and none of his works need be feared by Cianadianbook. sellers.

## NEW INEOLVENOV AOT.

THERE has been introduced into the Canadian Senate a National Insolvency liill, and as it is introduced by a cabinet minister and announced as a ciovernment measure, its passage is an assured event. When this bill becomes law -and il will in about a month-the Thompson Ciavernnuent will have passed one of the grealest acts for the mercantile community which has been placed on the slatute books for ten vears. It will give an impetus to trade which can only be detrimental by being of ton yreat a degree. Undue expansion of crodit is the only thing to be feared.

Under the proposed bill the trader can be forced to assign by any debior with claim of $\$ 250$ or more, while any other class mayassign vn'untarily, but cannot be com. pelied.
A trader can be forced to assign if unable to pay his debts in full. If he makes any keneral conveyance or assignment of his proper $y$ for the benefit of his creditors, or if being unable to meet his liabilities in full he inakes any sale or conveyance of the whole of the main patt of his stock in trade or assels, without the consent of the credit ors or without satisfying their claims. Or if he permits any execution issued against sim to remain unsatisfied till within four days of the time fixed by the sheriff or ceizing officer for the sale thereof, or to remain unamisfied for is days after such seizure. Or, if with intent to defent, defraud or delay his creditors he allows his challels, stock in irade. assets, land or property, or any portion thereof so be seized, levied on or taken under any process of execution.

The next clause of importance is 16 , whish reads: On the makind of a receiving order no credtior shall hereafter have any remedyagainst the estate of the inso'vent in respeit of any debt, and no action shall be begun or inatiluted, nor shall any actions then pending against the insolient be con. tinued except with the leave of the court in which the same are instituted or pending. Hut except in this act otherwise provided nothing herein shall be construed to prevent a creditor having securicy for his debe or any part thereof from realising sin or otherwise dealing with such security or any pant thereof in the same manner and to the sume extent as the receiving order had not beea made.

Clause 17 provides that the Governor-incouncil muy appoint such petsons as be thinks fit to be official receivers under this act for sevetal distncts, and may remove any permon so appointed.
Clauce 19 provides that the receiving order shall sest in the official receiver all the estate of the insolvens to be held by him until the liquidators are appointed. after which the liquidators hotd the estate in trust for the benefit of the insolvent and $h$
creditors. (This prevents an assignee from kaining and keeping control of the estate to the detriment of other creditors.)

The official receiver must call a meeting of the creditors within 20 days from the date of insolvency. Creditors may appoint from one to five inspectors to superintend the work of the liquidator.

Compromises can be niade, but a section provides that the deed of composition and discharge must be confirmed by the court before koing into effect. It also provides for the hearing of objections thereto on the part of creditors.
At the expiration of a sear from the date of insolvency the insolvent may give notice of his intention to apply to the court for a discharge without consent of his creditors, and the coun may, in case the discharge is not opposed, on proof being made to its matisfaction that all the notices and formalities required by the act have been complied with, make an order for the discharge of the insolvent. Creditors can oppose this, and discharges obtained by fraud are void.

Present insolvents--since repeal of Insolvent Act of 1875-can obtain discharge. and many a man trading under his wife's name will gain his freedom.

## THE N. E, BRYANT OO.

IN the eariy part of 1889 with a nominal capital of $\$ 50,000$ and a paid up capital of $\$ 17,000$, the J. E. Bryant Co. was formed. In Sept. 189.3. it bought Brough \& Caswell's job printing plant for $\$ 22,000$ Huntin, Reid \& Co. eoon afterwards took two chattel mortgakes for $\$ 8,000$ each, and afterwards recerved some more of the company's paper by Blough \& Caswell's failure. Other claims were pressing, and the company as. signed or went into liquidation. The assets were offered for sale but no bids were received. A second sale was mide, and tenders were to have been received up to Tuesday, March 37 th. The assets offered were:

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Mr. Clarkson, the assiknee, informs us that the printing plant and the publications, as above, have been sold to A. H. Campbell, president Irritish and Canadian Loan and Invertment $C a$, who is supposed to be acting in the interests of the Evangelical Cburchinan The price paid $18 \$ 8,138$, and Mr. Campbell assumes the liens and chatel
mortgages, as fol'ows: Van Allens * Boughton, $\$ 2,875$; W. J. Gage \& Co, $\$_{4}$ © 0 ; Campbell Prinling Press Co., $\$ 788.04$; Miller \& Kichard, Sg64.05; Buntin, Reid \& Co., \$14,250.

The contributories are atill liable for $\$ 8$, 000, which, with the $\$ 8,138$ realized from the sale, will pay the general creditors some forty odd cents on the dollar. The Bank of Hamilton holds a claim for $\$ 7.075$, well secured, and the preferred claims amount to $\$ 2,637,18$. The W. J. Gage Ca holds $\$ 3$ 632.34 in notes received from Brough at Caswell, and Buntin, Reid a Co. have a running accouat for $\$ 3.128 .01$; both of these will receive about to per cent. on their claims. The other claims aggregate some \$4,000.

## IMDIA RUDEER EALCS.

LAST December a rise in the price of india subber balls caught the jobbers of these goods in Toronta, but, fortun. ately, not so very badly, as each one had orders placed to be shipped in Novemberwith, pertaps, one exception. Hut even this exceptional firm got a shipment at the old price, and were saved.

Then these jobbers went to work and formed a combine to controt the Canadian trade and sell the goods purchased at old prices at the new and advanced prices. This would net them double profit if it were successfully carried out.

But the retailer is a patient man. He scented the danger, and, as a rule, be beld his order and watched. Careful watching developed some vulnerable points, and some dealers inanaged in get balls at old prices, much so the chagrin of the jobbers who stuck to the combination price There is a leak somewhere, but aobody is, seemingly, able to locate it. The leak may possibly be more general than is supposed.
An English paper, apeaking of the matter in that country, says: "The course of 'corners' nowadays, like that of true love, does not always run as smoothly as might be wished by the interested ones. It will be remembered that last year the ball manufacturets met in solemin conclave, and decided that the price of india rubber ba'ls should be advanced about 50 per cent. : which sesolution came into force last Deceniber. But. as usual. there was a teak in this ship, for the said conclave did not number all ball manufacturers in its ranks. So it came so pass that while this arbitrary proceeding in iegard to children's playthings was being formulated, Mr. Gotschalk -who does not believe in corners-had made arrangements on a large scale for this season's balls at the old figures : and while resolutions were being formed not to sell be. low so-and-sa, he came up with his litile Ion; and planted them all over the country. The 'corner' is now waiting for orders at the advanced price"


Editor Boons amb Notions:
Str,-The article in the February number of Books and Notions headed "A Lifeless Crew," should not be allowed to pass by the trade without a vigorous kick. llooks AND Notions ought to have it impressed upon its mind that booksellers in Ontario are being dealt with in a very unfair way by both newspaper publishers and wholesale book, stationery and fancy goods houses in Toronto. Also that they are very much in aeed of a journal whose editor has enough incerest in their success to induce him to expose the meanness of those people. There is no scarcity of instances which he could find out and expose through its columns, and meep the retailers posted, and induce them to work together against such unfair jobbers. I could give him a dozen reasons why retailers in Toronto are a "lifeless crew," but a recent occurrence will suffice to illustrate scores of similar instances being carried on all the time.

A Sunday school library committee called upon mea few days ago with a list of books they wished to procure, and on which they had already got prices from a well-known book concern in Toronto. I glanced at it and soon found out that 1 could not touch it, as they had given the committee the srade prices or lower, as Pansy books were quoted at 19c., terms, "pay when you get ready."

1 received a postal card a few days previous to this visit of the committee from the traveler representing this book concern, saying he would call upon me in a few days with samples of miscellaneous books, bibles, prayer books. etc., urging me to reserve my ordens for him.

