

free access to the study and the fireside, for our people are a newspaper-reading public. They have the power to inculcate that love of things Canadian which would make this a literary oasis, instead of the present literary desert that it is.

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At the last session of the Dominion Parliament the Criminal Code was amended, at the suggestion of the Minister of Justice, so as to remove all doubts about the liability of a newspaper for publishing results of horse races, sports and games. It is now clear that the law does not apply to newspapers in connection with the publication of bets.

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Conservatives often wonder at the rancor of Liberal papers, and Liberals cannot understand the bitterness of Conservative papers. These undesirable qualities in political editorials are usually the result of the unfairness which characterizes the Government's attitude towards Opposition papers. It makes no difference whether the Government be Provincial or Federal, Conservative or Liberal, it follows too closely the United States doctrine that "to the political victor belong the spoils." As an evidence of this we have the following dispatch from Ottawa, dated July 14th :

In the House on Friday Mr. McMullen read a statement showing the amount of money drawn from the public treasury during the last eight years by the following Ministerial papers :

Toronto World	\$7,855
Toronto Mail up to 1889, and then the	
Empire	41,143
St. John Sun	\$8,036
Regina Leader	39,279
Yarmouth Times	22,603
Charlottetown Examiner	12,377
Halifax Herald	62,608
Moncton Times	\$3,908
Montreal Gazette	44,408
Quebec Chronicle	32,365

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They have some queer methods in the newspaper offices of Toronto. An evening paper in that city recently took a dispatch of Isaac N. Ford's to The New York Tribune, cut off the introduction, which denoted that fact, and printed it as original news. Worse than that, the scalper cut off the last half-dozen lines and made the article favorable to the Canadian Copyright Act, whereas the last paragraph stated three reasons why it should not be allowed by the Colonial Office. Another Toronto paper, a morning journal this time, had a splendid account of the erecting of the big Barnum & Bailey tents. It was taken word for word, except the introduction and a few concluding lines, from a descriptive article in McClure's Magazine.

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But the city papers are not the only ones guilty of this barefaced misrepresentation and this villainous stealing. Some time ago, "Don" wrote a vigorous "scorch" on the Governmental leaders of the Dominion Parliament, and then followed it up by an equally sarcastic summary of the Opposition leader's weaknesses. All the Liberal papers cut the article off at the

end of the first "scorch," and their Conservative brethren, in order to balance affairs, used only the part the Liberal editors had rejected. Perhaps it would be well to have a few papers at the next meeting of the Ontario Press Association on such subjects as these : "The Foolishness of Honesty," "The Secret of Successful Stealing," "The Cheapest Method of Getting News," etc.

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The Toronto Telegram is by no means a faultless journal, but it has had two great features during the last few months. One was its exclusive cablegrams from London, sent by a brother of the proprietor. These enabled The Telegram to give news from Henley and Bisley twelve hours ahead of its competitors. These cablegrams were often quoted by the dailies of next morning. The Montreal Star is almost the only other paper in Canada that ever secures special cablegrams. The second noticeable feature was The Telegram's racy and artistic letters from its parliamentary correspondent at Ottawa. Roden Kingsmill proved himself to be one of the cleverest writers on the Canadian press.

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Canadian journalists will regret the retirement of Mr. Emmanuel Tasse from the editorial chair of Le Canada, Ottawa, which he has filled for a year. Mr. Tasse is a capital writer and vigorous controversialist. Le Canada has always been interesting under his management.

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Some interesting reading on the paper and pulp markets will be found in that department of this issue. The proposed "news" trust in the United States may affect the price of "news" here, hence all consumers of paper should keep themselves well posted on the fluctuations, changes and prospects.

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It has been reported, and the report has been confirmed, that J. Gordon Mowat (Moses Oates) will retire from the editorship of The Canadian Magazine unless his health improves. An assistant editor has been temporarily appointed to lighten the duties of the position for Mr. Mowat. His retirement would be a direct loss to Ontario journalism, in which his name has been well known for nearly a score of years. He was the founder and father of The Canadian Magazine.

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We are in receipt of a letter from an old time publisher of an Ontario weekly who desires to again enter the ranks. He would like to purchase or rent a weekly newspaper office, and prefers a town near Toronto. Any person who cares to have further information can secure it from the editor of this journal.

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According to a recent ruling given by the Postmaster General, a "private postcard" must not exceed the dimensions of the large postcard issued some time ago by the Post Office Department, viz., 6 inches long by 3½ inches wide, not must it be less than 3¼ inches long by 2¼ inches wide. Job printers should paste this information in their hat.

