

THE PRIZE WEEKLY AGAIN.

LAST month it was pointed out that the Picton Times was seemingly the prize weekly of Canada for local news. Its issue for July 13th contained about 45,000 ems of local matter of which one-third was from surrounding villages. Almost the whole of this was made up of brief and well-written news paragraphs, and in this particular it seems to stand without a peer.

However, the Cornwall Standard is a close second, everything considered. Its local news paragraphs and reports are as follows: June 8th, 45,000 em; June 15th, 35,000 ems; June 22nd, 48,000; and July 6th, 40,000. These figures do not include local news from rural villages and townships, but does include reports of county council meetings, nominations, campaign meetings, etc. The Standard is certainly a well edited paper; clean, bright, newsy and readable. Its articles and news columns show conscientious and careful work, such as is found in few city papers. Its proprietor, W. Gibbens, certainly possesses a paper which would do a larger town great credit.

LITHO STONES.

When we hear of a single firm of litho stone quarry owners carrying stocks of from 300 to 400 tons of stone at one of their branches or agencies, it does not look as though the German quarries were exhausted or in danger of very early exhaustion. Of course we hear it constantly said that it is becoming more difficult to procure stones of the largest sizes and the best quality, but we discount the meaning of this complaint in this way. It is only a very few years, comparatively, that there has been any extensive demand for mammoth stones, or say any-

thing above 48-in. by 36-in. But we have every assurance from those who should know—the quarry owners themselves—that there are hundreds of acres of the best deposits not yet worked at all, and many thousands that are anything but exhausted. The owners to whom we allude above are M. Frohnsdorff & Co. The present average rate for supplies may be stated as follows:

From.	To.	d. per lb.
9 x 7	18 x 12 in	1d.
18 x 13	21 x 13 "	1 1/2 d.
21 x 15	30 x 20 "	1 1/2 d.
31 x 21	32 x 24 "	1 1/2 d.
34 x 24	40 x 30 "	1 1/2 d.
42 x 30	48 x 36 "	2 1/4 d.
51 x 34	62 x 42 "	3d.

These prices are roughly taken from Frohnsdorff & Co.'s quotations, and are only approximate, being subject to the customary fluctuations or discounts. They may serve some of our readers, however, as a casual guide. British Printer.

MICHIGAN PRESS TOURISTS.

The Michigan Press Association is taking a tour through Canada to Old Orchard Beach. They will arrive in Toronto on Tuesday, 17th, at 2 p.m., when they will be taken for a drive about the city by the aldermen, the local press and the officers of the Canadian Press Association. At 10 o'clock they will leave for Kingston, taking the boat from there to Montreal, where a session will be held. From there they go through Quebec down to Portland and on to Old Orchard.

The party is expected to number about one hundred, and will no doubt see much of Canada, which will show them that it is a country of no mean importance.

The Toronto arrangements have been under the management of J. B. McLean, secretary of the Canadian Press Association.

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