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A NEWSPAPER IDEAL.

The many changes which have taken place in the newspaper situation in Montreal and those that are now pending have called fresh attention to the place and power of the Press. In these days of frequent changes in the personnel of those directing a paper and especially in view of the charge that capitalistic interests are more and more dominating the newspapers of the Dominion, it is interesting to chronicle a somewhat unusual event and at the same time publish the utterance of a veteran newspaper man.

A few days ago, Mr. Stewart Lyon, Associate Editor of "The Globe," was tendered a complimentary banquet by the staff on the occasion of his twenty-fifth anniversary of joining the "Globe." Twenty-five years is a long time in the life of a newspaper in the Dominion and still larger in the life of a newspaper man and the fact that Mr. Lyon spent his long period of time with the "Globe," rising from the position of cub reporter to associate editor, is in itself somewhat unusual. Probably more striking than the mere fact of the length of uninterrupted service was the statement made by Mr. Lyon in regard to the "creed" of the "Globe," or in other words,

what he regarded as the ideal of a high class journal with a mission to perform in bettering conditions. His summary of what a paper should stand for follows:

"I trust and believe, that it may be said on its centennial, as I am able to say tonight, that the flag still flies—that "The Globe" stands then, as it has stood throughout its existence, and it stands tonight, for Canada as a self-governing nation within the Empire; for the equality of all before the law; against State Churches; against the tariff taxes upon which trusts and monopolies are built; for temperance and morality and the extension of educational opportunity to every child on Canadian soil; for land laws and a system of taxation that will prevent a few men from denying to their fellows access to the resources of nature without which life can not be sustained, or from reaping the unearned increment that belongs to the community; for world-peace and the arbitration of international disputes; for such reform and simplification of the processes of law as will put the poor litigant more nearly upon an equality with the rich and powerful; for the cauterizing of the vile cancer of political corruption; for every measure tending