Now Mr. Books and Notions, why don't you take up this sort of thing and publish the names of such unprincipled concerns, and advise the trade to shun them. In this way you could do more to put some life into the lifeless crew than any man 1 know of.
fair Play.
Edilet Boom: avo Niostoms:
Sir.-Your editorial in February Books amd Notions "A Lifeless Crew." seems to have been received by the trade with sileace, but I would not like to say contempt. I was in hopes that some of the trade would have made some reply, but as no:e have done so I would like to say something for the defence. As tong as the Toronto daily papers continue to charge the dealer $\$ 6.26$ per year (ac. per copy) they cannot expect that the newsdenter will take up any of their schemes very enthusiastically. No reasonabls publisher would expect a newsdeater to order a lot of extra copies of a special (experimental edi-
tion) and help 10 boom it unless unsold copies are returnable. l.et the publishers act fairly with the dealers and see if they do not get more replies to their postals. You refer to the Detroit free l'ress as one of the progressive papers handled exclusively by "smart youths," but the reason of that was that the rates were made similar to those of the Toronto dailies, and no newsdealer could handle them at a profit. They cost the dealer 52c. per month and price to customers 60 c . per month. No dealer cared to handle at that rate, and consequently they had to look to "sinart youths" for their sales.

## A IDEALEK.

## DOOK NOTEE,

SOME remarkable books have appeared this moath, and jobbers and publish. ers have been busier than for several months. The change in duties slackened business a little for about a week, but the market gradually recovered.

Rescued in Time is the title of a temperance story by A. C. Wison, of Galt, now going tbrough the press of the Methodist Hook and Publishing House.
It is said that the W. J. Gage Co. took a large number of orders for cheap libraries, such as Murst's and Lupton's, which they will be unable to till at a profit under the new daty.

Stead's new book has had a wonderful sate, nearly 1,500 being sold in the first few days. Cooper \& Co., if Fiont strent west, have dowe the jobbing in this coanection. The demand promises to keep up for another moath at least. It is reported that some libel suits have been entered against author - avd publisher.

The books published by the Toronto News Co. during the month were: Katharine Lauderdale, by F. Marion Crawford; A Costly Freak, by Maxwell Grey; Countess Radna, by W. E Norris; and 'Lisbeth, by Leslie Keith. The first and third were the best sellers.
The Uream of Columbus, a poem by Rev. R. Walter Wright, B.I., and issued in attractive paper covers by the Methodist Book and Publishing House, is the latest contri-bution-and an exceedingly clever one-io the $\mathrm{p}^{-e t i c}$ literature of Canada.

The Methodist Book and Publishing House have in press a volume of discourses and addresses of the late Kev. George Douglas, L. L. I), principal of the Wesleyan Theological Colleke, Montreal. Ir. Douglas was the foremost pulpit orator of Canada -indeed it may be said, of the continentand the Canadian public may expect much in the forthcoming memorial volume and not be disappointed.

Cooper * Co. report a good sale for The Anarchist, the new book by Col. Kichard Henry Savage, and A Yellow Aster, by Iota,
a new English author. Both books have had a remarkable sale. Oiher new bonks will be found mentioned in their adieltise. ment elsewhere in this issue.
The Methodist Hook Koom is doing some important publishing these days. Crockelt's two books, The Stickit Minister and The Raiders will be issued on the 1oth and lith respectively, while on the 14th will be issued Pansy's new book, Wanied. Thuse three books should have a wonderful sale. They have also issued a Canalian edition of that book that delighted our youthful days, The Hoosier Schoolmaster, by Edward Eggletoon. It is in cloth at goc. and paper at soc. No live bookseller can keep up with his competitors and neglect to keep himself well informed concerning the booksissued by this firm.
The Toronto News Co. have an immense list on for April. It will include: The King's Stockbroker, the sequel to Cunter's Princess of Praris; Outlaw and Lawmaker, by Mrs. Campbell-I'raed; Trail of the Sword, by Gilbert Parker; Red Diamonds, by Justin McCarthy; A lleginner, by Rhoda Hooughton : The Rubicond, by E.F. Henson, autior of Dodo; Mr. Wayt's Wife's Sister, by Marion Harland; and Lottie's Wooing, by Darley Dale. This is perhaps the most magnificent April offering ever given the Canadian trade.
The Methodist Book Room have in course of preparation a volume by a Toronto author entitled A Veteran of $: 813$. The veteran is Colonel Fitzyibbon, who led the famous Cauadian band to victory at lleaver Dams, and who was one of the most brilliant efficers of that famous three-years' struggle which made the names of Brock and Tocumseh among the most revered in Canadian annals. The writer is a female relation of his, and is a granddaughter of the famous Stricklands. The book contains a full account of Col. Fitzgibbon's life and gives a great deal of interesting Canadian history.

## TRADE PAPERE AS AN AOVIERTISINA MEDIUM.

SCORES of business men, when told that the circulation of a trade paper is 3.000 to 4,003 are inclined to ridi ule its claim as an advertising medium, not knowing that a single edition of a trade paper, having a circulation of 1,000 copies, reaches more persons whom they wish to reach than the issue of a daily paper of 100,000 copies. Those who may be surprised at this statement, and imagine that the fiyures are incorrect, may easily convince themselves of their error by referring to the commercial agency reports. To reach the consumer of general merchandise the daily papers are a valuable medium ; to reach those particularly interested in trade, the trade papers alone cover the field. - Iournal of Buildiag.

ÄLEXANOER BUNTIN, ESQ. CHANiGE in the firm of lluntm, Reid it Co has resulted in Nievan. der buntin acyuring the business. of whith be is now tole propictor and manaser. Althnugh not yet theng jears of age lir. Buntun has control of one of the largest printery and ataturners' supply estab. ishments in (anoida, and has a guarter in terest in the Villeyfield Daper Mills, which, nith his mother's half interent, gives him sutual rontrol. lioth of these came to him through his father, who passed away last year after having treen owner of the Valleyfied l'uper Mill, for abour forty years and partner in the paper and statomery besiness of hanin, Keid a Co, Toronto, for a long period. But while this property came montly thus, Vr. Bunun is a young man whone business methodsandaptituder are such that it will multiply guickly in his hands. like lis father, he was tamed on boand ahip. and like cury wallor he knows the value and benefit of wsem. Hwideas are clear rut, and, having ample rourage to that io hins wiens, he is rapully usug them to make the buomens under has control feel all the benefits tw be derised from the exact woktan' of a well devised ystem
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Alexanser Buntin, Esy.
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Mr. Buntin has no brothess, but four mster. all married lersonally he is a pleasant gentleman to meet, but his remarkable training has left its impressions upon hime in such a way; that to meet him is to have the feeling that one has met a man as strons and unflinching as the oaken decks on which he spent the early days of his manhood

Since Mr Buntin's advent in Totonto his unflinchug adherence to what he believes to be just and proper has made him well known and murh talked of The restricting of cred-
cieates a recklessness on the part of those to whom credit is given, and prices are slashed in every manner and direction, entailing great loss on both the honest and the dishonest dealer. This is not theory, but these statements are founded on the expericnces of the past. The printing trade especially has already been much benefited hy Mr. Muntin's strict enforcement of shorter credits.

## ONTARIO'S ASSIGNMENT AOT.



ROM tine to time we bave shown the various decisions on this act. It was passed to prevent unsatisfied judgments being satisfied after assignment, as the common law allowed. Iut the judges thought it ultra vires of the Ontario Legislature, because "bankruptcy and insolvency" were reserved to the I Oominion. IJut the Isritish I'rivy Council is supposed to know more about the Canadian consti. tution than Canadian judg. es, and they have recently decided that theact is intra vires.

The Toronto News puts it nicely when it says: "In cuery case of recent assignment where the estates had not been distributed the execution creditors have been knocked out. There is no more rushing to Ossoode Hallio get judgment againstabusiness man when he shows signs of weakening, as was the custom formerly. The law as now established gives no pr.ference to those who set judgment immediately be. fore a man assigns.
"The custom that prevailed during the past year was one of inequality towards creditors. Those who happened to learn first of the probable assignment got the legal machine in operation, and in a few hours liad judjment at Osgoode Hall If obtained before the assigument was made, the holder of the judgment would gobble all the estate and leave little or nothing for other creditors.
" A case in point is that of Thomas Robcrison, brickmaker. of Cariton West, who assinned last lyecember to C. M. Gardner. The llank of Toronto got judgment just before for Si, 100 , which covered the assets, and nothing could be done for the other creditors. Now the bank is knorked out, and will rank as an ordinary creditor."

