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TOPICS OF THE MONTH.

SOME very good work is being done on the editorial page of Saturday Night. It has a bold, fearless, honest tone in dealing with popular topics that is making many friends among people who did not previously take any interest in it. Mr. Sheppard has a worthy assistant in Mr. Clark, who handled the quill during his chief's absence abroad. Mrs. Denison, who is one of the brightest of the lady journalists in Canada, would do more valuable work for the paper in a column after "Kit's" style in The Mail and Empire than she does over "Lady Gay," which, however, is the department which most of us turn to when we have read "Don" and "Mac" and "Esau."

The Brantford Expositor will move next month into a handsome office of its own—certainly one of the finest in Canada. The building is really four storeys in height, as the basement, or press-room floor, is four and a half feet above the street level, and the top storey, which is to be occupied as an Odd-fellows' hall, is some twenty feet high. The whole is surmounted by a tower reaching heavenward to the extent of thirty feet. THE PRINTER AND PUBLISHER will have further particulars of this magnificent structure at an early date.

L. P. Kribs, whose pamphlet on the "Manitoba School Question" was quite a success, is now at work on a condensation of the Prohibition Commission's evidence and report. The official volumes are too bulky for the ordinary man ever to read, and as Mr. Kribs accompanied the commissioners and has al-

ready a thorough grasp of the facts, he is the most competent person to prepare an abstract.

There is a rumor in Montreal that Richard White, of The Gazette, will be made a Senator, and that Mr. Dansereau, the present postmaster of Montreal, and a clever ex-journalist, will be transferred to the Customs, the position so long vacant. It was intended to hold the latter position for Robert White, editor of The Gazette and M. P. for Cardwell, but there has been another vigorous kick from business men who suffer from the delay in filling the vacancy, and as it is not considered advisable to open Cardwell at present, the Government are making this deal to quiet the business community. As soon as the House is dissolved Robert White will be made postmaster. It is felt that Richard White will make a useful Senator. If all appointees to that body were as capable and energetic men as he there would be no suggestions of ending or mending it. Mr. White has been foremost in any enterprises tending to the development of the trade of Montreal.

Andrew Pattullo, Woodstock Sentinel Review, is visiting Italy and other Mediterranean points. He will be away for two months. He deserves a vacation. Besides building up a paper that is an authority on dairying he has made a name for himself as president of the Dairymen's and of the Good Roads Association.

Hon. A. S. Hardy takes exception to the statement made in the last number of PRINTER AND PUBLISHER regarding his having been fined for catching more bass than the law allows. The stories are quite untrue. It appears that they were current about Parry Sound, and it must be said in fairness to Mr. Lee, who informed PRINTER AND PUBLISHER, that he was simply repeating what was being told in the neighborhood, and had no more desire than this journal has to annoy Mr. Hardy by saying a single word about him which is contrary to the fact. The story about his having carried a fishing rod on Sunday is also untrue, another person of the same name being connected with that episode. It will be seen, therefore, that Mr. Hardy has good ground to feel that these fishing yarns, originating doubtless in good-humored banter, are too seriously misleading and untrue to pass without challenge. The Minister of Crown Lands has been so long famed for his courtesies and friendly treatment of newspaper men of all shades of opinion—as the editor of PRINTER AND PUBLISHER can personally testify—that regret