

An Editor in Gaol.

THE Toronto Mail, October 17th, has an editorial under the above heading which should receive the consideration of every newspaper man in Canada, and the public as well. The facts as given by the Mail are briefly as follows: J. V. Ellis, ex-M.P., the venerable editor of the St. John (N.B.) Globe, has been committed to gaol for one month, and fined \$200 and costs for contempt of court. After the election of 1887, trouble arose out of the return of G. F. Baird for Queens, N. B. Mr. King, the other candidate, received the most votes, but the returning officer decided that there was an informality in his candidature and declared the minority candidate elected. An appeal was made for a recount before the county judge, and when he was about to count the ballots Judge Tuck, of the Superior Court, issued a writ of prohibition. The action of Judge Tuck in issuing the writ led to loud protests, and among those who objected resolutely and strongly was Mr. Ellis, in his newspaper, the St. John Globe. What Mr. Ellis said in the way of criticism has now passed away and is forgotten. But the judge whose decision was opposed never allowed the attack to escape him. Proceedings were promptly commenced against Mr. Ellis for contempt of court, and from the year 1887 to the present hour they have been continued. An appeal to the Supreme Court at Ottawa on Mr. Ellis' behalf having failed, the New Brunswick judges have inflicted the severe penalties named. The sending to the common gaol, not for a criminal offence, but for the crime of criticizing judicial action, of so highly respected a man as Mr. Ellis awakens serious considerations. The respect and honour which the courts of the land challenge and receive are based upon the wisdom and impartiality of the bench, and not upon the readiness of the judges to open the gaol doors to their critics.

THE Duncan Lithograph Company, Hamilton, has been incorporated with a capital of \$10,000.

THE Government having decided to close down upon prize guessing competitions, the Ladies' Home Monthly has given up publication.

"THE Country Editor and the Advertising Agent" is the theme of a very readable discourse, in Printer and Publisher, by A. R. Fawcett, of the Streetsville Review.

A Well Equipped Office.

MAXWELL JOHNSTON & Co. are the possessors of a thoroughly equipped office for commercial printing. Within the past year they discarded all their foreign body letter, and replaced it with over two tons of Point System type of our make, so that now their entire equipment of type, borders, furniture, rule, etc., is upon the new system. The office is neatly kept, and is one of the most compact in the country. The type has all been purchased in complete series, and in most cases fonts are doubled and tripled, so that time is never lost in picking sorts. All type and material are kept in the most orderly way: in dust-proof cabinets; case frames are all iron, and there is abundance of stone room. Five new style Gordon presses are kept constantly at work turning out a fine class of work. Mr. Johnston is justly proud of his office, and is at all times pleased to show its many merits to his brother craftsmen.

LUMINOUS INK is a French invention, but has not yet been adapted to the printing business.

THE Ripley (Ont.) Enquirer made its debut on October 6th. As anticipated, Bro. Chapman produces a neat paper and the Ripleyites are to be congratulated.

A Word to the Wise.

FRAUDS on newspapers are becoming very common these days, in placing advertising for some bogus concern, which has no intention of paying therefor. Several publishers have complained to THE IMPRINT of one concern in particular, which placed an advertisement in a number of Ontario newspapers. This concern gave no street address in Toronto in its advertisement, depending upon the letter carriers to deliver its mail. As a general rule newspapers should refuse to insert advertisements, or give credit to those whom they do not know, and especially in cases where a street address is not given. Legitimate advertisers will always give references if required, and where the publisher has doubts he should make enquiries from the commercial agencies. If not a subscriber to one or other of these agencies the publisher will be promptly informed of the standing of any of these gentry, by applying to THE IMPRINT. We will do our best to see that our friends are not victimized.