## TRADE NOTIOES.

MR. HUNTER, American representative for Alex. liree $\mathbb{N}$ Sons, Aberdeen, Scotland, was in Toronto re. cently, and called on Books anb Notions. He was pleased with the way the firm's papers were taking in Can dia, and spoke of some new things now being in roduced. A papetrie of high grade paper, conta-ning 60 sheets of no e paper and jo envelopes is now offered for ladies' use. It may be had with l'ond Alabaster, Claudian, Augustan or Livania note. Another specialty they are offering is a very high-grade, strong paper for bankers' and lawyers' correspondence. It is water marked "official 100 At." and is in large post, in cream, and azure laid wove. It has the strength and feel of a hand made paper at a sinaller cost. They arealso push. ing everal other leading lines whici have already found great acceptance with the Canadian trade. Pirie's papers are known by every user of the best that the market affords.

The Toronto News Co. are push ng baseballs at present. i metal novelty is "The Derby" hat rack, which is sold to retail for about 35 cents.

The Toronto Globe allows booksellers 23/2c. conmission on its licturesque Camada series. The Empire 10 per cent. on its Art Series, and the Mail allows the trade nothing.

The travelers of the Methodist Book and Publishing House report business good, particularly in bibles (the International meeting with great favor among the trade), calendars, booklets, and Christmas cards.

The IV. J. Gage Co, LAd., report a steadily increasing demand fortheir envelopes, so that notwithstanding the prevailing cry of quict business their envelope factory is pushed to its utmost capacity.

The line of jewelled cards shown by the Methodist Book Koom, although a little high in price, are being eagerly taken up by the trade They are a comparatively new departure in folding cards, and are likely to prove very popular at Cliristmas.

Warwick Bros. \& Rutter received a car. load of papers last week. A new line of blank books in Russia and canvos is now being prepared, and it is claimed surpass all competing lines. l'rinters' papers have been restocked during the month.

Buntin, Reid $\delta$ Co's advertisem uts in this issue are worthy of notice. This firm is showing some new and striking novelties in papers and stationery. New lines are being continually added. The envelope factory has been reorganized and a new price list issued.

In the face of the reproris of "hard times" from the Northwest, Mr. Allen, who has been through to the Coast representing the Methodist Book Koom, is having a most satisfactory irade, especially in bibles 'The shrewd l'estemers find the new International
quite irresistible. Either times are not so bad as reported, or the book trade, judging by the ordersplaced, anticipate the approach of a change for the better.

The new designs in Marcus W'ard's and Hawkins' cilendars arc finding ready sale. All the Jear, Notto, Onward Way, and Fauthful l'romuses, in greatly unproved styles, are in greater demand than ever before. Calendars have evidently come to stay.

Buntin, Keid d Co., have a special advertisement in this issue explaining their new lines of patent blackboards, corduroy eras. ers, rubber-tipped pointers, ctc. Theyare soing into stationers'supplies more thoroughIy and dealers would do well to make a mental note of the fact.
11. A. Nelson \& Sons report trade to be picking up in sperting soods. The tennis. cricket, baseball. and croquet trade is particularly good. Genuine Arrowwanna ham. mocks, al,o cotion hammocks, are in big demand this season. Iron wheel wagons, chiefly the low grade lines, are having a large sale.

Hooks and Authors is the tite of a lizerary monthly published in an octavo form of sixteen pages by the Fleming H. Reveil Co., at New York, Chicaso and Toronto. It is a very neatly printed serial devoted to condensed notices of the prominent works of to. day. The front page of each issue will contain a portrait and biography of some we'l. known writer.
H. A Nelson N Sons are making a lug drive in decoration goods, particularly suitable for the $2+$ th Nay. They anticupate a good srade in these lines, and have accordingly laid in a rood stock. Novelties in paper lanterns are very good ; they show them in moths, vases, jugs, pagodas, and several other varieties.

The rade senerally are finding an increased demand for writing tablets, indeed they seem to be largely taking the place of note paper. To meet this growing demand the li. J. Gage Co, l.td., have largely added to their alretdy strong line of these goods, and are showing some very choice cover designs. This coupled with the firt that they use in their better goods stanclard lines of paper should make the line exceedingly propular.
J. J. Wilson, of Fort Eirie, writes: It is evident that harmony does not exist between the business office and the editorial sanctum of the Iuffalo Express. The business manager is endeavoring to cultivate friendly relations with and build upa conatituency for his paper among the people of Ontarin. This laudable undertaking is being frualrated by the unknown quantity in the editorial chair by nasty slurs, mean insinuations and barefaced lies about ("anadians. Barring this feature in its editotial columns, the Express is a good newspaper, and otherwise worthy
of the support of such of our people as may desire to take an American paper, but, unless the sanctum can be brought into line with the manager's office in this regard, Can. adians would do well to transfer their pat. ronage to a sheet which accords them decent treatment.

The Canada l'aper (o. have a large shipment of memorill cards of superb patterna and expuisite tinish. In wedding stationery they have some specially fine notepaper in chamois and kid finish. It is put up in cabirets of tifties with inside and outside enrelopes. A new line now being manulactured by them is a chromo-lithograph paper, which they confidently exject will displace imported papers of this class. It has the special features of building up thick for its weight and being a superior ink-absorber. Like this company's other papers, its work. ing qualities are unexcelled by any other make in the market.

The brown Bros. closed their business vear on March ist and ieport results to be better than expectations. A trying year was safely passed. Since that date they have been receiving some heavy importations of paper and stationers' supplies. They are now making the Alpha file-one of the best box files on the market-in superior style and tinish at a slightly reduced pice. They are jobbing the Falcon file, a similar file with some new features. The Acme wire letter iray of two or four stories is a new idea in office conveniences The Spencerian cork penholder, an anti-cramp style, has found jropular favor. Chase's mucilage holder is also shown. It is a patent arrangenient with a rubber bulb.
The leading spring novelty in the line of fancy glassware is a fancy flower holder Whether the dealer wants high or low priced goods, he can procure them among the range shown by Nerlich i Co. In a cheap grade they have some astonishingly taking lines with raised fowers, delicate colorings, blended shades and delicate shapes. Every spring the lady of the household wants something new in whith to place the boquets which slie delights to gather and place on her table or dresser. Nerlich $\mathbb{N}$ ("o. have some seventy-five different shapes in glass holders. Theyare showing a range of dolls for import at close prices. Some beautiful patterns in cups, saucers and plates are shown, and the delicate colorings give a rich appearance to the really low priced yoods. Bread and butter p'ates, fruit piates, dessert plates, berry sets, elc., are all displayed. Fancy teapots are a taking line at present. A new line of case pipes are to hand and are selling well, as are their lines of walking stick;.

Cooper \& Co., 11 Front west, report an active trade in Niddleton l'aper Fasteners. Searly all the wholesale houses handle these soods, and they have now lecome a staple article. Their superiority over fasseners which perforate the paper is apparens.

## MOOK REVIEWS.

TWolbithe at a Curkey, with ather tales, by Thomas Bailey Aldrich. Shilling: Serres of American Authors. I Jand Douglas, Fdinhurgin. Copp. Clark Co., lidd., Toronto.
This is a spiendid volume of short stories in an exceedingly saking -eries, includias volumes bs W. 1). Hinwells, 0. W. Holmes, John Burioughs, C; W. Cable, Frank K. Stockton, William Winter, (ienrge Pursons Lath op. and several others The books are very small, with a neatly designed oover. readable le terpress, and jrmied on excellent paper. "Two Bites at a Cherry" is a danty tale of two Americans in Naples. Ohl lover, of whorn one had married, meet by accident, and the second proposil is made. only to meet with a second but more starting refusal. Its daintmess ismore ith its language and thought dian in the concepnon of the plor.

