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EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE Executive of the Canadian Press Association desire to have it widely known and distinctly understood that the annual meeting on January 31st and February 1st is open to all Ontario journalists and ex-journalists, whether members or non-members of the association, and whether formally invited or not. It has been almost impossible to invite all ex-journalists, but the lack of an invitation should not prevent any person from attending, as all are welcome. It is hoped that the country

press generally will make this widely known through their columns and by letters to special friends.

La Presse, Montreal, has been doing some good work in the cause of charity. On Christmas Eve Christmas presents were distributed to every poor English-speaking child in the city, and on New Year's Eve the French children received help. It was an evidence of kindness, but the newspapers of Canada should aid in a movement which would make these damnable charity systems unnecessary. Charity degrades the recipient and lies at the root of much laziness and improvidence. An economic system in which charity finds a part is based on wrong principles.

Newspaper men usually eschew politics except in their editorial columns,—exceptions are not numerous. But in municipal affairs they are well to the front. The Executive of the Canadian Press Association contains some men who hold important positions in their towns. The first Vice, L. W. Shannon, has been elected alderman of Kingston on his first attempt, and in the face of very strong opposition. There is little doubt that Mr. Shannon will be the unanimous choice, at the annual meeting, for president of the C. P. A. For the second time, Robert Holmes has been elected Mayor of Clinton, and this time without opposition. Quite a number of newspaper men throughout Canada hold important municipal positions, and in these towns there is no boodling.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell has received many honors during the past few months, and his fellow-craftsmen are delighted. That a Canadian printer should raise himself from the case to the highest position in the gift of the Canadian people and to Imperial knighthood, is but another example of Canada's free democracy. The Toronto Typographical Union, No. 91, passed, last Saturday night, the following resolution: "That Toronto Typographical Union, No. 91, takes this, the first opportunity in regular meeting, to congratulate Sir Mackenzie Bowell, a fellow craftsman, one who always prided himself on being a printer, on being elevated to the highest position in the gift of the people of this Dominion, viz., Premier of Canada." The motion was moved by John Armstrong, seconded by James H. Gilmour, and carried unanimously by a standing vote.

The Montreal Star of the 4th inst. contained some excellent illustrations of scenes at the funeral of Sir John Thompson, in