

EXECUTIVE OF THE C.P.A. MEETS.

At the Rossin House, Toronto, on the 14th inst., the Executive of the Canadian Press Association held a meeting to make arrangements for the holding of the annual convention. President Preston presided, and there were also present J. S. Brietley, St. Thomas Journal; A. E. Pirie, Dundas Banner; C. W. Young, Cornwall Freeholder; L. B.

Donly, Simcoe Reformer; W. S. Dingman, Stratford Herald, and J. S. Willison, of The Globe. Mr. Laidlaw, of Galt, and Mr. Holmes, of Clinton, sent word that they were unavoidably detained by other business. The first vice, L. W. Shannon, of Kingston, was absent, and sorry for it. He had made a mistake in his diary of the date and came up to Toronto on the Tuesday previous, spent a few hours with the secretary and returned home. Mr. McLean, being absent in New York, Mr. Cooper, of PRINTER AND PUBLISHER, took his work.

After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of March 29th, Mr. Preston explained the action of the Executive in regard to the visit of the Michigan Press Association. The applications of E. J. Howes, Templar, Hamilton; Frank Bambridge, Confectioner, Toronto; Frank Cook, Empire, Toronto; and W. R. Clougher, Presbyterian Review, Toronto, were passed. Some accounts were treated in the same favorable manner.

The question of the proposed "re-union" was then taken up, and Mr. Preston explained that, in response to a circular letter of invitation, about fifty ex-journalists had promised their co-operation and presence. The acceptances were then read by the secretary. These included such men as Hon. W. McDougall, Hon. T. W. Anglin, Hon. James Young, Hon. G. W. Ross, Col. O'Brien, Lud K. Cameron, Wm. Buckingham, Nicholas Flood Davin, etc. It was also expected that Hon. McKenzie Bowell, Goldwin Smith, J. Gordon Brown, Charles Lindsay and Geo. Sheppard, would be present. The Executive agreed that the president's idea was an excellent one, and approved of what had been done. It was decided to send an invitation to Lord Aberdeen, and if possible secure his presence.

The question of a programme was taken up. It was decided to hold a two days' meeting, as usual, with a banquet on the evening of the first day. The first forenoon was to be devoted to business, such as the president's address and the secretary treasurer's report; the afternoon to be given up to addresses by ex-journalists. The toast list of the banquet is to be of a character consonant with the re-union of the old and new timers. The second day will be devoted to the regular work, and such

subjects as Typesetting Machines, Law Reform as it Affects the Press, Copyright, Rating in Directories, Fake Journals and The Mails, will be discussed.

The question of securing a single-fare railway rate for the Convention was taken up, and also the conduct of the railroads in granting more favorable rates to the city journalists than to others. A committee composed of Messrs. McLean, Willison, Young and Ross was named to arrange the matter.

The date of the annual meeting was left to the discretion of the president and secretary, as well as all other necessary arrangements for the Convention, these two to be assisted by a committee of Toronto journalists.

The following resolution was passed unanimously, moved by Mr. J. S. Willison and seconded by Mr. W. S. Dingman, of The Stratford Herald: "Resolved, that we deplore the death of Sir John Thompson, Premier of Canada, and express our deep sympathy with the bereaved widow and family, declare our appreciation of his honorable public career, and rejoice that one who in his earlier years served in the profession of journalism should have reached such splendid eminence and left behind a name so worthy of patriotic remembrance and so well entitled to rank high in the esteem of his fellow country men of all parties and of all ranks."

A letter from the secretary of the Copyright Association of Canada was read. It announced that at a recent meeting of that association it was unanimously voted that the president of the Canadian Press Association be requested to act upon the Council of the Copyright Association as an ex-officio member.



Wishing You the Season's Compliments.

SUICIDE.

Edwin L. P. Houghton, a brilliant young artist on The Toronto Evening Star, shot and fatally wound-

ed himself in the city editor's office of that newspaper shortly after 5 o'clock on the evening of the 15th inst.

Edwin Houghton was about 27 years of age. He was born in Toronto, and has for many years lived with his aunt, as his father is a ranchman in California. Mr. Houghton commenced his career as an artist and cartoonist at 19. His first work was done on The Evening News shortly after he had graduated from the Georgetown Grammar school. He was the first cartoonist on a daily paper in this city. After working on The News Mr. Houghton went to New York and worked on The Recorder, one of the morning dailies. He returned again to this city about three years ago, and has since worked on The News, The War Cry and The Evening Star. Gifted with more than ordinary ability as an artist, Mr. Houghton speedily after his arrival made a name for himself in Canada, and his work was frequently seen in the provincial press, as well as in the city paper he worked for. A severe illness, caused by a cold he had contracted, forced him to resign his position on The Star two weeks ago. He was of a nervous temperament, and subject to intense fits of melancholy.