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Kationit Mrvort Triminis, by 13. F Ausun, A.M, I'.l.. Prinupal of Alma Ladies' Collene, St Thomas. I'ublished by the Journal, it Thomas, Ont.

This is a neat hitic lonk of in 4 pages on memory, is pracinal value, its phenomenal powres, its phyological basis, the laws which govern it, the nature of altention, as. so:ianon and arrangement of ideas, the
causes of defective memory; etc. This book in its populat forn should be found useful to the general public, and its style is such that everybody and anglody can understand and apprectate It. Mr. Austin aloo shows thmself a thorough master of his subject.

A Princest of zut Sidie, from the fier man of Nataly Von Eschstruth. Nuthor of "A l'riestess of Comedy" and "Countess l)ynar": illustrated by James Fagan. I'rice, $\mathrm{S}_{1} 25$; paper, 50 cents Robert llonner's Sons.
In this story the author gives us both tragedy and comedy. The romantic love affair of the Cnamberlain of the Car excites the most thilling merest, involving as it does such tragic consequences. There is a delightfully amusing side to the story in the love aftair of Lena's sister, and that of her hoydenish, notsy little country cousin and a young dandy. The character of the prince is exceedingly well drawn, and the transformation of the hoyden into a refined and elesant young lady is most charming. Nothing that has been published from the pen of the Ilaroness Von Eschstruth is better than this story.

A Lovfik Friom Acruss the: Sea, from the German of $E$. Werner. Cloth, $S_{1}$; paper. ;o ients. Robert Bonner's Sons.
E. Werner is the author of mote popular novels than any other (ierman writer. She has set the key for a good many of her sivers, who have made the German domestic love story one of the most agreeable and familiar to American readers. "A lover from dcross the Sea" is a fresh story, never before translated; it is one of the author's shorter novels, and the volume is enlarged by the addition of another new story by $E$. Werner, entitled "In the Hands of the Einemy," of the same general character and equally interesting.

The bikisof Ontakio, with a description of their nests and egss and instructions for collecting, by Thomas Mcllwraith. Second edition. enlargod and revised to date Illusirated: cloth, \$2. Wim. briges, Jotonto.
Some years ago there was published, under the auspices of the liamilion literary and Scientitic Association. a book on the "- Hirds of Untario." by Mr. Mcllwraith, of that city. The book was very unpretensously gotten up, and we beliete there was no attempt made to push its sale. Hut it was soon recognised as the work of a mas. ter, and lecame at once an accepted authority. Moreover, besicies ats interest to those who might have an inborn desire to know as :much as they could of the orni'hology of their native country, it possessed a fascination for the ordinary reader, inspired by its author's ingeruous love of nature, which was manifest on every page. The book has
been for some years out of print, and copies could be found only in the libraries of those whose tastes were similar to those of Mr, Alellwraith hiuself. Now, encouraged by the reception accorded to the first edition, the Methodist llook and lublishing House, of 'roronto, have brought out a sec ind. This new efition has been carefully revised and enlarged, and presents a concise account of every species of bird known to have boen found in Ontario ( 316 in all), with a description of their nests and egks. Mr. Mcllwraith has added to the new book "instructions for collecting birds and preparing and preserving skins," also "directions how to form a collection of exps." "The publishers embellished the volume with numerous illus. trations, distributed over some 420 pages of letterpress. This is a book not only for the shelf of the Public Library and for the student in this particular branch of science, but the attractive way in which the author presents the habits and peculiarities of his feathered friends makes it a book that will be enjoyed by every reader.

Mr. Mcllwraith deserves the gratitude of the public for presenting in so altractive style the mass of information gathered in the course of many years' study of the birdlife of this province.

This book will be of the greatest value to the farmer by reason of the care the author has exercised in pointing nut which of the binds may be regarded as friends and which as enemies. Many of the birds of prey which have been ruth'essly killed off have been found to be really doing a vast amount of good in the destruction of the innumerable field mice and oother small mammals, which form the principal part oi their food, for these are the greatest pests with which the farmer has to contend. Others, it is found, have been making themselves useful by devoaring the locus:s and grasshoppers, which are often a serious scourge in some parts of the country. Of iwenty-eight different species of hawks and owls found in Ontario, considered in their relation to agriculture, eighteen have been found to be either wholly or chietly beneficial, four with good and bad qualities atruat balanced, and only six postively harmful. A careful reading of this book will well repay those devoted to agricultural pursuits. It should be in the library of every intelligent farmer.

A Yeitow Aster, by Iora. Sergel's Raitway Library. P'apet, ajcents. Cooper太. Co., It Front West, Tornnto
A yellow aster and a blue chrysanthemum may be produced by science, but nalure has not created :hem. Gwen Waring was as much of an oddity as a yellow aster. The daughter of parenis who devoted themselves wholly to scence and allowed their children to srow up without a parent's love, she comes to womanhood with a heart of steel and a nature without faith in mankind or God. She is in the world, but is without compan-
ions. She marries as an experiment-it is a railure, but at last motherhood works a change. This leading character is strikingly original, and the author has treated her in a unique and refreshing manner. The book is bold and daring, alike in conception and treatment.

The best Plays of Philif Massinger. (Two volumes.) The Mermaid Series, Nos. 4 and 5, with etched fronuspieces: decorated cloth, goc. per volume. London: T. Fisher Unwin; 'Toronto: The Copp, Clark Co., Lid.
Philip Massinger, contemporary of Shakspeare, was one of the great dramatists of that day. He wrote eighteen plays, ten of which are contained in this collection. One of his plays, "A New Way to Pay Old Debts," is even now brought upon the stage. A calm and dignified style, with little passionate fire, characterizes she pen of Massinger.

Theking of Schnorkers: Grotesques and Fantasies. By I. Zangwill. Cloth, th.jo. New York: MacMillan \& Co. ; Toronto: The Copp, Clark Co., I.t.
A Schnorrer is a Jewish beggar, who is as unique among beggars as Israel among nations. The scene is laid at the close of the eighteenth century, the most picturesque period of Anglo-Jenish history. Of the shorter stories that make up the volume some are pathetic, such as "Flutter.Duck," and some comic, such as "Mated by a Waiter ${ }^{r}$-taken as a whole Mr. Zangwill has produced a unique volume of stories, though they vary greatly in merit.

Thiers, by Paul De Remusat. The Great French Writers' Series. Cloth, $\$ 1.25$. London: T. Fisher Unwin; Toronto: The Copp, Clark Co., Lid.
Louis Adolphe Thiers was the historian of the Revolution and of the Empire. Ho was also a great orator-his speeches have been published in 15 volumes. Born at Marseilles in 1797, the history of his life is the history of France for more than 60 yenrs. Thiers not only wrote the history of France; be also made it. Mons. de Remusat has given us a very intetesting and readable life of this great :tatesinan and man of letters. The translator is Melville B. Anderson.

More Amot Wifil Nature, by Eliza Brightwin. Cloth, 5 :.2j. London : T. Fisher Unwin; Toronto: The Copp. Clark Co., Lid.
Like its predecessor, "Wild Nature Won by Kindness, ${ }^{2}$ this book of Mrs. Brightwin's has met with a kind reception. It tells of her indoor pets-birds, foxes, squirrels. It also tells how to record impressions of what ode sees in nature, and treats of home recreations in natural history, such as home museurns, studying insects, etc. No beter
books could be placed in the hands of young people to teach them a love of "animated nature."

A Gentleman of France; being the memoirs of Gaston de llonne, Sieur de Marsac, by Stanley J. Weyman. Paper, 75c.; cloth, \$1.25. Toronto: The Copp, Clark Co., Litd.
The hero of this historical romance is no conventional stripling, but a knight of forty, grizzled and cautious, ready and skilful with the sword. with wits but ordinary, and ever honorably preferring discretion as the better part of valor. The book is full of sensation, and is a vivid picture of the tume. Assassinations in the dark places of Blois, glimpses of Popish plots, gallant combats with the sword, momettous incidents in the siege of Parim, keep up .a continual inserest. Henry of Navarre, the Vicomte de Turrenne, and Louis of France again become living men by means of the pen of Mr. Wevman. The love interest of the story centres around the beautiful and sprightly Madamoiselle de la Vire, whom Gaston de Honne finally marries after having overcome what appeared to be insurmountable difficulties.

