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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

CANADA has passed another milestone of her existence, and at the risk of being dubbed "Patriot," we record the fact. And to this we would add, at another risk, that we think Canada is a prosperous nation, and one that possesses within herself the possibilities of greatness. Our constitution is the concentrated essence of the combined wisdom of many generations of British, French, United States, and Canadian statesmen. Our country is rich in the resources which man desires of nature. Our people are united and happy—perhaps not so much as we would like, but yet sufficient to maintain possession of the chunk of ground we call "Canada" against

all comers, whether they be midgets or giants. We are making a nice living in a mighty nice climate. What more should we desire?

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At a sale in Toronto last week, a merchant's book debts, amounting to \$1,700, were sold at 23 cents on the dollar. This is a warning to printers and publishers in two ways. In the first place, it shows that they should not allow debts to accumulate on their books. Collections should be made systematically and promptly. Few customers are lost by insisting on prompt thirty day payments. This is a point we would like to emphasize. In the second place, it is a warning to newspaper editors to do all they can to encourage cash retailing. They should be continually citing its advantages and benefits, and thus advance the interests of a sound internal commerce.

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Speaking of our reference to the use of the mails being unjustly given to improper publications, The Toronto Junction Leader says: "PRINTER AND PUBLISHER is right. The advantage which is taken of the Government in the free distribution of newspapers is growing to such an extent, and such an injustice is being done to the postal department, that the day is not far distant when the Government will have to take action and register newspapers under letters patent, so that no newspapers shall be entitled to the free use of mails unless scrutinized by a committee of the postal department, and duly registered as newspapers. At the present time there are several publications in the cities subsidized by large wholesale firms to print a whole page advertisement for them, the balance of the paper being reprint matter so as to pass through the mails free. This serves as a circular to their customers, and being allowed to pass through the mails free, is a great saving to the wholesale firm both in printing and postage, for could they not combine the two together, neater circulars would invariably be gotten out and envelopes and postage provided."

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H. Gummer, of Guelph, is a worthy representative of Canadian journalism. After four years' service in The Herald office he became its proprietor, and for ten years his progress has been manifest. In 1889 a new press and a complete outfit of new type were purchased. When electricity began to replace steam as a motive power, The Herald office secured an electric motor. Early last year a fine two-revolution Campbell press was purchased at a cost of \$3,750. The tenth anniversary of Mr. Gummer's becoming proprietor was celebrated by the use of a