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THE taking of the next census, like that of the previous one, will be managed by an old newspaperman. The chief commissioner, Archibald Blue, who was for years in the Ontario civil service, had previously undergone a thorough newspaper training. From The St. Thomas Journal he went to The Toronto Globe staff, where he was night editor and editorial writer. In 1881, he, with two others—W. F. Maclean and Albert Horton—founded The Toronto World, and he subsequently left newspaper work to achieve distinct success in the public service.

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One minister at the Baptist convention in Woodstock, Ont., complained of humorous articles appearing in the church organ, The Canadian Baptist. The mystery is: how did the man ever see the humor of those articles?

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The Ottawa Journal has deservedly scored quite a success with its "popular subscription" to raise a monument to our South African heroes. Mr. P. D. Ross has handed over nearly \$3,000 (subscribed in 10-cent pieces) to the Ottawa committee appointed to handle the project.

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Seven names have been added to the list of members of the Canadian Press Association during the past three months: W. L. M. King, Labour Gazette, Ottawa; E. Ryerson Young, Christian Guardian, Toronto; Rendol Snell, Herald, Marmora; A. W. Fullerton, Ladies' Magazine, Toronto; Albert Horton, Hansard Staff, Ottawa; A. H. Shoemaker, Farm Machinery, Sarnia; Miss Fraser, Presbyterian publications, Toronto. The Association membership is at present 184.

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A Hansard man has caused a lively political fracas in New Zealand. There was a general understanding that during the Parliamentary recess—just as there is here—the Hansard men could engage in other work. The chief of

the staff, Mr. Grattan Grey, wrote political articles for the press and has been dismissed in consequence. When a man is such a fool as to write political articles when he has a good income independent of that source, it is just a question whether dismissing him is an adequate punishment.

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The following newspapermen are candidates in the coming elections. On the Liberal side, C. N. Parmalee (Shefford, Que.), Walter Scott (Assiniboia West), Robert Holmes (West Huron), Frank Oliver (Alberta), R. E. Armstrong, (Charlotte, N.B.), R. L. Richardson (Lisgar), as well as Hon. W. S. Fielding and Hon. J. I. Tarte. On the Conservative side there are E. F. Clarke (West Toronto), W. F. Maclean (East York), A. C. Lariviere (Provencher), and S. Hughes (North Victoria).

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The collecting of book-plates has become something of a fad of late, and forms a very interesting study, particularly to printers. The use of these labels is almost as old as the use of books themselves, and many different styles of book-plates may be picked up. The various designs and types used, according to the time and country in which they were issued, and the different methods of engraving should all appeal to the interest of the printer. One well-known Canadian printer has gone into the collection of book-plates and numbers among his large variety of them some famous Canadian and British statesmen. The use of book-plates is growing in this country, and a useful knowledge of them can be obtained in this way.

THE WAGES QUESTION IN TORONTO.

At a meeting of the Toronto Employing Printers' Association on October 3, a communication was read from the Typographical Union of Toronto demanding a higher scale of wages. The demand was based principally upon the increased cost of living in Toronto.

A number of those present took part in the discussion of this subject and all were decidedly against any raise. An advance was given about a year ago. There was a limit to the wage scale that could be paid in Toronto, and it was the opinion of many that the limit had been reached. It was stated that the Typographical Union, although asking for \$15, would be satisfied with \$13.50, but any advance at all was out of the question.

Objection was raised to the Employing Printers' Association dealing with the different unions composing the Allied Printing Trades Council separately. It placed the master printers at a big disadvantage when they had to treat with one union after another, especially when these unions had a common council in which to advise each other. The master printers and kindred industries should deal with the Allied Printing Trades Council directly, no matter whether it was compositors, pressmen, binders or any other union that was interested.

After further discussion it was decided to give a firm refusal to the demand for a higher scale of wages, and the executive committee were instructed to draft a reply. This was done, and at the time of going to press correspondence was still in progress.