The Woridos parliament of Religions, by Dr. John Henry Barrows. Two volumes, 812 pages each. English silk cloth, stamped in gold, plain edges, $\mathbf{S 5}_{5 \text {; }}$ American morocio, stamp:d in gold, marbled edges, 57.50 ; full Renuine Turkey morocco, gold border, gilt edges, \$ia Hunter, Rose \& Co., Toronto.
This is a wonderfully interesting story of the inception, progress and ultimate success of the work, including extracts from personal letters to Dr. Barrows, with views of prominent men. The chapters are filied with the interesting incidents which occurted from day to day, sketches of prominent actors, dramatic scenes, etc., etc. They give in full the notable utterances of welcome, fcllowship and response of the great day of openmy and those of congratulation and parting on the ever memorable evening of the final day, the purpoec being, by this descriptive work, to place the reader as far as possible in the prosition of an attendant on the daily wessions. All the more important addresses presensed in the larliament-Catholic, Protestant, Denominational, Hindu, Buddhist, Chinese, l'arsee, Japanese, Moham. medan, are given verbatim exactiy as they were preserted, without any touch, by in roducion, annotation, or wtherwise, of interference with the full and absolute freedom which was the basis of the l'arliament. Men of unique interests and masters of many: faiths, from the ends of the earth, poured into the l'arlament a wealth of aspiration argument, experience, learning, thought and worship wholly unexampled in the previous history of our race; and to give this unin-
terrupted and uncolored, with truthfui exactness, to readers wherever books are known, and as long as books shall last, is a duty too obvious to question.

## Mhestone Monds and Memokies, being

 poems and songs by Donald McCain, author of Reply to John Stuart Mill on the Subjection of Women. Toronto: Hunter, Rose \& Co.This little volume of verse shows the various degrees of power at the different stages in the life of this Canadian poet. Some of them are weak, yet such weakness as we can bear with, knowing that they were the author's stepping stones-or milestones, he calls them-to something higher. "The Old Sugar-Camp" and "Another Old Apple Tree" are particularly Canadian. "My Island Home" and "Moods of Burns" (a prize poelli) are distinctly the creations of a man who has felt strong leaninge towards Great Britain, the land of his forefathers. But after all it is the pines and maples of Canada which have the most of his affection. It is apparent in his introduction where he says: "All I have ever hoped for in my most sanguine moments has been that when Canada has outgrown her novitiate, when she has a literature of her own, and a standing among the nations of the earth, 1 might be rerognised as one who had, long agn, seen some beauty in nature, some grandeur in countryand home, some greatness in God, and something of heaven in the face of woman, and had, in some sort worth remembering, recorded his convictions." His opening poem, "In Memoriam," is the most powerful in passion and most finished in style. listen to a verse of it :




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## BUSINESS CHANGES.

The trustees of the e tate of J N. A. MeMillan, booksellers, St. John, N.13., have an advertisement in this issue worthy of notice.
S. T. Tilley \& Sions, stationery and books. Vancouver, 13.C., have sold out to Clark © Stewart.

Kobt Mickay, wall paper. Vancouver, 13.C. . has sold out to MrKay Hros.
M. I. Harrison, brooks and stationery, St. John, N.13., has assigned.
I. A Chopuette \& Co., bookn and slationery, St. Hyacinthc, Que., have been asked to assign.
A. T. Crook, stationer, Kalso, 1.C., has been burnt out.
John Reid, son of J. Y. Reid and late of the firm of Iluntin, Reid※Co., has leen appointed teller of the Taronto General Trust Co.

## WALL PAMEP DUTIES.

Spricific dutiss on wall paper have been remored, and although we are. on promople. opposed to specific duties, we doubt the wisdom in this case. No doulte it was proper and mevitable that duties should be reduced, but to reduce them in a stritly ad valorem basis was hardly expected

The New Jork combme has been cultung prices below production cost for the purpose of killing off the jobbers and manufacturers who would not enter the trust. They have a surplus of three millon dollars, and from that will pay profits for this year. With such disheartening circuinsiancer 10 contend with, it was small wumler that the Canadian manularturers expected more hiberal treatment than they received.

For example Canadian broun blanks sell for $;$ cents per roll at the factory of which the paper rost say 3 cents, leav ng 2 cents for prinung. color.ng, selling, investments, etc. Now t.the the Amencan price. One hundred rolls of brown blanks are sold there this season, and freight paid to Bur. faloat $\$ 3$ per hundred rolls, less 20 and to per cent. discount, or $\$ 2.16$ net. Now the paper costs them at least $\$:$, taking off cash discounts, etc., per $100 \mathrm{lbs} .$. and as 100 rolls weigh 75 lbs., the cost of the raw paper in 100 rolls is $\$ 1.5 \%$. This leaves them tot cents per hundred rolls for prineing, rolling, packang, shipping, selling, westment and also the freyght from say New York to lBuffalo. That is they print and handle 100 rolls for alsrut one fourth what the Canadian manufacturer receives

This shows that elther the Canadian manufacturer is ketting nich or the Amers. can manufacturer is losing money. We are convinced that it is the hatter and for the reasons stated at the opening of this artucle. The combene is bound to crush out all op. pestion and is selling below cost to do su. Hence the tariff might reasonably have been enperted to prevent this slaughtenng busineas in Canada Morcover Canadian manufacturers have never fot very sich even under high protection
the mater which follows was supplied to our Montreal correspondent by a well-known wall paper nokier there and represents the stand the deputation which went to Oltana rook with the fiovernment.

It is the cony of a letter sent to a member of l'arliament, and is as follows
" You will recollect that in isexu when sir Charles Tupper was Minister of Finance and Hon. Mackenale bonell was Minister of Customs, the fiovernment was good enough io change the wall paper duty from ad valorem so specise in order to motect us fiom the extreme competition in the l'nited Stales.
"That competition has been so great that about one-fourth of the factoties have been
closed up. least year 26 of the manufacturers formed a 'trust' with thirty millions capital, and the expectation was that they would le able to bring the prices up to their normal value, but as three large houses remained out of the trust they are selling at much lower prices than ever before with the vew of syucering the outsiders into the trust.
" ('ilfortunatel) for us a good deal of op prosition has been expressed in the papers arainst specitic duties, and the Government, to please the clamor, propose to reduce our duties to jo per cent. ad valorem.
" No doubt if the Imericans were selling their goods at the proper price 35 per cent. would be ample, but in the present state of evtreme competition in New lork. even our specific duties have been found insufficient to protect us as we have lost money for three successive years, which 1 proposed to prove to the ministers by our books.
"Thirty-five per cent. duty on wall paper does not give 35 per cent protection on wall paper manufactures, as the papet maker and color maker take 25 per cent. of that protection before the paper and color reach us, and we have 30 per cent. duty to pay on our rollers which we have to mpon.
"We have also got the difficulty to con tend with of having only a market of five milion people to cater for, whereas the Amencan manufarturer has sixty-five million people and no dury to pay on his tollers nor his mas inaterial in the shape of paper, color, etc.
"In cometsation with Ion. Clarke Wallace. he mentioned that he had seen an invoice where the duty came to more than the paper uself, but that to our mintonly proves that the paper is sold very much under its , alue. We showed the Minister a variety of English goods on which the late duties were less than jo per cent.
-. The specific dutues were formed to meet the cusis in the Vnited States, which at the present moment is more intense than it ever was before, the inust offering the trade :o per cent. discount, provided the customers will not buy from houses outside the trust.
" l'nder these circumstances, and the fact of our having lost moncy even with the specific duties, we think they should not be altered until the crisis they were formed to meet has passed over.
"All the manufacturers think they might possibly keep running with a specific duty of $: 12 c$. per roll and 35 per cent. ad valorem.
" We hope you wiil bo kind enough to use your influence in having the duty arranged for our protection as high as prossible, so that we may not be compelled to close down, as that will throw bis employees and - commercial travelets in each of the three factones out of woik, bevides sedusing the manufacture of paper in the paper mills about 1,600 tons a year."

