

Halifax. The Star is to be congratulated on possessing men whose enterprise is unexcelled by those of any other paper in Canada. There are two or three who follow it closely, one of which is The Toronto Globe, but if there is any difference, the Star leads. The Globe is stronger editorially, but is weaker in some other points which, perhaps, would be better unmentioned.

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As a Canadian, I was especially pleased to see The Star's illustration, on that day, of the Governor-General's wreath of maple leaves contributed to the memory of the late Premier. The leaves were gathered from patriotic citizens all over the country, and Canada's national leaf was thus prominent among the floral offerings at the funeral of Canada's national hero. Some of the leaves were contributed by Mr. Muir, who has immortalized himself as the author of "The Mapie Leaf," the chorus of which is familiar to every boy and girl in Canada:

The maple leaf, our emblem dear,
The maple leaf forever!
God save our Queen, and Heaven bless
The maple leaf forever!

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When The Toronto Globe was burned out on the 6th inst., every other daily paper in the city offered The Globe the use of its premises. The Empire won the coveted honor of helping a political enemy in the hour of its affliction. As The Montreal

Gazette says: "The spirit of old time chivalry that led a man to deal kindly with a stricken foe still survives, and shows itself among newspapers and politicians quite as frequently as anywhere."

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Another point in connection with this fire worthy of note was, that on Monday morning, or within 24 hours after the fire, The Globe had in its columns a telegram from the Potter Press Co., of Plainfield, New Jersey, offering to supply presses, and saying that a representative would call at once. That man and another arrived on the 7th, and four other United States travelers were in Toronto on the 8th. The business men in that country do not seem to sleep, nor do they all close their offices on Sunday. Untiring, restless, enterprising and snappy business men are what send life surging through a nation's arteries.

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For the eleven months ending Nov. 30th, 1894, Great Britain sent to Canada £38,539 worth of writings, printings and envelopes, as against £47,982 in 1893. In other descriptions of paper, the value for 1894 is £8,521 as against £10,717 last year. In the same period Australia took, of both classes, £463,000, as against £465,000 in 1893. The difference in the amounts exported to Canada and to Australia indicates the difference in the self-supplying strength of each nation. Canada has a printing trade which needs no foreign help, and a paper-making trade which produces nearly all that the country requires. Canada is rapidly becoming self-dependent.



THE NUTS THEY HAVE TO CRACK.

THE GREAT AND LITTLE TROUBLES THAT THE CANADIAN PRESS ASSOCIATION MUST FACE ON JAN. 31ST AND FEB. 1ST.



HOWEVER pleasant may be the gathering of Ontario's journalists and ex-journalists in Ontario's beautiful Legislative buildings—owned by and in the possession of the omnivorous Toronto—there are some questions to be decided which will require a considerable amount of time, thought and care to arrive at satisfactory solutions. The time given up

to business is much too short, but perhaps it is all that can be spared. If the president guides his meetings well, hustles matters, and keeps down the members who get up to air their eighteenth century wit about cabbage and pumpkins, a considerable amount of business may be done.

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The time when the Press Association met for a grand general "bumm" has gone by, as one of our correspondents writes. And in our opinion, he is "dead right." Business must be the prime, pleasure the secondary, object. Life is too earnest, too real, as our friend Longfellow once reminded us, to pass the whole of two days in idly worshipping "the Has-Beens," no matter how great they were in the June time of their lives. When business is over, however, let it be over. When the banquet

comes, business be forgotten, and let genial fellowship and good-will evidence the largeness of heart and the greatness of mind of Ontario's most brainy fraternity.

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There may be some trouble as to the great body of advertising agents and canvassers who are now refused admission into the society. There is a cloud on the horizon now about the size of two men's right hands, and they seem to have been elevated to that lofty height because of the wicked thoughts their owners are holding on certain matters connected with railway privilege certificates.

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Then the letters "C. P. A." must go. They are entirely too delicately suggestive of hidden treachery and after-dark machinations. They are, also, decidedly untruthful. The substitutes should be "O. P. A." and these should be adopted without any further delay. The society is too large, too important, to travel under false colors any longer. This is a point of vital importance.

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The onward march of the type-setting machine will need to be considered. Is it to be received as a friend or an enemy? Which portion of the brigade will be billeted in the rural districts and which in the civic districts? What are the impres-