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Editorial.

On the Wing.

THE CANADIAN PRESS ASSOCIATION.

This is an organized body, having its President, Secretary and Executive Committee, its rules and by-laws. Nearly all the newspaper and periodical publishers are connected with it. There are no secret oaths or pledges imposed upon its members. One of its leading objects is the removal of political asperities, and the directing of the public mind into worthier channels. It is claimed that the pen has more power than the sword. When such a body unites annually in taking their holiday, and travel to distant, interesting and important parts of the country together, it tends to harmonize ideas and gives the participants opportunities of forming more correct opinions than can be otherwise obtained. It has been suggested that by uniting on some definite line more good might be accomplished, but it has been considered best to leave all as free and untrammelled in any way as possible.

One subject of importance was brought up at the last annual meeting on which there appeared a unanimous opinion, that is, the existing libel law, which, as it now stands, leaves editors liable to have actions brought against them by any worthless thief who can find an unprincipled, briefless lawyer to enter an action against a publisher for publishing facts. The publisher, although he may be quite correct in statements and gain the verdict, is still liable to be mulcted in the costs. We think that no honest legislature could object to remedy the evil complained of.

This year our trip was to the top of Mount Washington, in New Hampshire, and from there to Boston, New York and Niagara Falls. Mount Washington is the highest mountain in the eastern part of this continent, being 6,279 feet high. We ascended by means of a railroad, the cars being forced up the mountain by a cog wheel. This road has an elevation of one foot in three, and is three miles long. It takes nearly two hours to make the ascent, and the fare is one dollar per mile, with free return to the base of the mountains, for Mt. Washington is only one of the highest peaks of a series of mountains nearly as high. At the foot of the mountain maple, cherry, and other deciduous trees are growing, many to a large size. We noticed that the black knot was spreading on the wild cherry here. As we ascend hemlock trees are seen interspersed, and trees of a large size are numerous. We gradually leave the deciduous trees; birch and hemlock hold the sway for a time, then gradually they become smaller, and the most gnarly, twisted, scraggy growth is only seen until we pass the tree limit, and mosses, dwarf grass and a few small flowers continue their growth to the summit of the mountain, where any ledge affords a chance for a root on a rock. We passed through the clouds, which were cold and wet; the air was oppressive, and to some sound is affected; only a few could whistle in this air. It freezes in the night, and fires are always kept up to warm the hotel at the summit. Here we attain the highest standing point; we see the rising sun tinting the clouds and mountain tops; we view the clouds

rolling around in snowy whiteness below us; we see openings in valleys below where many may be, but the distance is so great that man could not be seen by the naked eye. The grandeur, the sublimity, and the beauty are so blended together that no artist nor writer can convey to you correct ideas of such a scene. The sight alone can convey to the most thoughtful the magnificence of such a spectacle. Once seen it can never be forgotten, and should tend to lead the thoughtful beholder from nature to nature's God. We are digressing from agriculture, some may say, therefore we leave much of the description of this trip for the Home Magazine Department.

New Hampshire surpasses Ontario in the grandeur of its mountain scenery, but we could but pity the poor farmers that were struggling to obtain an existence on the buckwheat crop. They cannot raise the grains and fruits we can, although the apple crop appeared more abundant than with us, and these apples should be of good quality and good keepers.

We were met courteously and kindly by the Boston editors, but perhaps the most important part of the trip was the entertainment provided by Mr. Wiman, who invited members of the New York Press Association to join us in a dinner provided by him at Manhattan. The expressions of New York and Canadian editors were such that one would hardly think that fifteen hundred miles of custom house officers could be much longer submitted to.

The Exhibitions.

Great demonstrations and displays are expected at the Provincial and Dominion Exhibition to be held in London, Sept. 7-12. The Governor General is to visit this Exhibition.

The Industrial Exhibition in Toronto offers a very large and varied list of attractions and amusements, the largest and most varied of any exhibition ever held in this Dominion. This exhibition will be held from Sept. 7th to 19th.

A new and large exhibition is to be held in Sherbrooke, P. Q., 6th, 7th and 8th October.

At these exhibitions the majority of the best stock, implements, machinery, etc., will be exhibited, and those desiring a holiday will be sure to find much that will amuse and instruct, and now the crops are harvested, the industrious workers that have toiled hard through the year richly deserve a few holidays. The young gain knowledge and experience that should be of value to them in after years. All work and no play, etc. It is good to be merry and wise. Let the young folks go, and go yourselves. Enjoy your harvest home with gladness and thankfulness.

Single fares are arranged for from nearly all parts of the Dominion. A great holiday time is in preparation.

The London Exhibition Grounds.

The beautiful and convenient grounds on which the Dominion and Provincial Exhibition is held this year, in London, are to be disposed of. The farmers have long contended for the retention of these grounds and their control of the exhibition, but after years of trial and manipulation the citizens have by uniting and using means and influence, succeeded in gaining their way. It is questionable, in fact im-