## SPECIAL MONTREAL NEWS.

THE present munth bas been a fairly satisfactory one in the book trade. Wholesalers in fancy goods also have wound up their trips for the spring season and state that the aggregate volume of trade was fairly satisfactory. They have not commenced to consider new goods yet, but some of the manufacturers have got their new season's samples ready and show some really handsome designs.
fishing tackle has been going very well, but the really new lines will not be ofering until the month of June.
K. Hy. Holland have been showing an extenatye assortment of toilet requisites. A line of soldd-back hatr brushes at moderate cost has been one of their features.

The Sabiston Lithographic Company have been doing a big business in canned goods labels. They have also gone into the business of supplying canners with the oiled paper for lining their cans, and report a satisfactory trade in it.
P. Kelly, the newsdealer on St. Antoine street, is in constant communication with Jim Thornion, the song writer. That gentleman has gone into business for himself as a publisher of the songs he writes. The latest that they are offering the trade is " For the Sake of Old Times."
Some houses note a big demand for hammocks this spring. The dalmer hammock with the cushion attachinent is, as usual, having a big run. One house is also getting in this month one of the largest lines of baskets ever seceived, comprising all varieties of shopping, sewing, market baskets, etc., etc.
F. Lally, the well-known employer and manulacturer of lacrosse sticks, was in town last week. He has given the handling of the well-known stucks that he manufactures into the hands solely of H. A. Nelson \& Sons and l'orter. Tesky \& Co. These two firms will deal with the retailers throughout the country:
J. C. Wilson state that their spring orders from Newfoundland, etc. in ansicipation of the opening of navikation, are fully up to shose of lass year. The new altcrations to their mills at lachute are now completed, and they are working on full time, turning out is tons of paper daily in manilla, brown wrapping, red express and hardware papers.

The Keinhart Mrg. Co. are going extensisely into celluloid goods this season and will show to the trade a line of over 100 differcni designs in this connec ion. Among their new samples notable goods in celluloid are those with classicaldesigns brought out on the top. also an extensive list of goods adorned with transparent pictures. This latter is $a$ decided novelty, and entirely new to the trade in Clanada in lines of cellubioid. They offer in these toilet boxes, papetries, collar boxes, etc., a very full list indeed. An

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advanage with these goods is that they can be waslied of and then are as good as new. This fart alone should make them good sellers

The matter of the estate of Robert Milles \& Co, wholesile stationers, is still in abeyance. The firm have made four offers 32 ye. rash, 35 'je. cash and half time, $37 \%$ if. $m 8$ and 12 monthe, and for in $6, \%$ 12 and 15 months it is understood that no per cens. of the Montreal creditors have acrepted the offer of $32 \% \mathrm{cc}$. cash, and that a representalice of the firm has gone to ling. land to interview the English creditors. The general belief is that the offer will be accepted.
The Remhart Manufacturing (o. are movmg on the lst of May to new premises at 76; Ceaig street. It has been a complame with the jewelery trade that celluloid cases could not bo turned out solid, that is without a metal covering to the jomts This company have solved the problem, and are offering the tade a line of goods in silverware cases, ete, in which not a joint is visible. They and ano her tirm in the l'nited States are the only prople who have fot this secret.

The change in the tariff on books to a spectic duty of $(x$. per 13 . from 15 per cent. ad valorem is naturally causing more or less talk in the trade here. The only ones who oppose the change here ate a few traders who deal in low jriced goods. These contend that the tariff is goung to interfere with the poor man's reiding. It is pointed out in oppostion to thes that plates can'be brought infeceand the Canadian publisher will supply the trade with all the cheap books they want. That is, he will buy his set of duplicate phates in New York, bring shem in duty: free, and be able to regulate his edition to surt hirself. For this reason alone the majority of the trate are in favor of it. I'nder the ohd tarff the Camadian publisher had to pay a duty on his plates. Besides, booksellers like 15 that class contend that the difference on the paper-lazeked novel involved under the duty, say the book whech now edails between to and joc., will only be one cent. All in all. outsule of a few diegronted ones, every person in the trade here liave nothing but praise for the new cariff in respect to books.

## ENTERPRISE REWAROED.

$\rightarrow$OMABECING at once, the Fleming 11. Kevell Co. will entirely remodel their premises at the corner of longe and Temper,unce streets, making perhaps the handsomes beohstore in Cinada. It will have $n$ fromtage of 27 feet as at present, but will extend lask a further distance of zofeet, making the store room $25 \times 100$ feet. All that is latest and best in store fittings will be used, and oci upyank an at does one of Toronsto's most consement and promment busmess comers, should be deserving of a largely in.
creased parronage. The jobbing trade will receive every altention ; commodious and convenient sample rooms will display the lanes offered by this house.

Mr. Kevell is now in Lurope making further desirabie arrangements and connections for his Canadian business, and dealers will have every reason for congratulation if they will make some provision in their estimates of requirements for a fair proportion of goods offered exclusively by this enterpising house.
Traclers will shorily be en route through. out Canada with a full line of samples, and those already on view indicate a line of great strength and rarity.
(icorge H. Doran, of this company, has retumed to Toronto after his usual spring trip in the Western States. While trade there is confining itself to staples and actual neressities, the prospects are very good for a revival in all lines as soon as definite tariff legislation be enacted. Mr. Doran will remain in Canada for some time, and take a few trips out to important centres and call on the leading retailers. Booklets, calendars, bibles, and miscellaneous books will be shown in great variety.

## A BRIGHT LITTLE GIRL'S INVENTION.

WHEREVER little girls are found, there also is the doll, constructed out of various materials, and shaped as fantastically or as sracefully as local cir-
 cumstances permit. Dressing and undressing these dolls becomes an absorbing employment, and helps to develop habits and tastes which become useful in after life. This fact seems to have presented itself to the Ra. phael Tuck S Sons Co, L.td, is ticey have 'his season gotten out 2 new and pleas. ing thing called "Our I ei's Dressing Series," which bids fair to be the best line of goods ever produced by this enterprising and eminently successful house.
It consists of a series of six boxes, cach containug a cardbeard doll with easel back and three hats and three gowns, piguant in style and charming in color. The paper garments may be put on the dolls in a few moments and chinges of dress effected in
such a ready way as togreatly interest the young misses who possess them. The idea
 is certainly very clever and is said to have been the invention of a bright litte girl.

The series consists of "My Lady Bettyand Her Gowns," No. 1 A and No. 1 B; "Winsome Winnie and Her Wardrobe," Nos. 1 A and 1 13; and "Dolly De-

- light and Her Dresses, ${ }^{\circ}$ Nos. $1 A$ and 13 , so that in the line there are six dolls with eighteen styles of dress, which are so clegant that they will suggest garments for the happy owners of the dolls.

The boxes have hinged covers on which are pictures of the litile ladies represented and the goods are priced to bring them within the reach of every little girl in the land.
Warwick Bros. \& Rutter, who are Can. adian agents for Raphael Tuck of Sons Co., will show these goods through their travel. ers, with their usual line of art publications, and we have no hesitation in predicting for them a very large advance sale.

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## William Briggs

## MAROELLA.

MRS. Humphry Ward's new book leads one back to think of the days when the bookseller looked at his stock of " Robert lilsmere." and wondered how nuuch he would lose on it. Then Giad stone's denunciatwn came, and all the world made a mad, headlong rush to read that which Mr. liladstone went out of his way to rondemn. Ifow edition after edition poured over booksellers' ounters, and they laushed in glec. while the preachers denounced and the peopic bought.

