

We would direct particular attention to Mr. Edward W. Blackhall's advertisement, to be found at page 159. The remarkably cheap, simple, and effective inventions of this gentleman bid fair to revolutionize the business of paper ruling. Send for illustrated circulars.

The Typographical Union of Toronto have issued a circular in regard to the injury done to the craft by reason of the great increase of unfledged printers—young men and boys "having some knowledge of the printing business." The remedy proposed is a uniform apprenticeship of five years and an indenture system.

In the Island of Ceylon, India, twenty-six newspapers are published, including two dailies (one of which has a circulation of 1450 copies per day), eight weeklies, two semi-weeklies, ten monthlies, two semi-monthlies, and two quarterlies. There are also in Ceylon six important banks.—*Hubbard's Newspaper and Bank Directory.*

There has never been such a demand for Easter cards as this year, and there has never been so many beautiful designs offered to purchasers. The designs are all new, and many of them are fine works of art. Among the many beautiful ones we noticed quite a selection of hand-painted cards, the work of a lady artist of this city.

The *Daily News* has been changed from a morning to an evening paper, the first number of the new series being issued on Easter Monday, 18th April instant. We wish the new departure every success. This city has now, in addition to a number of weeklies, monthlies, etc., two morning and two evening papers, the *Sun* and *Evening News* being Government papers, while the *Telegraph* and *Evening Globe* are in the Opposition.

The case of Lawson, of the London *Telegraph*, against Labouchere, of the *Truth*, for libel, has been finished, and resulted in the disagreement of the jury. Lord Coleridge informed the court that seven of the jurors stood for Lawson and five for Labouchere. It is said the defendant had the advantage, although the battle was seemingly a drawn one.

A New York typographical union, composed of German compositors, decided to demand, on and after April 18th, an advance from 48 to 52 cents a thousand ems for night work, from 42 to 43 cents for day work, and a raise of 10 per

cent. on job and book work, where men receive less than \$15 per week, and 5 per cent. if obtaining above that sum.

A bill has been recently passed by the Nova Scotia House of Assembly incorporating a company to erect a Wood Pulp and Paper Mill, at Milton, in Queens County. Among the incorporators are Messrs. Henry Mack, E. H. Freeman, I. N. Mack, J. Mitchell, W. H. Owen, And. Gow, E. D. Davison, Jas. Eisenhaur, L. Houlette and Emil Vossnack.

Messrs. Barber & Ellis's branch in Montreal has been removed to 370 St. Paul street, where they will have more extended accommodation for their rapidly increasing business. Mr. P. T. Perrott, the manager of this branch, and also eastern traveller for the house, is very well and favorably known in this section, and those who have ever done business with him are always pleased to see his genial countenance.

Toronto printers, as a rule, are working on the schedule of prices furnished by the typographical union, which fixes the rate at \$10 per week of fifty-four hours. News hands by hard work average about \$14 per week, but have generally to stand by the case for at least thirteen hours a day. Both numerically and financially their union is strong. The price per 1,000 ems, morning newspaper, is 30c.; evening papers, 25c. Business is dull, and "subs" are plenty.—*Com.*

G. S. Fisher & Co. have erected buildings and have gone into the manufacture of tarred paper for roofing purposes. The paper used is made by the New Brunswick Paper Company, at the Penobsquis mill, and is pronounced a superior article. The process used for saturating the paper is the same as that of the New England Felt Roofing Company. At present the establishment turns out about two tons of paper a day, and so far the demand has more than equalled the supply.

At a regular meeting of the London (Ont.) typographical union, the following officers were elected for the ensuing six months: President, John Dalton; vice-president, A. Davidson, jr.; recording secretary, H. Seymour; financial secretary, J. W. Thorpe; treasurer, H. Thompson; board of directors, E. A. Post, W. Glennon, A. Marshall, J. Kelly, P. McGill; sergeant-at-arms, H. Smart. J. Dalton was chosen representative to the International Convention, to be held at Toronto, in June next.