Attention reader Paul Haas recently asked us about a line in the Spring 2011 issue:

Did you really mean to say “costumers” (instead of “customers”) on p. 306, last para, 2nd sentence?

The answer, of course, is no. And we thank him for the chance to say that the sentence in question should read:

It was an early user of surveys sent to prospective customers to build interest and patronage.

Canadian Green Bag Update

Here is another pair of mistakes that reveal yet again our limited knowledge of the Green Bag.

First, in the Winter 2004 issue of the Bag we purported to republic “the entire Canadian Green Bag” (which consisted of a single 12-page issue published on January 1, 1895 and an accompanying one-page subscription form). See The Canadian Green Bag, 7 GREEN BAG 2D 177 (2004). Since then we have discovered that our claim to an “entire” republication may have been an exaggeration. At least some copies of the Canadian Green Bag appear to have had two pages of advertisements not included in our copy. Those additional ads are reproduced on the next two pages (356 and 357).
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*From the Canadian Green Bag, Jan. 1, 1895.*
Maybe now we really have republished “the entire Canadian Green Bag,” albeit in two parts, separated by seven years. But maybe not. We will wait awhile before making that claim again.

Second, in the same Winter 2004 issue, we went on to describe the Canadian Green Bag as a “remarkably complete failure”:

Our research has uncovered no indication that any contemporary publication noticed either the creation or the expiration of the northern Bag. And no other law journal cited any of the articles in it for nearly a century. The first and so far only scholarly reference to the Canadian Green Bag appeared in a reputable Canadian law review in 1993.

And again it turns out that we were mistaken. A few moments spent on Google Books reveals that while it might still be fair to characterize our Canadian relation as a failure – even on the web there is no indication that it survived beyond its inaugural January 1895 issue – it is not fair to say that the “first and so far only scholarly reference to [it] appeared in . . . in 1993.” See, e.g., JAMES G. SNELL & FREDERICK VAUGHAN, THE SUPREME COURT OF CANADA 276 (1985).

WAITING FOR WAYNE STATE

Answers to the recent flurry of questions about what makes for a good law school could be coming soon from Wayne State University, which recently invited a Green Bag editor to weigh in:

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