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#### The Toronto Paper Company's New Mill.

Ground has been broken at Cornwall, Ont., and a large force of men are now at work on the Toronto Paper Company's new mill. The company is a strong one, being composed of paper makers and leading stationers, who will consume a large proportion of the product of the mills. The quality of papers to be made are engine-sized writings and super-calendered book of such grades as are now entirely imported. The market for these is still very limited in Canada, and the company has made a wise move in making their market here before erecting their mill. The plans are drawn with a view to extending the premises and making a tub-sized mill of the same capacity at an early date, or as soon as the proprietors see an opening in that direction. The present mill will contain one 72-inch machine, with seven 800-pound engines, and should run off about four tons of paper per day. The premises are capacious, as the following dimensions will show:—engine room, 178x40; machine room, 106x46; stock house, 137x36; bleach house, 50x36; steam boiler house, 37x47; tower to elevator and stairs, 17x22. The frontage on the canal will be 305 feet, with a depth of 187 feet. The head and tail raceways will be made of sufficient capacity to float large barges carrying coal, chemicals, and rag stock, to their different buildings. About 75 hands will be employed. No bonus was asked from the Municipality of Cornwall, as the company were prepared to accept no conditions in regard to the carrying on of their business. The plans were drawn by Messrs. D. H. & A. B. Tower, of Holyoke, Mass., who also have charge of the construction. The permanent officers have not yet been elected, but they will probably be John R. Barber, Esq., of Wm. Barber & Bros., Georgetown, President and Manager; John Riordon, Esq., of Merrittton, Vice-President; and E. Trout, Esq., of the *Monetary Times*, Toronto, Treasurer.

The Boston Comedy Company, which Humphrey Price Webber, a well-known compositor in this city, controls, has been playing through Maine and part of this province.

#### Responsibility of Employers.

While a boy of sixteen was at work upon a printing press in the press-room of a New York paper the press was unexpectedly started. The boy sprang back from his dangerous position, and in doing so tipped over the bench he was standing on, causing him to fall against another press, which caught his arm and injured it so as to make it forever useless. He sued the proprietor in the Superior Court and obtained a verdict for \$3000 damages. The defence was that the accident was caused either by the negligence of the plaintiff or of a fellow workman, for which the proprietor was not responsible. In charging the jury Judge Speir said that if the plaintiff or a skilled fellow-workman were negligent the plaintiff could not recover damages; but that if the agent of the defendant employed persons not skilled in their work and the accident occurred through the negligence of one of such persons, the defendant was responsible. An appeal was taken from the judgment on the ground that Judge Speir erred in thus charging, and in permitting the plaintiff to exhibit his mutilated arm to the view of the jury, thus arousing their sympathy. The general term has affirmed the judgment in a long opinion written by Judge Freedman and concurred in by Chief Justice Sedgwick.

#### A Lovesick Printer's Mistake.

One of the most extraordinary sensations known in Detroit for a long time was the talk of the town recently, and was caused by the arrest of a young printer named Lane on a charge of poisoning George Allen, a fellow boarder. Lane became enamored of Allen's wife some time ago and was convinced that Allen did not treat her well. In order to put the husband out of the way Lane invited him to take a boat ride, during which Lane gave a drink of lemonade from a bottle in which had been placed a dose of morphine. His plan was to put Allen to sleep with morphine and then overturn the boat, thus drowning Allen and having it appear accidental. The morphine, however, failed to have any effect, but when Allen reached home he was taken violently sick. Physicians learned the cause of his illness, and Lane, on being arrested, confessed the whole thing. As no trouble exists between Allen and his wife it is generally believed that Lane is crazy. All the parties are quite well known.