

revenues that are secured by the chief metropolitan journals of the old world, or even of the more populous communities in the American Republic. We receive as much news by cable as the American journals, and we give more space than even the best of the British papers to events in the United States. If we profit somewhat through our connection with the American press agencies, we still enlarge our papers to find space for all this world news and meet the costs of editing, composition and distribution. Then the news tolls within our home field are heavy, for as distances are great and population sparse, charges for services by wire are necessarily high, and we have also to maintain correspondents at important centres. To all this there is one other onerous burden to be added. While Ottawa has an excellent and enterprising local press, the population is much below that of Montreal or Toronto, and naturally, therefore, the chief newspapers of the country are not published at the Federal capital. We follow the British rather than the American system in our method of Parliamentary reporting, and hence the morning journals, and particularly those of Toronto, are under heavy expenditures during each session of Parliament. Some of these papers maintain a staff of four men at the capital during most of the time that Parliament is sitting, and for four or five months of each year send over the wires daily from 5,000 to 10,000 words of the proceedings of Parliament. On the delivery of an important budget statement, or in case of some other great debate of exceptional