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A number of subscribers in the United States and in distant points who take the *Miscellany* are in arrears. We would be pleased to keep them on, but unless all payments are made immediately, we must cut off every name. We hope the honesty of those who are far away will constrain them to do the square thing and pay up.

International Copyright.

A meeting of the English committee of the International Literary Association which was held in London on Feb. 1, Mr. Wm. Blanchard Jerrold, journalist, presiding, considered a communication from the Board of Trade addressed to Mr. Jerrold in regard to a copyright convention with the United States. Mr. Jerrold submitted a draft of a proposal for an international copyright treaty, which the United States government had furnished to the British government, together with amendments to the draft suggested by the Board of Trade. It was resolved that a conference of English authors and publishers be immediately summoned to express their opinion on the American proposal and British amendments, and that a prospectus be issued.

Wood Pulp Manufacture in Norway.

An English paper states that the wood pulp manufacture in Norway is steadily on the increase, owing the demand from Great Britain and France. At the commencement of the year there were twenty-one factories at work, the production for the last three years being as follows: 1877, 205,700 cwt., value £78,300; 1878, 386,482 cwt., value £96,000; 1879, 400,000 cwt., value £90,000. Although the production in 1879 exceeded that of the previous years, prices were lower, from the great local competition; but, as esparto grass has risen in value, it will very soon favorably influence the value of wood pulp, the more as the English paper-makers contracted pretty largely for paper pulp during the winter, to the amount of 2,000 tons in excess of the ordinary demand. The wood pulp used in England contains about 50 per cent. of moisture, but the French paper-makers prefer having it air-dried, containing only 8 per cent. There are also four mills employed in making mill board from paper pulp. These are used for band boxes, and are all sent to England. The above showing is very suggestive as to what could be done in this branch of industry in Canada.

The History of the Press in Prince Edward Island, published in the December number of the *Miscellany* is, we are informed, incomplete in many respects. It was to have been expected, and as much was said in the introduction to that article; but it was a starting point for some one else—the main thing was to make a start. Now, we are in a position to state that a competent gentleman has undertaken to prepare a fuller and more accurate history, which we hope to publish at an early date.

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