

NEWS OF THE MONTH IN BRIEF.

THE LIBEL LAW.

THE HEPWORTH JOURNAL is suing The Chesley Enterprise on account of a statement that the former had suspended publication, etc.

The Metropolitan Electric Co., of Ottawa, is giving notice of suit against The Journal alleging defamatory statements regarding the non-payment of wages by the company.

In the suit of Stirton vs. The Guelph Herald, Mr. King, Q.C., moved at Osgoode Hall, to set aside the verdict against the paper on the grounds of improper rejection of evidence, improper reception of evidence and excessive damages. Judgment reserved.

The St. John's, Newfoundland, Review has been asked to apologize for saying that: "We submit that Mr. Horace Morine, as an amateur railway manager, is not a success. When it comes to being kept out all night by the incompetency of the man in charge, the limit of forbearance is drawing nigh." To the solicitors of the aggrieved Mr. Morine, the editor of The Review writes: "We beg to inform Messrs. Morine & Gibbs, that as the matter referred to by us is of paramount public importance, and, as we believe, not libellous, we respectfully, but firmly decline to apologize. The public must be protected, and this paper will ever fearlessly endeavor to do so to the best of its ability, even though we become the Dreyfus of Newfoundland."

IMPROVEMENTS AND SPECIAL ISSUES.

Le Temps, the only French daily in Ontario, has been enlarged to six pages. A new press is being put in and a weekly edition will shortly be issued.

The Ottawa Free Press has published an eight-page quarto giving an interesting account of Canada's capital. It is printed on fine paper, and abundantly illustrated with photo-engravings. The occasion is the 30th birthday of The Free Press, which is one of the most prosperous newspaper properties in Canada, and has been, throughout its career, owned by Mr. C. W. Mitchell.

The booklet issued by The Toronto Globe entitled, "The Growing Time in Canada," is creditable alike to that paper and to Moore & Alexander who did the engraving work. The literary matter is also excellent, and the way in which the various industries of Canada are illustrated and written-up indicates a well-thought out plan. The Globe itself has shared in the expansion of the past few years, as the daily circulation has increased from 23,890 in 1895 to 35,381 in 1899.

PERSONAL.

Mr. F. D. Mackay, of The Peterborough Review, was married at Bowmanville, August 29, to Miss Bertha Sherin.

The late W. H. McMullen, of The Toronto World, whose sad death from drowning at Port Hope was recorded last month, left an estate of \$1,113, \$1,000 of it being life insurance.

Mr. Fred. C. Mills, of The Hamilton Times, was married at Windsor, Ont., to Miss Etta Rochford. The honeymoon trip was spent in Eastern Canada.

Mr. Robert H. Lawder, well known as a writer for the New York and Toronto press, died at Toronto September 12, aged 74. Mr. Lawder was specially well-posted on matters affecting

trade statistics and was an accurate and painstaking compiler of information. His small neat manuscript was familiar to many printers.

Mr. H. T. Howard ("Ebor"), of The Toronto World staff, was presented with a handsome gift, by his associates, on the occasion of his recent marriage.

The confreres of Mr. J. D. Reid, of The Burk's Falls Arrow, extend to him their sincere sympathy in the unexpected death of his wife on September 6, at the early age of 28.

Mr. Chas. Clarke, of The Kincardine Review, who went to the Coast with the Press Association, remained behind the party and took a trip through the States of Oregon and Washington.

Mr. Henry Plume, an employe of The Gazette, Montreal, for 15 years, and formerly with The London Times, died September 9, much regretted and respected by his fellow-employes.

Mr. and Mrs. Pirie have returned to Dundas from their western trip. They spent a week in Southern Manitoba, and several days the guests of Lieutenant-Governor Patterson at Winnipeg.

Mr. W. K. Reynolds, editor and founder of The New Brunswick Magazine having retired, owing to his onerous duties in railway life, John A. Bowes, its publisher, will in future conduct the magazine.

A memorial of the late Richard Robert Donnelley, a prominent printer of Canadian birth, who died in Chicago April 8, has been published by his associates and friends connected with The Chicago Typothetæ and The United Typothetæ of America. The book contains a synopsis of his career as a prominent printer in both Canada and the United States.

BUSINESS CHANGES.

Eber C. Smith, publisher of The Rossland, B.C., Evening Record, has sold out to W. K. Esling.

The Sun Printing and Publishing Co., Limited, New Westminster, B.C., is being wound up.

The style of The Province Printing and Publishing Co., Limited, Vancouver and Victoria, has been changed to The B.C. Printing and Engraving Co.

The Independence Publishing Co., of Brandon, has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$2,000. W. G. King, J. R. Hany, and R. D. Rorison are the directors.

The publisher of The Canadian Cheese and Butter Maker, Kingston, is looking for a partner with a small capital to act as treasurer and look after the business department.

Blacklock & Gibson, who recently purchased The Chesley Free Press, have sold the plant and good-will of that paper to The Chesley Enterprise, and have bought The Dundalk Herald.

The Times Printing Co., of St. Thomas, Ont., Limited, has been incorporated with \$40,000 capital. The provisional directors are A. E. Wallace, T. E. Johnston and Wm. B. Doherty.

The Canadian Home Journal Co., of Toronto, Limited, has been incorporated, with \$20,000 capital. The directors are H. R. Halton, F. H. Beemer, J. J. Kelso, A. W. Briggs, and M. N. Merry.

John W. Eedy, publisher of The St. Marys Journal, has purchased an interest in The St. Thomas Times Printing Co., and has been appointed managing-director. Mr. Eedy was for many years previous to 1895 business manager of The Times for Mr. Wilkinson. He has made a great success of The St. Marys Journal, and his translation to St. Thomas is an important move, full of promise both to himself and The Times.