

to be displeasing to the heads of the government the form in which it is made up must be taken out and changed. All the space must be filled too, for it is not allowed that blanks shall indicate where a condemned article was taken out.

Mr. W. C. Cunningham has just returned from a trip to the Northwest and Pacific coast points, where he was in the interests of his firm, Buntin, Gillies & Co., Hamilton.

The St. Thomas Evening Journal was double size many days during the past month. It is full of news, and the arrangement is excellent. Much attention is paid to the make-up of the forms, there being a place for everything and everything in its place.

The late Miss Booth, editress of Harper's Bazar, was so extremely conscientious that she read every story, to which she was at all attracted, three times in as many different moods before she recognized its right to be printed, and then only if it passed each test.

The Vanguard is an octavo journal of Moral Reform, of which the first number was published in Toronto in December, 1893, with F. S. Spence as editor. Temperance is the theme which the reformers desire, and the Vanguard gives promise of being a sturdy weapon.

On Saturday, 16th ult., N. B. Colcock, proprietor of the Hamilton Times, was presented by his employees with a complimentary address, accompanied by a handsome gold-headed cane, on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of his taking possession of the Times.

The curators of the insolvent estate of Daniel M. Quinn, proprietor of the True Witness, Montreal, received an offer of \$2,500 from Mr. M. Burke for the whole plant, office, etc. Authority was asked from Mr. Justice Taschereau to accept the offer, which was granted.

Finlay McKenzie was once a reporter on the Toronto Empire. He left there to study British politics and elections. Then he went to New York and was a desk man on the city press. Now he is back to Toronto and takes Burrows place, who goes on the Hansard.

Word comes from England that the hopes held out in some quarters about Mr. Ruskin resuming his literary labors have no foundation. Although in good health, Mr. Ruskin is entirely unequal to any mental effort, and is allowed to converse only on subjects which do not agitate his mind.

Mr. W. Campbell, formerly editor of The Budget, Toronto, is now editor of The Bulletin, a new insurance journal, the initial number of which has just been issued. The new journal bears a close resemblance to The Budget, and the editor announces that its editorial policy will be the same.

A copy of The Progress, published at Preston and Hespeler by Thos. H. Sears, wandered to our table last week. It was a clean eight page paper, well filled with advertising, and admirably arranged. In fact the plan of grouping the advertisements in the paper is one of the best which has come under our notice.

Some newspaper men seem to think that a new P. P. A. is necessary to this country. We beg to suggest the formation of Publishers Protective Association. Each of the Woodstock papers is threatened with a libel suit, a Brantford confrere has three or four on hand, while a single individual has actions against a considerable portion of the newspapers of the Province.

Protestantism may be in such a bad way as to require special protection; but we are inclined to think that Protestants don't need it any more than Publishers. Let us have a new P. P. A.

Mr. Walter Scott, part proprietor of the Standard, Regina, is in the city. Mr. Scott is a London township boy, and left his home, near Ilderton, for the Northwest some nine years ago. He has made his way in the world, and is paying the old home-stead a visit for the first time since his departure.—London Advertiser.

A Toronto reporter named Arthur L. Lewis died suddenly on Christmas Day. He was connected with The World and other papers and was one time secretary to Dr. Allen, Toronto's Health Officer. His brother, John Lewis, is one of the editors of The Globe, and W. F. Maclean of The World is a brother-in-law.

The Ellis fund at St. John, N.B., now amounts to \$13,000. Senator Lewis is the treasurer, and it is proposed to make the presentation of the testimonial to J. V. Ellis the occasion of a popular demonstration. It will no doubt be fashionable for some time for editors to commit contempt of court—it seems to pay.

David Hastings, the Hamilton Herald's municipal reporter, has been elected treasurer of the local Typographical Union. Dave, ever since he threw down the composing stick some eight or nine years ago on the Toronto News and picked up the reporter's pencil, has remained in close touch with the printer's organization.

The fourth year of publication has been reached in "The People's Almanac," published by the Gazette, Montreal. It is nothing more than a political pamphlet with some of the features of a good almanac, and illustrated with some fairly good cartoons. From a Conservative point of view, it is good from the other point, it is not so good.

Last month it was stated that Hon. Theodore Davie had purchased the Inland Sentinel of Kamloops, B.C. This was a mistake, as the paper had been purchased by T. A. Spink, A. W. C. Frihaw and W. H. Jones, late of the News Advertiser, Vancouver. These men declare that Hon. Mr. Davie has nothing whatever to do with the paper.

Mr. Alexander Begg has been appointed resident agent for British Columbia for the Western Publishing and Advertising Company's publications, of which Mr. Acton Burrows is editor. In addition to the Western World, the Nor-West Farmer and the Western Guide, which the company now publish, they will establish the British Columbia Guide.

The Hamilton Spectator had a special holiday issue in December. It was a genuine piece of newspaper enterprise not an advertising fake. Its illustrations were numerous, varied, and local, a full page being taken up with a composite picture of some of Hamilton's cutest babes. It was, on the whole, an issue which did great credit to Hamilton, its enterprise and its institutions.

John A. Macdonald, editor of the Arnprior Chronicle, is becoming as famous as his deceased namesake, "The Father of Confederation." He has secured the honor of having his name in nearly every paper in Canada. It is not in the reading matter, but by contract it is "next to reading matter." Since John wrote "The Tramp Printer's Dream" he has seen many ups and downs, mostly ups though; and now he deserves all