

CORRESPONDENCE.

Montreal News.

MONTREAL, Q., Feb. 18, 1878.

Printing in the commercial metropolis is not brisk just now, and consequently, there are a good number of idle printers.

Unionism is looking up again, though I do not believe that the same strong spirit that existed in years past will for some time be noticed. The French Union, No. 145, and the English Union, No. 97, have both ceased to exist, and Montreal Union, No. 176, has now full sway. An active committee is at work preparing constitution, by-laws and scale of prices. The latter will, probably, with very few alterations be continued as at present, viz.: 27 cents per 1,000 ems on evening papers and book work; 30 cents on morning papers; \$10 per week of 60 hours; and 20 cents for over-hours.

The proprietors of the Montreal *Star* have just concluded a contract with the Dominion Type-Founding Company for the supply of a new outfit *every six months*. The *Star's* large circulation necessitates this. The enterprise of Messrs. Graham & Co. is commendable, and an evidence that they are determined to keep up with the times *in every respect*. The *Star* now appears in a new dress of brevier and agate, which is a credit to the manufacturers.

The new Irish daily, so long mooted, is at last a settled fact. The necessary material has been ordered from the Dominion Type Foundry, and the first number will be issued about the 1st of March. The size of the paper will be 18x24, and the type used nonpareil, brevier and long primer. Capt. Kirwan is the proprietor, and Mr. Battle the manager. The name has not yet been settled on, but the proprietor favors calling it the *Evening Post*. The *True Witness* will be issued from the same office, also in new type.

La Minerve and *Le National* have donned new and handsome dresses.

A new weekly paper is about to be started at Athabaskaville; and another at Riviere Du Loup.

W. W. Cliff, Carleton Place, has found it necessary to get a Campbell press to print the *Central Canadian*, the circulation of which has largely increased, and continues increasing.

A new conservative daily is talked of at Quebec. A company is being formed to run it.

The following may be news to some in St. John:—On the 20th of August last, on the strength of certain representations, which have since proved false, the Dominion Type-Founding Company, accepted and filled an order for an outfit for a job office for Ross Woodrow, late with H. Chubb & Co., St. John, N. B. The goods were duly shipped, and amounted, in the aggregate, to \$1,941.20. The terms of sale were four months, secured by bill of sale and policy of insurance, and, in accordance with the terms, the Company's solicitors were, by letter dated Montreal, 1st October, instructed to execute the bill of sale. For some unexplained reason they did not do so until the 11th of January last, nearly four months after. In the meantime Woodrow had given two bills of sale on the same goods, one dated the 10th of October, 1877, to James Woodrow, and the other dated the 8th January, (*three days before the one given to the D. T. F. Company*) to a George K. Wallace. The inference to be drawn from the above I leave to your readers. I hope there are no more such characters in St. John, or anywhere else. *Nuff ced.*

Le Conservateur is the name of a new weekly shortly to be issued by Mr. Emile Laford, Sorel.

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Norwich Notes.

NORWICH, CONN., Feb. 22, 1878.

Watchwords—reform and reduce.

It is said there is one printer in the Connecticut Legislature. Some poor tramp, probably, who could not find a better place for the winter. He is likely to remain there until the shad season sets in.

Norwich is to be blessed with two directories the coming year. Dan Lee proposes issuing one in opposition to Steadman's.

The "hopeful aspirant" will have a chance to ventilate on the second Saturday of March; but woe betide the one who attempts to "viggie" him.

Only three Norwich men are now working in New London: Frank Tourtellot and John Sheedy, on the *Telegram*, and Lem. A. Manning, in Wm. H. Starr's job office.

Ned. Alden made us a two days' visit about the first of the month, at the close of which he departed for Worcester. Two years ago, in Hazelton, Penn., his partner, T. T., went out for a short walk, and he has not seen him since.