Then rame "The History of I Aavid Cirieve," but there has no (iladstone to denounce it. let it sold well, considering the price. It mercased the number of Mrs. Ward's admirers, and hetghtened the quality of admiration in those who knew her before.

Now comes " Marcella," a book treating of a great woman, just as lier two former books treated of great men. The leading personages of her novels, her leiting studies, ire persons whom she brings through the "storm and stress" period of their lives into the clearer atmosphere of maturer years. They start out on the road of life full of fears, cloubts and wrong ambitions.

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Ardous liaeburn, the situdent, heir to a latge estate meets this wilful yet regal crea. ture and fills in love with her. Writing io a special friend he thus describes her beauty;
" Would you call her beau:iful: I asked myaclfigain and agem, tryng to put injself lehind yourejes. She has nothing at any rate in common with the beauties we have dow $n$ here, or with those my aunt bade me admire in loudon last May. The face has a strong Italian look, but not lialian of to. day. Io you remember the tihirlandajo frescoes in Sinuta Maria Novella. or the side groups in Andrei's frescoes at the Annunziata? Anong them, among the beautiful, tall woman of then, there are, I am sure, noble. freely-poised, suggestive heads like hers-hair black, wayy halr, folded like hers, in lange. siniple lines, and faces with the same long. subile curves. It is a face of the Re-
naissance, extraordinarily beautiful, as it secms to the in color and expression; insperfect in line, as the beauty which marks the meeting point butween antique perlection and modern character must always be. It bas morbidcan - unquiet, melancboly charm, then passionate gaiety-everything that is most modern grafted on things Gieck and old. I am told that llurne Jones drew her several times while she was in London, with delight. It is the most artistic beauty, having both the harmonics and the dissonances that a full-grown art loves."

But we intist run. She is engaged to Mr. Kacburn, but the engagement becomes distasteful, their viuws are so different. She is a Socialist, lie a landowner yet aggressive in reform. She breaks with him and goes to a London hospital as a nurse, where for nearly eighteen months she struggles against disease and her own exalted notions of what the world should be. She is put in the crucible of experience and purified Nursing in the slums of l.ondon, she learns that the centuries $h$.ve made the poor unfit to have art, learning and wealth thrust upon them at a moment's notice. She learns that such changes must be gradual : that it must be evolution not revolution.

Her father's death leaves her the manager of a large estate; her heart, which has played havoc with her before, leads her to a lovefrom her first lover - which alone can develop her intensely womanly instincts and nature.

It is a strong book by a strong author. Mrs. Wiard spent three yoars of hard work on it, and it will bear reading two or three times. 'The author's strong point is her passionate, soul-stirring combats between characters. Moreover, her language is always choice and elegant, and her descriptions manellous in their beauty.

DECLINE OF THE BAYARIAN LEAD PENOIL TRAOE.

IN a report to the Foreign Office, dated the 20th August last, Mr. Victor Drummond, Her Majesty's Minister at Munich, states that the production of lead pencils, which is considerable in Bavaria, is much affected by Austrian competition. The high tariffs in many foreign countries have contracted the export markets, and the consequence is a glut of pencils in Bavaria and Germany generally. It may be of interest to give the substance of a statement by Mr. Johann Faber, the large Nurnberg pencil manufacturer. He states that the price of cheap sorts of lead pencils has so fallen that in many cases work is carried on without profit, and some factories have had to stop work. It is asserted that the Austrian pencils, taking Hardtınuth's as a type, are in no way superior to the Bavarian product, and yet are ousting the latter from Bavarian towns and schools, a fact which leads to many complaints. In almost all directions export is checked abroad, in Spain and Portugal by the fall in exchange, in Russia and the United States by the competition of protected industries. The troubles in South America have also affected the demand for German pencils there. He considers that England is flooded with cheap American pencils to such an extent that the Nurnberg article has no chance of finding a sale. American cedar pencils are sold in England at 1 s .8 d . to 1 s . gd. per gross.

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## TRADE CHAT.

NORMAN I. MUNRO, the Dי: Scotian who arequired a fortune in New lork as a publisher, did not forget liss Cinndian relatices. He left \$10,000 each to his sivers, all of whom live in ple. tou rounty, \.s.

The Amencan lithograph and Asbestos Co will carry on their wark at their hithograpli mane, near Marmora, ery extensnely next sthmuer

Nanisse S. Hardy, bookseller, of Quebec, died last month at the age of en. He was one of the best known men in the trade in the country.
F. H. Ifarcount, buyer of fancy gocis and stationery for the Copp, Clark Co., w.ss in Dew lork recently and spentien dayo looking up new goods.

Cottonwood, long looked upon as a lumber of litile value, is now recognized as of special value for the manufacture of matches and pulp, and a number of large mills are being eontemplated in the cottonwood districts.
The late 1 clame for alluminum is that it will acceptably take the place of ston: and sted as a material for engraved plates. It is comparatisely cheap, ca wily worked, durable and tiexible, so that it may be molded into forms for une on relinder presses.
Jas. Han\& Son, stationers, King street, have just issued, for gratutous distribution, a damby litte booklet on "Card Etifuctic"
the atiquette of visitug cards. This little gude contans, we beheve, the very latest rulen of "sood form" for polte society. It supplier not only card eliquetie for ladies. but bachelor: card etiguetie. At the back of the booklet is a plate shouing the latest "styles of engraving" for copper p'ate visit. ing iarils, ete.

Is to whether the creditors of W. 1 D . Taylor, the Front street wholesale stationer, should rank ahead of the credtors of CharInte laylor, the late wife of W: 1). Taylor, and in whose name the busmess $:$. as carsied on, the rount was recently wked to determine. The fomer's clums ashegate Soocox, and the litter's $\$ 5,000$, but the awets only ambunt in $\$ 8,000$. Vira Vlacser, of New York, sister of the late His. Thyor, pethoned the court to estab. lish the promety of the claims of 5,000 Judrment was reserved.

A Iforidence inventur clams to have in. vented a methoxl of sulphur bleaching, by which he can whiten the worst kind of paper stock in six hours to a zable is fixed a larse copiger chani' cr. At common pump is employed with wheh to puing the atr from the internor of the chamber. The giods to be ulaten d ate put anside, the doors are serued, the pump is starned, and as fais as the aur is punsped out a jes of bleachong cmupound is admued. The removal of the aur from the chamber, of course, means its
removal from the fiore of the paper. Hence. when the compound enters there is nothing to hinder the fumes from penetrating the fibre of the paper to its foundation. It is done very quickly, is un hindrances are presented.

James Bain \& son, King s reet east, report a lery suecessful Easter business this season. Their display of Enster goods was very unigue and dainty, and atthacted a large crowd of customers. Bain \& Son believe in spating no pains in window dressing. Their window is certainly one of the most attraclive on King strect. Crinkled and crepe tisnue phopers are having a very large sale, and in the book department they report an increasing demand for good novels at a good price, i. c., $50 c ., 75 c$., and $\$ 1.25$.
The employes of the Chirnside paper mills in Scotiand recently received an extra week's pay as a bonus on their work for 1893, but in making the presentation the direc ors of the mills calied the attention of their help to the depressed condition of the trade, and enjoined upon every one the necessity of exercising the greatest care and economy in the performance of their work, so as to enable the directors in carry on the mill successfully, not only for the shareholders, but for the benefit of the working peopte chemselves.
A transathantic bookseller, says the l'ublisher's Circular, has devised an ingenious and, as it appears, extremely profitable method of dealing with paper-covered books. He buys a number of half-dollar volumes at $30 c$, and these he sells for 35 c. , on the understanding that the puichasers shall return them When the book comes back the dealer pays $=0$. for it, and puts it up for sale again at joc. The second customer on return ng the book receives $15 c$., and the volume is once more on the dealer's shelves marked zoc. In this mannel thanorel may change hands some half-a dozen times or more, leaving the adroit bookseller a very handsome profit indeed. He has also another and similar profitable method. He sells two soc. books for tor., exchanging one of them laser for another zoc. one, and that one again for a soc. volume, which, in its turn, accompanied by a "nickel" ( $j$ c.), can be exchanged for another, and so on indefinitely. Who will say after this that there are no chances of masking fortunes in book-selling?

