

SPECIAL MONTREAL NEWS.

THE paper trade has not been especially brisk during the past month, nor has the printing trade for that matter, as is evidenced by the fact that many of the larger establishments up to a short time previous to the date of writing were only engaged on sufficient work to keep their hands from being absolutely idle. Latterly, however, they have been busier, some contracts for almanacs, etc., coming in, and several of the big job offices have been compelled to work night work on some rush orders.

With regard to the paper trade, the Canada Paper Co. report that the actual business movement at the moment is small. It is between seasons, however, and nothing else could be expected. Their mills, however, are working full time on stocks, etc., and in this respect they are as busy as ever.

J. C. Wilson & Co. have found business this summer very quiet in their own special lines. Customers have only been taking from hand to mouth, so that, although there is enough doing to keep them going, the aggregate business is not up to the average of last year. Their Lachute mills have been busy during the month on wrapping and bag paper and will continue so. They are at present turning out twelve tons daily of this stock.

Lovell's City Directory, which came out during the past month, contained many improvements on the last number of the kind that will be sure to commend themselves to its subscribers.

The Herald's evening edition has now been in issue for over a month. It is a fair sample of work in the matter of news, typographical work, and otherwise, and is fairly worthy of success. Perhaps the only drawback it has is the strong tendency it displays towards sensationalism. No doubt the people at the head say they are running a paper to make money, and that it is this kind of news that takes with the masses. It is questionable, however, whether a circulation built up with such methods is as stable as one secured upon a service of good healthy news. Besides, a good newspaper's duty is not simply to make money alone, and the journal that goes in solely for this is hardly worthy of respect. A newspaper proprietor can be practical and at the same time not lose sight entirely of the ethics of journalism.

A handsome little memorandum book, bound nicely in cloth, has been got out by the Rolland Paper Co., being a speaking sample of their famous "Superfine Linen Record Paper" for which they got the highest award at the World's Fair. Mr. Davidson, one of their travellers, who was up at Ottawa during the Intercolonial Conference, did a good stroke of work when he distributed one to each of the delegates. The little book will show our cousins in the colonies the superior kind of paper our Canadian mills can turn out.

There are now two Sunday morning papers struggling for an existence in Montreal. During the past month, owing to a difference with the management in regard to salaries, which were not forthcoming as promptly as they might, the entire editorial staff of the Sunday Morning News walked out. Two of their number, Messrs. Boyd and Quinn, secured backing, and the next Sunday issued the Sunday Sun, which is by long odds the best of the two Sunday papers. Its staff comprises some of the best and brightest writers in newspaper circles in the city. Which of them will succeed remains for the public to decide. One thing is certain, whichever one it is has a hard up-hill battle before it.

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