

THE PRESS ASSOCIATIONS.

OTTAWA VALLEY PRESS ASSOCIATION

A MEETING of The Ottawa Valley Press Association was held in Almonte last month, and, besides the local members, Messrs. McLeod, McEwan, and Pittard, there were present W. H. Bone, Standard, Pembroke, president; J. M. Walker, Courier, and C. F. Stone, Expositor, Perth; G. F. McKimm, Record, Smith's Falls; W. H. Allen, Herald, and W. W. Cliff, Central Canadian, Carleton Place; J. C. Williams, Watchman, Arnprior, and W. E. Smallfield, Mercury, Renfrew. Sessions were held in the forenoon and afternoon, according to The Almonte Gazette's report, at both of which the time was fully and profitably spent in discussing matters of interest to those present. Among the items touched upon was that of foreign advertising, and in this connection it was pleasing to note the raising of the standard as to the tone of advertisements which are considered "acceptable matter" by members of the association. Other points touched upon concerned the general management of offices, male vs. female labor, machinery vs. hand composition, delivery of papers, etc. Prices for job work also received attention, and these were lowered where altered conditions rendered such a course possible. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, W. E. Smallfield; vice-president, C. F. Stone; secretary-treasurer, Jas. McLeod; executive committee, W. W. Cliff, J. C. Williams and the officers. Votes of thanks were passed to the town council for the use of the hall for the meetings, to the retiring president and to the local journalists for courtesies extended, and the meeting adjourned to meet next year at such time and place as the executive may determine.


QUEBEC PRESS ASSOCIATION.

The 23rd annual meeting of the Province of Quebec Press Association was held in The Montreal Witness office. In the absence of the president, Mr. G. Langlois, of La Patrie, Mr. Charles Gordon-Smith, of The Star, occupied the chair. It was suggested that a social meeting be held some Saturday evening in the near future, and the matter was left in the hands of the executive committee, which will meet again shortly. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Charles Gordon-Smith, Star; vice-president, H. Porteous, Witness; secretary-treasurer, James Harper, Witness. Executive committee: Dunbar Brown, Shareholder; J. S. Brierley, Herald; Charles Marcell, Star; Henry Mason, Trade Bulletin; Henry Harvey, Trade Review.

CANADIAN PRESS ASSOCIATION.

A gathering to suggest topics of discussion, etc., for the programme for the 1900 meeting of the association was held in Toronto, December 13. Mr. W. S. Dingman, president, was in the chair, and among the other members present were: Messrs. J. S. Willison, J. A. Cooper, A. Wallis, G. E. Scroggie, D. T. McAlinsh, A. W. Law and

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A. H. U. Colquhoun. The president submitted the outline of a programme, which showed that much thought and originality had been bestowed upon it. While a programme cannot be definitely arranged until it is submitted to the executive, the basis for a practical and interesting annual meeting was fully considered. Subjects of present concern to weekly and daily publishers were proposed. Some questions arising out of the new law imposing postage will probably be considered. Short private conferences for weekly publishers will be mooted. The cable service, now of interest to daily publishers, in connection with the expense of adequate reports from South Africa, may be discussed. It is said that, if a banquet is decided upon, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Charles Tupper will be invited to speak. An alternative plan, should a banquet not be arranged for, is to have an evening entertainment, with music, etc., and short addresses from some of the orators of the association.