the flower thou gavest. I love you no longer. All my affection is given to Messrs. So-and-So because they do such beautiful printing. I am no longer yours.—Maude."

TYPOGRAPHICAL Union, No. 176, Montreal, held its annual Picnic and Games at Otterburn Park, on August 6th. The Committee in charge made it a success: they were:-Messrs. W. O. Kydd, chairman; J. S. McGovern, secretary: David Smith, treasurer; John Donovan, J. Donald Morrison, H. Rush, Jas. Feeney, D. Dalton, H. Wilson, James Wilson, L. Z. Boudreau. Dancing and a Lacrosse Match were two features of the programme.

THE Petrolea *Topic* first saw light under the ownership of Lowery Bros., who sold out an interest to Jno. A. Cook, making it Lowery Bros. & Cook., then it was published by John A. Cook alone. Its next proprietors were Lovelace & Whitney, which lasted only a short time until Mr. Whitney sought fields and pastures new, leaving Mr. Lovelace sole proprietor. The sixth and last change took place on July 15th, when J. T. Mitchell assumed control of the tempest-tossed sheet.

At the recent I.T.U. Convention at Philadelphia, it was resolved to fortify the Union financially before attempting to introduce the nine-hour day, and an assessment of seven cents weekly was proposed, and a popular vote will be taken. The Convention also refused to accept as Union members all operators of type-setting machines who were not compositors. This was done in order to protect men who had spent years at the business and were fit for no other work. Another matter considered was the question of type measurements. Arrangements were made to investigate the matter.

MR. W. F. McLEAN, M.P., has been served with a summons in connection with a libel suit instituted by M. C. Cameron, ex-M.P. of West Huron. This case is exciting considerable interest in Ontario. On Tuesday, the 9th inst., the preliminary examination was held before four Justices of the Peace. The charge of conspiracy was withdrawn by the plaintiff, and the case has apparently narrowed down to one of criminal libel against the World, for having published certain remarks concerning the plaintiff, which, it is claimed, are untrue. The defendant admitted publication, and was released on his own bail to appear at the first competent court of jurisdiction, which takes place in the Court House, Goderich, on September 19th.

LETTERS patent, have been issued under the Great Seal of Canada, bearing date the 15th day of July, 1892, incorporating William Henry Thorne, of the city of Saint John, merchant; Alfred Markham, of the same place, mining engineer, Frederick E. Barker, of the same place, barrister, Arthur T. Thorne, of the same place, merchant, Ezekiel McLeod, of the same place, barrister, for the following purposes, viz.:—Printing and publishing newspapers, printing, stereotyping, publishing, book-binding, and doing a general paper and stationery business, throughout the Dominion of Canada,—by the name of "The Sun Printing Company" (Limited), with a total capital stock of twenty thousand dollars divided into two hundred shares of one hundred dollars.

BUSINESS CHANGES

MR. A. J. JEFFREY, of the Bothwell Times, has been succeeded by W. R. Richards.

THE firm of Pattullo & Co., publishers and proprietors of *The Sentinel-Review*, Woodstock, Ont., has been dissolved. The dissolution took effect on August 1st. Mr. Laidlaw retires from the business and Mr. Pattullo will continue it. Mr. Laidlaw expects to leave Woodstock shortly.

THE partnership between Messrs. R. Munroe and D. McKenzie, of the Port Elgin *Times*, has been dissolved, and Mr. Munroe will in future conduct that paper alone. Mr. McKenzie goes to Paisley, where he has purchased the *Advocate* from Ainsley McGraw, who intends leaving shortly for British Columbia.

Le Monde newspaper, which went into liquidation some time ago, has been sold to a syndicate composed of Mr. T. Berthiaume, proprietor of La Presse, Mr. A. Lionais, and Mr. H. Lionais, for \$22,000. In 1884 the paper was sold for \$28,000, but the debts were not as considerable as at present. It is stated that the purchase was made in the interests of Mr. Chapleau, and also that Mr. Berthiaume has purchased the paper to remove it from the field of competition with his journal, La Presse.

A CLANSMAN'S ATTACK

The World makes capital of the fact that Mr. J. B. McLean owns THE PRINTER AND PUBLISHER and is commercial editor of the *Empire*. The former advocates certain tariff reductions, while the latter favors high import duties on everything. Therefore Mr. McLean is inconsistent. The St. Thomas *Journal* and several other papers hold him up as a convert to Free Trade doctrines. These charges are not fair. Mr. McLean is financially interested in seven different news and trade papers. Not one of these is used as a personal organ to advance his private views on politics or anything else. Each paper has its editor and he advocates what he considers to be in the best interests of the community represented by the paper.