

LIBEL AND OTHER LAWSUITS.

THERE are a good many libel suits, and other legal complications, now proceeding in Canada. Perhaps the most important was the arrest of George Ewart and Kenneth McLean, editors and publishers of The Burk's Falls Beacon, on a charge of criminal libel, preferred by his Hon. Judge McCurry. The arrests were due to an article in The Beacon of September 9, criticizing Judge McCurry for lenient treatment of a juvenile thief who was brought up before him. The two publishers were locked up for several days, being finally liberated on bail, and the case will come up for trial at Parry Sound later on.

An investigation is taking place, in the Montreal Police Court, into the character of a weekly publication known as Town Topics, conducted by Richard N. O'Brien. The complaint is that the paper is a scurrilous and immoral one. One of the witnesses was R. S. White, collector of customs, formerly editor of The Gazette, who gave an unfavorable opinion of the paper.

Libel suits for \$1,000 each have been taken against Montreal Minerve, by L. Gouin, M.P.P., and R. LeMieux, M.P., the complaint being founded on the report of the Tarte banquet at Valleyfield.

The case of Rev. W. J. Thompson against T. J. Robinson, editor of The Kamloops, B.C., Standard, has gone over to the next assizes. The Standard republished an article appearing in several eastern papers, referring to Thompson as being wanted

by the police, in connection with two suspicious deaths in Massachusetts. There is both a criminal and civil action, and Mr. Thompson will, it is said, if he wins this case, bring suits against all the papers that published the articles against him.

The Minister of Justice is taking suit against The Halifax Herald on the charge that the alien labor law of this country has been contravened by its publishers in bringing in employes from the United States under contract.

The Master-in-Chambers, at Osgoode Hall, has given an order for security for costs in the libel suit of Chas. L. Ellis, of Stratford, against The Chesley Enterprise.

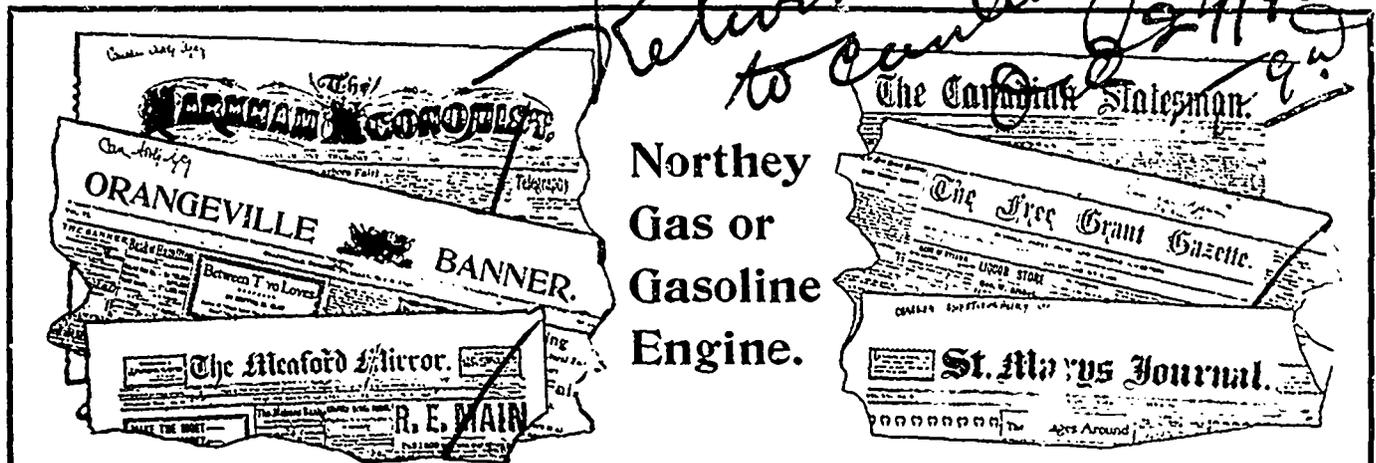
Messrs. Parsons and Herder, editor and publisher, respectively, of The St. John's, Nfld., Evening Telegram, have been sentenced to a month's imprisonment for contempt of court in attacking the judges of the Supreme Court. No such penalty has been inflicted in Newfoundland for 40 years.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS PRESS ASSOCIATION.

THE annual meeting of the Eastern Townships Press Association took place on Oct. 17 at Sherbrooke. It was largely attended, and, as the local committee had prepared an enjoyable programme, which included a visit to the local manufacturing, a drive, and a banquet at Lennoxville, the members had a delightful outing.

Unfortunately, PRINTER AND PUBLISHER was just going to press as the gathering took place, but a full report will be given in the November issue.

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