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The Post-Office and School-Book Printing of New Brunswick.

It is time the publishers and printers of St. John became more fully alive to the gross injustice done them by the Federal as well as the Provincial Governments. Surely they must, by this time, realize the fact that they have been despoiled in a most shameful manner by those whose duty it is to foster and protect. We allude to the taking away from St. John of the post-office printing, by the former; and the preventing of the publishers of this city from any participation in the school-book printing of this Province, by the latter: the general public, in the last mentioned case, being victimized to the tune of from twenty-five to fifty per cent. in the cost of the books used by their children. The matter of over-charging the public is a most serious one, but small in comparison with the great wrong done the workmen of this city. It is a wrong which is being felt in its fullest force just now. Our publishers are not allowed to participate in the profits arising from work done for the post-office or our public schools in this Province, yet they are expected to, and do, contribute largely to both services. Our printers are forced, through lack of employment, to flee from their despoilers and take refuge, in the majority of instances, in the neighboring republic. We urge upon both publishers and printers to make it a first duty to see that their rights are restored, and that at once. Let them not stand upon any ceremony, either. We have in their behalf *asked* for it on several occasions, and now let us *demand* it as a right, as it undoubtedly is. We would even go further in regard to the post-office printing, and say, if we cannot secure justice in this matter *in confederation*, then, let us

have it *out* of confederation. It is not our mission to deal in politics, nor do we care, in this case, what may be the political creed of our representatives in either Parliament, but we are determined to leave no stone unturned to the end that the publishers and printers of New Brunswick may be allowed to participate, so far as is right, in the benefits and profits of work that rightfully belongs to them. No wonder some of those connected with the printing trade here find themselves in a sad plight just now, financially. How could it be otherwise, when nearly a million of dollars has been taken out of their pockets during the past four years? No wonder our printer-citizens are forced to leave their homes and families to seek employment in other lands, when the work they should have is taken from them, and, in one case, transferred to Ottawa, and, in the other, to Scotland! We again urge upon the publishers, printers, and bookbinders to combine to have this evil remedied, and would ask all newspaper editors who may recognize our rights in this matter to present the subject in its strongest light both to the public and their representatives. Let every one interested call personally upon each member of both governments and ask their aid in setting this matter right. Do not let apathy interfere, but recollect that those who serve themselves will be well served. We will gladly publish any expression of opinion on the part of our readers in regard to the above important question, only asking that the points be as briefly stated as may be consistent with clearness. More anon.

Annual Dinner of the Boston Press Club.

The Press Club of Boston, Mass., partook of their annual dinner at Young's Hotel on the evening of Nov. 8th. Mr. John Boyle O'Reilly, president of the club and editor of the *Pilot*, occupied the head of the table, and was supported on the left by the secretary, Mr. Stephen O'Meara of the *Journal*. Hon. John D. Long, Governor-elect of Massachusetts, in response to an invitation of the President, spoke briefly, but in a jocose, pleasant vein. Amongst the speakers who enlivened the proceedings we have but space to note the following: Messrs. John T. Trowbridge, the poet; William D. Howells, editor of the *Atlantic Monthly*; N. A. Horton, editor of the *Salem Gazette*; E. B. Haskell, editor of the *Herald*; Col. Stevens,