

SPECIAL MONTREAL NEWS.

THERE is a dearth of news in printing trade circles in Montreal, and as a result our correspondent has little to relate of genuine interest. Most of the establishments appear to be fairly busy for the season.

The Gazette is going to stereotype a portion of its pages, the appliances having come on from New York during the month.

The Progress, of St. John, N. B., is the latest paper in the Maritime Provinces to take up the machine idea. It has ordered one from the Linotype company.

The Linotype Company expect to ship three of their typesetting machines to the Hamilton Herald in the course of the next fortnight. They are now hard at work completing the machines.

The achievement of setting three line "ads." and inserting a two line letter was performed in La Presse office last week. The matter was set up in the machine and the slugs afterwards cut and the two line letter afterwards inserted.

The process of liquidating the Bishop Engraving and Printing Company is going on, but it is not known yet what sort of a dividend the creditors will get out of it. Trenholme Bishop, a son of Geo. Bishop, has leased the plant of the establishment from the liquidators and is carrying on business while the process is in operation.

The announcement of a settlement of the affairs of the Canadian Bank Note Co., made in our last issue, was premature. The offer was made as reported by us, but it transpired afterwards that the funds could not be raised. A winding up order was accordingly applied for and granted by the court, and now the estate is being liquidated.

The Journal of Commerce, which had of late been using a Rogers machine, has given up and gone back to hand composition, with female compositors. It is understood, however, that its proprietor is in negotiation with regard to other contrivances. The Journal owned its three machines outright, it is understood, and now they are offered for sale.

The new management of the Sunday Morning News has made a vast improvement in its appearance. It has purchased a new high speed press, and is going to make a special bid for increased circulation during the sporting season this summer, as all the events come off on Saturday afternoon. Its rival, the Dispatch, had a short life, only lasting for one issue.

The four Linotype machines which La Presse, the leading French daily here, put in last month, have been giving genuine satisfaction. The other day an editorial of a column and a half was set up with only one error. In fact the managing editor was enthusiastic in his praise of the new contrivances in conversation with the correspondent of this paper. He said they were superb. These four machines, it may be interesting to note, are the first of the kind manufactured to set up copy in French. A special keyboard with the letters and all the different accentuation marks had to be constructed for them.

CANADIAN RECORD BREAKER.

VANCOUVER contributes something startling in the way of machine records this month. The following article in Vancouver World tells the tale:

"In the 'World's' composing room are two gentlemen operators on the Mergenthaler Linotype machines, believed to be

the swiftest in the Dominion. A few weeks ago we chronicled the record made by C. M. Galbraith, which exceeded 5,500 ems per hour. This was so remarkable that it was cabled to London and appeared in the British printing trade journals. Mr. Galbraith has been but a few months on this style of machine, so that his 'string' was regarded as a wonder. But ending with last Monday another operator, T. G. Duncan, eclipsed the record of his fellow machinist by measuring up a string of 291,200 ems for six days of eight hours each day as follows:

Monday, March 19	48,500
Tuesday, March 20	48,000
Wednesday, March 21	48,600
Thursday, March 22	49,400
Saturday, March 24	48,200
Monday, March 26	48,500

291,200

"This is a record which has not yet been equalled in Canada, and accomplished by few in the United States. It becomes more remarkable when it is stated that Mr. Duncan took his copy from the book, and contained but little of what is known as 'phat' matter. To accomplish such a record by hand composition at least six men—and good average ones at that—would be required. This will illustrate the advantage the typesetting machine possesses over hand work.

"The World is now giving fully more than double the quantity of reading matter which appeared in its columns last fall, a fact which is appreciated by its readers, who are likewise much greater than they were a few months ago."

Here is a copy of a signed certificate of the champion string:

THE DAILY AND WEEKLY WORLD,

VANCOUVER, B.C., March 28th, 1894.

To whom it may concern:

These are to testify that the following is the record of T. G. Duncan at this office for the week ending March 26th inst. The hours worked by him in operating the machine were 48, being the regular working hours of the composing room, and the copy the regular run of the book. The body of the slug was minion and the face nonpareil. It measured minion down the column and nonpareil across:

	Ems.	Hours.
Monday, March 19	48,500	8
Tuesday, March 20	48,000	8
Wednesday, March 21	48,600	8
Thursday, March 22	49,400	8
Saturday, March 24	48,200	8
Monday, March 26	48,500	8
Totals	291,200	48

The average per hour being 6,066 ems, eclipsing by great odds former records made in Canada.

J. C. McLAGAN, Manager.

F. W. FOWLER, Foreman Composing Room.

Machinist in charge, Farley.

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