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EDITORIAL NOTES

For the first time in the history of the press in France a jury has decided that damages should be awarded in a case of defamation of character.

PRINTERS who have no system in finding out the price of a job which is brought to them, but just guess at its probable worth, are like pilots among the rocks without a chart.

MR. STEPHEN'S bill in the Quebec Legislature to provide for the giving of security for costs in libel suits against newspapers, and Mr. Auge's bill, entitled: "The Newspaper Libel Act 1892," have been dropped for this session.

The Employing Printers of every city in Canada should be organized into a chartered branch of the United Typotheta, and thus be enabled to send delegates to the Convention in Toronto, on August

16th. It will be pleasant and profitable. Local organizations are good in themselves and printers should not fail to see this.

ALEXANDER C. McLEAN has done more harm than he or any one else can estimate. By betraying the confidence of his employers, the Presbyterian News Co., he must necessarily create a suspicion in the minds of all who have very much-trusted employees. We cannot get along in this business world without trust and confidence in one another, and anything which tends to destroy this mutual business confidence, tends to strain business relations and to mar to some extent the only bright side of business life. His professions with regard to religion helped to make the affair still more lamentable. The amount of his defalcation is not large.

THE Canadian Press Association have been agitating a change in the distribution of the Hansard, so that the country newspapers would get a bound copy of the revised Hansard at the end of the session instead of unbound copies of the unrevised Hansard during the session. Parliament has not seen fit to grant this, but a change has been made. The first daily issue of the Hansard will be 350 copies instead of 1,750. These will be for members and press gallery only. Then within four days afterward this issue will be revised and 1,750 copies of it printed and sent out. This will bring the Hansard to the newspaper offices three or four days later, but it will be a revised instead of an unrevised edition, and at the end of the session a title page and index will be sent out to each one receiving a copy of the revised edition and when bound will be the authoritative one. The index will be prepared during the session and be issued several months sooner than it has usually been ready. Members seemed desirous that the newspapers outside the large cities should receive copies of the Hansard and not be dependent entirely upon the reports of the city dailies, and this was the chief reason why the suggestion of the Association was not adopted.