

Convention at San Francisco, but I understand he was prevented by unforeseen circumstances from being present.

THE PRINTER AND PUBLISHER

The establishment of an official organ was one of the most devoutly wished for adjuncts to our Association by my esteemed predecessor, Mr. Pattullo, and, though the PRINTER AND PUBLISHER has no official connection with us, I am sure we all welcomed its advent and will give it our moral support. It is very fortunate that its publisher is not only an experienced journalist, but a valued member of our Association, one who has served us with great satisfaction in an official capacity.

DEATH OF J. B. TRAYES

A sad event of the year has been the death of a valued and useful fellow-member, and an ex-President of the Association, Mr. J. B. Trayes, of the Port Hope Times. For ten years he occupied a place on the Executive, and through earnest effort did much in the interests of the Association. I trust you will during the meeting frame some suitable resolution expressing our appreciation of his efforts and work, and our sympathy for the bereaved family.

THE SECRETARY

To the Secretary of the Association I am greatly indebted for his prompt and valuable assistance during the year at every call. I also feel under great obligations to the members of the Executive for their timely counsel and co-operation.

The time allotted for my remarks has expired. We have before us a programme unexcelled for variety of subjects to be treated; you will find them practical, modern and interesting, and involving many phases touching our profession. Let us realize that the hours of this annual session have great value to all the members of the Association, and while we may not disregard its social features, let us remember that the chief object of our organization is improvement in the line of our business; that the subjects to be discussed affect the daily and individual interests of every one of us, and the opportunity afforded of securing the best thoughts of representative men from all sections is one which we cannot afford to neglect. The discussions will be purely informal, and as far as possible, it is desired that each member shall know the best of what every other member knows before he returns home. It is to be hoped that the deliberations of this meeting will be conducted in that spirit of reciprocal favor and mutual helpfulness which will make it of the greatest possible profit to those participating.

It is sincerely hoped that all new members will feel perfect freedom in the meeting and to encourage this feeling I would remind the Vice-Presidents that at our last meeting the duty was placed upon them

of receiving new members and introducing them and giving their attendance all possible pleasure.

There is no nobler feature of this Association than the fraternal feeling which it cultivates, and if it did no more than foster this fraternal sentiment it would be worthy of maintenance and encouragement.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE

Secretary Atkinson submitted this report of the Executive Committee:

Your Executive Committee beg to submit their Annual Report for 1892, as follows:—In April they took action in conjunction with the Employing Printers' Association in opposition to any increase of duty on type, and the Members of this Association will learn with satisfaction that the representations of those who desired the increase have not so far been successful.

With respect to the question of amending the Libel Law, which was before the Association, at its last meeting and in connection with which Mr. John King, Q.C., of Berlin, rendered the Association such splendid service, your Committee beg to report that although all the amendments proposed by Mr. King and pressed upon the Government by your Committee were not adopted by Parliament, the Criminal Law, as it now stands is a great improvement upon the antiquated Statute which is replaced.

Your Committee considering the paper on the Libel Law, which was read by Mr. King at the last meeting of the Association, of permanent value to the craft, ordered five hundred copies of it printed and had them distributed to every newspaper in Ontario and to many in other Provinces in the Dominion.

An offer of free transportation over the Central Ontario Railway for members of the Association was received early in the year. It was decided to thank the railway but ask instead a two cent a mile rate.

At a meeting your Committee held on April 1st. the following motion was adopted, moved by Mr. Preston, seconded by Mr. Pattullo, That it is the sense of the Executive Committee that the term "editor" in the constitution of the Association as applied to qualification for membership be interpreted as including not only editorial proprietors but managing editors, news editors, city editors, editorial contributors (when exclusively engaged as such on the staff of any paper), and duly accredited editorial correspondents at Dominion or Provincial Capitals.

Mr. Brierley gave notice at that meeting of the Committee that this annual meeting, he would move as follows: That the constitution be amended to entitle to membership reporters who have been professionally and habitually engaged as such for not less than three years.

In October the Secretary having furnished to the Railway Companies, a list of the certificates issued for the year, the district passenger agent of the