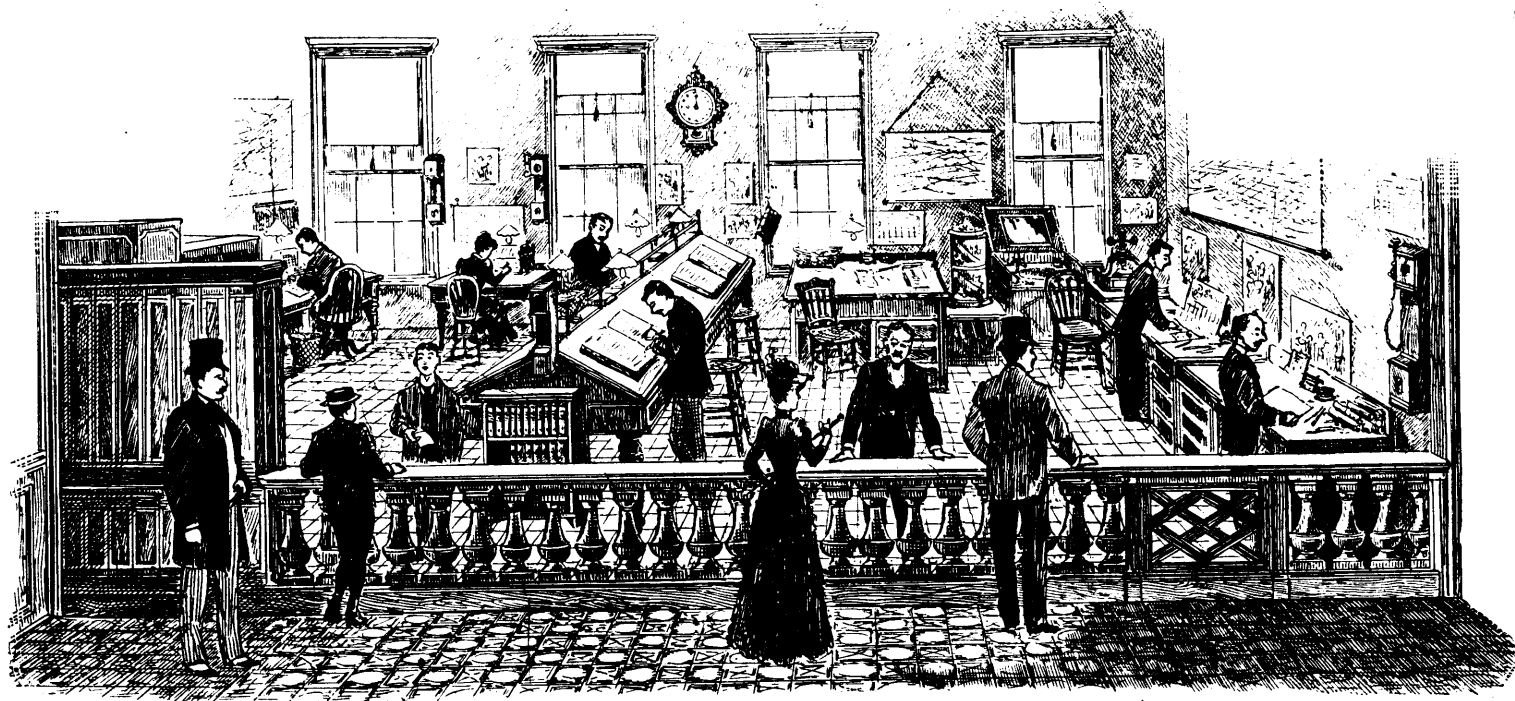


# A GREAT CANADIAN LITHOGRAPHIC CO.



GENERAL OFFICE.

HERE are times when it is permissible, without incurring the charge of egotism, for people to talk about themselves. The publishers of this journal, in availing themselves of the present opportunity to talk, not about themselves, but about their establishment and the development of a most important industry, feel that in doing so they are not passing the limits of propriety. Nor do they ask the intelligent reader to take their word for it all. This magnificent Christmas number, in all the details of design and preparation, is the work of the establishment, without foreign aid of any description; and it is presented, so to speak, as a guarantee of good faith. It is to the establishment which can produce such work in all its details that attention is now directed.

There are, doubtless, readers of the regular weekly issues of the *Dominion Illustrated* who are unaware that the publication of this journal is but a small part of the work done on the premises of the publishers, the Sabiston Lithographic and Publishing Co. Few, indeed, even of those who dwell beside it in the great city of Montreal, are fully aware of the remarkable development of the company's business within the last two years. Theirs is now a great and flourishing industry, of immense commercial value, and a source of employment to a very large number of skilled artisans as well as to work people of ordinary skill and capacity. Such an establishment is a public benefit, and the success of its promoters is accompanied by corresponding benefits to those who must labor for their livelihood, as well as to those who avail themselves of the products of the business. This company have to-day the largest lithographic establishment in Canada. And yet the business was only founded four years ago, and was once scourged by fire.

In 1887, Messrs. Sabiston and Berger began business as lithographers at 71 St. James street, Montreal. At the end of three months Mr. Berger retired, and Mr. C. W. Trenholme joined Mr. Sabiston in the prosecution of the enterprise. To show how the business has developed, it may here be noted that the weekly pay roll in 1887 was only about \$60, as compared with \$1,400 in 1891. At the end of four months after Mr. Trenholme had entered the business the firm were the victims of a disastrous fire, which destroyed their premises and entailed heavy loss. Mr. Trenholme then retired, and once more Mr. Sabiston conducted the business alone. His courage and persistency were rewarded by a steadily increasing patronage, and so rapidly did business develop that at the close of the year 1888 he resolved to organize a joint stock company. He had,

after the fire, removed to the present *Herald* building, at the foot of Beaver Hall Hill. In March, 1889, a joint stock company was formed, with the following directorate:—Mr. Richard White, president; Mr. A. Sabiston, managing director; the Hon. A. W. Ogilvie, Mr. David Morrice, Mr. C. J. Hodgson and Mr. Smeaton White.

The new company removed their plant to the *Gazette* building, corner of Craig and St. Francois Xavier streets, and since that date the steady growth has called for a continual increase in the plant and the number of employes, until now the premises are almost too cramped for the accommodation of the business.

In August, 1889, the company acquired a bindery, which is to-day the most extensive and best equipped in Canada.

In August, 1890, they purchased the *Dominion*

*Illustrated*, which was then in the market, and removed the plant to their own premises. To the ordinary weekly publication of this journal they added the publication of special numbers, devoted to the interests of different cities. Thus, they have issued a Sherbrooke number, a St. John number, a Montreal number, and others, and will issue immediately an



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