

good fortune. The examiners gave him a very severe oral examination for half an hour, comprising about one hundred and twenty questions in Civil Law, but he got through so well as to merit and receive the unanimous congratulations of the Board of Examiners. Mr. Crankshaw is taking an active interest in the promotion of the official reporting system for the Quebec Courts, and we hope soon to be able to record the complete success of the movement.

The following, from the *Seaforth Expositor*, is the Provincial publisher's view:—"That the paper upon which both the *Weekly Mail* and *Globe* are printed, costs more than the subscription prices nets the proprietors, is a fact patent to every person who knows anything of the business. The daily editions of both papers, including the advertising, pay well enough, but what is made on these is more than wasted on the weekly editions. Financially, the *Mail* is not in one whit better position than the *Globe*, if so good. It could not live a year as an independent enterprise, and it is now only kept afloat by a few wealthy politicians, backed up by the Dominion Government. The *Weekly Mail* is published, not with a view of making it pay its way, but for the express purpose of political influence, and the *Globe* is issued on the same absurdly low price, to keep the *Mail* from getting the start of it. This is hard on the proprietors and shareholders, but it affords the public cheap reading. Not only is this sort of fun hard on the proprietors and shareholders of the dailies, but it is hard on the country publishers as well, who have to compete with the cheap weeklies."

The *Toronto Globe* has entered upon the policy of reporting the proceedings of Parliament in a different style from that which has hitherto been in vogue. The system of verbatim reporting could not be carried out; it made the reports too long for the people to read, and too expensive for newspaper publishers. The *Hamilton Times* thinks "there is much said in Parliament that is not worth reporting in full. A comprehensive summary will meet the public want far better. When a Minister or a leading member of the Opposition delivers a set speech on an important topic, it can properly be reported in full, but for ordinary efforts a summary suffices. A simple contest between the *Globe* and the *Mail* to see which paper can fill more columns with a report is foolish, and the plan of reporting one's political friends in full, and cutting off one's opponents with a couple of lines, is mean and partial. Now that *Hansard* is firmly established, a means of reference for cases of dispute is provided, and when country papers want full reports of their local representative's speeches they can be copied from *Hansard*. The *Globe's* new departure will be popular." It is difficult to say at this early day whether the new plan will be permanently popular. We incline to

think that the "back-country Grits," to whom the *World* occasionally refers, will want to read more full reports of the speeches of their representatives. The *Globe* now gives verbatim reports only of the great speeches—and these are copied from the daily *Hansard*.

The adjourned meeting of the Canadian Shorthand Writers' Association for the election of officers was held in the Upper Press Room, House of Commons, on Saturday afternoon, (31st ult.,) Mr. T. J. Richardson, the retiring President, in the chair. Mr. A. J. Henderson, of Toronto, was unanimously elected Secretary-Treasurer, and the following local Vice-Presidents were appointed: Ottawa, T. J. Richardson; Toronto, A. F. Wallis; Montreal, F. R. Marceau. Mr. A. Horton, who had been previously elected by acclamation President for the ensuing year, then took the chair. Mr. G. Eyvel, was appointed Secretary *pro tem*. A considerable quantity of important business was transacted. Mr. H. M. Mathewson was elected Acting Secretary-Treasurer for the remainder of the session, as Mr. Henderson will be in Toronto. A special meeting will be held during this week for the purpose of revising the tariff. The following is a complete list of the new officers:—President, A. Horton; Secretary-Treasurer, A. J. Henderson; Acting Secretary-Treasurer, H. M. Mathewson; Local Vice-Presidents—Ottawa, T. J. Richardson; Toronto, A. F. Wallis; Montreal, F. R. Marceau.

AMERICAN.

Mr. W. B. Estabrook has retired from the management of the Typewriter agency in Washington, and his place will be filled by Mr. Albert Baker, Junior, who will be assisted by Mr. M. A. Canfield.

Mr. Elias Longley of Cincinnati sent assignments of his new Eclectic Manual of Phonography, and the American Phonographic Dictionary, to his agents in London, Eng., who proceeded to advertise the same, when they were promptly served with an injunction by Mr. Pitman, who quoted the English copyright act upon which he forbade their sale. The change of a few alphabetic outlines, Mr. Pitman contends, does not affect his right to forbid the sale, for he says his copyright extends to all the editions of Phonography he has published. In Mr. Longley's magazine, the *Phonetic Educator*, he publishes Mr. Pitman's letter, and replies that as to Mr. Pitman's copyright "It is nothing more than his copyright to his form or style of book, and not equal to a patent on an invention, and there is as much difference between his Manual and ours as between any two arithmetics or geographies." Mr. Longley says that his view is upheld by publishers and lawyers in the United States generally. Mr. Longley states in conclusion that he has almost completed arrangements for supplying his books to all who want them