There are two things-and two only-that go to make up a bood saleable five-quire packet of paper or a good bex of stationery: a gool inside and a good outside. l'erhaps the last ought to be put first, as the first point with the salesman is to caltch and please the eye of his customer. But the contents need to be good if the easual customer is to be. come a permanent one. Anyman of judg. inem could secure the gualuy of the interion for himself by selecting his own paper and putung' it up in an enamelled cot er or decorated tox, if 14 wete not for the cost of the
operation. The enamelled paper costs money, and the expense of putting upon it $a$ brilliant lithograph for a small guantity is prohibitive. This is where the wholesale stationer best serves the retailer. $13, t$ it unfortunately arises that the most brilliant wrapper frequently covers a second-rate interior, and the cumulative advantages of a sale are lost therely, as the customer fights shy of you when renewal is necessary.
Hon. G. W. Ross some time ago published a volume of patriotic and Arbor Day recitations. Amongst the selections given were three froul Tennyson's works. Mc. Millan \& Co., the London and New York publishers, own the copyright on most of Lord Tennyson's works, and they communicated with Messrs. Warwick Mros. \& Rutter, the publishers of the volume, calling their attention to this fact. The result was that several hundred dollars changed hands, and some pieces will not be published again. "The Charge of the Light Brigade" was the thorn in the flesh.
Much interest was created in business circles, March ist, by the announcement that John Y. Reid had relised from the firm of Buntin. Reid \& Co. after nearly forty years' connection with that well-known statonery house. Mr. Keid, born in Berwickshire. Scotland, in 1823, came out to Canada in 8846 , settled frst in Hamilton, where he carried on a prosperous grocery business for ten years. In i 856 he remived to Tomonio, and at once joined what was then the firm of Buntin Bros. © Co. In the early years of his connection he traveled ex. tensively for the house, establishing and extending its trade and reputation. The firm was reorganized as Buntin, Reid di Co. some twelve years ago, when the late George Boyd retired. Though a very successful business man, Mr. Reid has never taken an active part in public affairs, devoting all his energy to his business, and it is through continued ill-hea'th that he has now decided to seek the rest and leisure which only complete retirement can give. During the many years Mr. Reid has been in active commercial life he has made hosts of business and personal friends in this and many other places, all of whom will unite in the hope that he may be speedily re-tored to complete health and a full enjoyment of the rest which a long and busy commercial career has earned for him.

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Wuting's cover for April would delight the hratt of any man who ever chased suckers up a sticam in the dim hight of a spring mornugs. The illustrations and stone are maknificeat (x). Ai zis cents live dealers should husile large numbers of this issue.
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In recent months Cianadians hase been stimulated to an unwonted degree of interest in things Alustralian. Improved ballo: laws and proposed :efoums in our sysiem of land transfer bave come to us from these interestung colonal gorermments. At present the progress of Australasia federation :a sople about which we all winh to know something The Keview of lievens on nounces a senes of antilice by she leading publicists of Australia and lew /caland, to
appear under the general title of "The lrift in Australastan Politics.' The series opens in the April mumber with a paper on the delay in federatoon and what they have taught the people. bythe distinguished lead. or in the t'nion movement, Sir Henry Parkes. The articles that are to follow will cover a very wide range of tumely topics.
The Annals of the American Academs for Miarh, contains "The Idea of Justice in I'oltical l:conoms," ly I'rofessor Gustav. Schmoller, of Berlin; "The Classitication of Law." by lrofessor Russtll 11 Curtis, of the Kent law School at Cheago; "Amerncan Life losurance Methods." by Miles M. banson. Esy: " Relation of Taxation to Monopolics." by 1)r. Emory R. Johnson, of the ('niversity of Jennyshama: "The Farmers Movement." by I'resident C. S. Wiaker. of the Massachusetts Agricultural College: "The Ciran:c." by Miss F.J. Foster: "The Pemusylvania Tiax Conference." by II. J. Seaker; a complete report of the recent Confererce for Ciond City Corernment, held at Philadelphia Personal Notes, llook Reviews and Notes. A supplement is sent with this number, being a translation into English of Professor Ciustav Cohn's "Mistory of Jolitical Economy." [\$1.jo. Thiladelphia.]

The Canadon liakame for Aprol, which appears mostly in new type, and with a brigh coier and senerilly mproved typokraphteal appearance, well -urains its chatacter as oue of the mest interesting and substantal mazarines published. A remarhable political anticle is that by Hon. D.and Mills. on "The Eiolation of Self. Go:arnment in the Cohnies; their Rights and Reyponibulties in the Empure." As one of the leaders of the liberal party in Canada, and as a prorainent thinker, the consention which be makes, that there is ample scope for and tendency to the en largement of colonat piower without separanon from the linti-h limpure, and whom what in kenerally known as imperial Federation, wall be received wath interest both at home and abroad, as will also his declaration in favor of canada doing us fair share in Imperial defence. The breaking up of the Butash Empire would, he holds, be a tremendous and perma. nent lit.ancial dianster to the commercial prosperity of Canada and the l-nited States, and a calamity to the work. Wm. G Milve. F.R (i.S., begins, with this number. a series of illustrated contributions emitiled " In Norihuestern Widds." They detail his explorations in the valleys of the Athabasca, l.tand and Peace mers, and are full of mierest, ne those whonave read his " lown the Jukon," in previous numbers, can well suppose.

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## S. R. CROCKETT.

ANAME which will be among the most widely read authors of the next two years is S. R. Crockett, who is writing bonks which promise to out-rival thoie of J. M. laarric. "The Raiders" has taken well in England. and a Canadian edition will shortly be issued from imported plates. The fact that T. Fisher Unuin is his publisher speahs much for his excellence. "The Raiders" is a Scotch story of the last century; being "Some Passages in the Life of John Fas. Lord and Earl of Little Ekypt'-a man who though of gypsy blood, and though living among the wild gypsies and catle raiders and marauders of the seventeenth century Scottish Highlarders, respected the sight of his fellow men to their own property, limbs and lives. Those were uncannydays, when the sword was right and when no other British law was enforced among those brave but lawless men. The gypsy is a strange character-a product of the times. The other leading characters are youthful, and in these delineations the author does his work magnificently. As the Inondon Literary World says, "in the delineation of boy character he is facile princeps. The snatches of humor through the book give it a charming naivete which never allow's the reader to grow weary of the tale." "The Stickit Miniter and Some Common Men" is the title of Crockett's collection of Scotch tales, published at various times in the "Christian leader." They are mostly about ministers, but for delicate and quiet humor and stirring pathos they are unequalied.

Mr. Crockett is the Free Church minister at l'eniculk, Midothian. Scotland, and has a libran' of 7,000 volumes. He is a tall, broad-shouldered, brown-bearded man, with a generna air of heallh and vigor. Astronony is one of his chief hobbies, but he irdulges in all branches of science. He has been a journalist, and has written for the Pall Mall (iaxette, I)aily Chronicle and other papers, and has been a systematic collector of information, which he infuses into all his writing:- His favorite authors are Robert I.ouis Stevenson and Sir Walter Scott. He has just finished the Raiders, and is now engajed on a book of his travels, which will be published towards the close of the year.

The number of different books published in France during isys was much the same as that of the prevous year, i.e. about 30 .00 volumes as round numbers; 6,200 of these are so be credited to Paris, this being abou: lio more than in 1S92. The number pnnted in the departments varies, those having the most books printed within their boundaries aro enumerated below. Indre-el- I.oire $\mathrm{Xj0}$ volumes: Seine.er-Oise, 600 ; Seine ce-Marne, 550: Fure, 570: Hatie. Vienne, 4 º: Rhone. 5 So: Gironde, 460 ; Nord. 6jo; Meurthe-et-M, Mselle, +30 ; bouches du Rhone, 250; Cher. $=40$; Doubs, 400 : Maine-ct-Loíre, 400 : Somme, $=10$, elc.


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