

a report of the same in Brown & Holland's *Shorthand News*, page 166, Vol. 1, No. 8. What I meant to say was this: that I began to learn shorthand when eleven years of age, and when I was about fifteen or sixteen I considered myself a good reporter, for at the time of the Chartist agitation in England I was hired to report the speeches of Ernest Jones and others. Of Ernest Jones it was said that he spoke at the rate of 180 to 200 words per minute. For reporting one of his speeches at Staleybridge I received \$50. This is true, whether I am a real genius or not, modest or not modest. I do not know the age of Brown & Holland, editors of the spicy *News*, but unless they are pretty well advanced it is likely I knew shorthand before they were born. Anyway let us all do our best and keep marching on.

"Yours kindly,
"JOSEPH WILD."

NEWS NOTES.

CANADIAN.

Miss Grace E. Heaton, of Brantford, is conducting a shorthand class in that city.

R. L. Richardson, late of the *Globe*, leaves or Winnipeg to join the staff of the *Sun*.

Robt. M. Pilsworth has left Mulock & Co., barristers, and taken a position with Bethune & Co.

Alma Ladies' College, St. Thomas, has a shorthand class in Isaac Pitman's system, taught by Mr. Yerex, of London.

The Y. M. C. A., in London has organized an Isaac Pitman class, taught by Mr. Payne, formerly of the *Free Press*.

H. J. Wickham, of Bethune & Co., has retired from active engagement as stenographer in order to devote his whole time to the study of law.

Arthur Laughlin having completed his engagement with C. W. Young, of Osgoode Hall, is now stenotyper with Bethune & Co., barristers.

Mr. C. W. Treadwell, formerly of St. John, N.B., has taken a position as stenographer to the Deputy-Minister of Finance, Ottawa. Professional interests in New Brunswick will suffer by this change.

It takes over 44 miles of white paper three feet wide, on which to print each edition of the weekly *Mail*. It also takes over 102 miles of white paper three feet wide, each week, on which to print the *Daily Mail*.

Albert Wood, formerly night editor of the *Hamilton Spectator*, is going to start a paper in Birtle, Man. By the way, Birtle is a happy abbreviation of Birdtail, the name of the creek on which the town is located.

At the close of the East Middlesex Teachers' Association, held on the 27th and 28th, ult.,

during which the Editor read a paper on Phonetics, and delivered a public lecture on Phonography at Victoria Hall, a class in phonography was organized, to be taught by Inspector Dearness, a Benn Pitman writer.

Miss E. Horton, whose expertness on the type-writer we have alluded to, has been engaged with the firm of Mowat & Co., Barristers. This is an initiatory movement in the direction of employing ladies as typers without the general accompaniment of a knowledge of shorthand, in which Miss H. is, as yet, but a student.

Robert M. Henderson, who styles himself a shorthand writer, proof-reader and printer, told the magistrate that if he was allowed to go he would go to the country. The colonel consented, but told him if he ever came before the court again he would get six months. Henderson was drunk again on Yonge street last night and was run in by Constable Somerville.—*World*, Nov. 8.

Mr. A. C. Campbell, recently of the *Globe* parliamentary staff, on leaving to take a position as night editor of the *Winnipeg Free Press*, was presented by his *confreres* with a handsomely finished scarf pin, bearing an emblem of the *Globe*, on the back of which an inscription was engraved. The *F. P.* is exceedingly fortunate in the choice of its staff, and now possesses two of the most able newspaper men in Canada, Mr. Albert Horton belonging, like Mr. Campbell, to the "breezy, bright and brief" school.

In a sketch of the publishing house of J. S. Robertson & Bros., Whitby, which appeared in the *World*, occurred this paragraph:—"The correspondence of the firm is very large but is greatly aided by the employment of a shorthand amanuensis. The letters are opened by the head of the firm on the arrival of each mail, and the replies personally dictated by him to the amanuensis, both promptness and accuracy being assured in this way." This is a direct testimony to the value of shorthand in business. No business firm, once employing a shorthand man, can keep pace with the times without one."

The Principalship of Pickering College, rendered vacant by the death of Mr. S. P. Davis, M.A., has been filled by the appointment of our school-mate and shorthand friend, Mr. W. H. Huston, M.A. Mr. Huston will be remembered as the gentleman about whom considerable discussion took place last year with reference to the Gilchrist scholarship which he won, but was deprived of through some mistake of the authorities. He has filled the position of House Master in the College for some time past with remarkable success, and we predict for him a like result as Principal. He has proved himself a thoroughly efficient teacher, and has the confidence of the students and public generally.

Mr. John B. Robinson formerly of Guelph, who has been a diligent student of phonography while working as a printer with Dudley & Burns, this city, has been rewarded for his diligence.