

CANADIAN PRESS ASSOCIATION.

LETTER FROM SIR ALFRED JEPHSON REGARDING CANADIANS IN ENGLAND.

ONE point of value to the Canadian press was brought out with definite clearness at the Ottawa meeting of the association in April. That is, the mistake of allowing men, who have no connection with the press, to go to England bearing letters that are used to secure press privileges, to the injury and inconvenience of bona fide Canadian journalists. The president, in his address, pointed out the difficulties that arose during the Jubilee celebration, and Mr. Willison, who was in England shortly after that date, added his testimony to the unwisdom of allowing men without newspaper status to usurp privileges intended only for working members of the craft.

The policy of having some means of certifying to the standing of genuine members of the press who visit England, and, perhaps, of co operating in this respect with the British Institute of Journalists, is borne out by the following letter, which Col. J. B. MacLean, the past president, has just received from Sir Alfred Jephson, secretary of the Imperial Institute :

"You are right in saying that I was in no way to blame over the matter of the Australian correspondent at the banquet to the Premiers. I signed the letter regretting we could not find a place for him at the banquet, but did it by order of my superiors. I simply obeyed the orders I received, and, had a little enquiry been made, this could have been demonstrated, as I had the written evidence of an eye-witness as to the reply I was ordered to make. It is foreign to my nature to treat anyone connected with the press with anything but courtesy and civility, and one of the London papers stated this of their own knowledge without communicating with me on the subject. The fact is, as you say, all sorts of unauthorized people ask for privileges on their own statement that they are bona fide press representatives, and the person who has to deal with their request is apt to get bewildered. Now, if in London, persons in my position had some central body representing the whole of the press to refer to, we could submit these claims to banquets and meetings, accept the decision of this body, and act on it. Everyone who applies says his paper is the only one truly representing the part of the colony he comes from, and that he alone does this, and that, and the other, and then what are you to do? But, if we had a press council, or some such body to decide for us, their decision would be final and acted upon. * * *

"I hope the day may come when we shall be able to refer such delicate matters to a committee of pressmen, elected by themselves, and thus avoid any chance of friction, which neither side wishes to encourage. If my suggestion is of any use at your future meetings of the Canadian Press Association pray use it. That great country always has my best wishes for its future. I have been there, and have identified myself with it by marrying a Canadian, and I have the greatest faith in its future.

"Yours very truly,

"ALFRED JEPHSON."

INVITATION TO CANADIAN JOURNALISTS.

Lieut.-Col. MacLean, late president of the Canadian Press Association, has a letter from Mr. Herbert Cornish, London, Eng., secretary of the Institute of Journalists, saying that their

annual conference will take place in Nottingham during the last days of August and early September, when he hopes that they may have an opportunity of heartily welcoming Col. MacLean. Mr. Cornish says that the officers of the Institute "wish to have the honor of bringing together, under social auspices, as many colonial and Anglo-Indian journalists as possible, together with the members of our council, and others."

Another matter arising out of the Ottawa meeting is the formation of a tourist association for the Ottawa Valley. A member of the press who is on the board of trade's committee in connection with the project is Mr. P. D. Ross, of The Ottawa Journal. These tourist associations, as was pointed out, bring travel to a district, and directly and indirectly benefit merchants and the newspapers.

The members of the association will be glad to know that Mr. D. McGillicuddy, an active and popular member of the executive, has recovered from his tedious and painful illness. On PRINTER AND PUBLISHER notifying Mr. McGillicuddy a few days ago of its intention to announce his restoration to health, the following characteristic reply was received: "I have looked up the statutes, and I find that there is no possible way of restraining you, so long as you keep within the spirit and letter of the law."

Members are now purchasing return tickets to and from some Ontario points at less rates than the 2c. per mile, which is supposed to be so great a concession to the association. This indicates what would be done if the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific authorities really desired to concede a reasonable rate to the press in return for the enormous amount of free advertising the railways get from newspapers.

MAKING A GOOD USE OF THE POSTAGE LAW.

The publishers of The Carleton Place, Ont., Herald, W. H. & S. J. Allen, have issued a circular to their subscribers giving reasons why the payment of postage compels them to limit the \$1 rate to those who pay in advance. The circular puts it neatly thus: "The Dominion Government having decided to reimpose postage upon newspapers, the new law to go into effect in a few weeks, we take this means of notifying you that on and after July 1, 1893, all subscriptions to The Herald at \$1 per year must be paid in advance. This is no change of price, but, as we have to pay the postage fees in advance, it is but reasonable that we should collect in the same way. To those who are not paid within 30 days the \$1.50 rate will apply, and to those who do not pay until the end of the year the \$2 rate will be charged. The publishers have no desire to charge the latter prices, but in order to enforce the advance rate, are obliged to make the distinction specified."

FOR LOWER PROVINCE PRINTERS.

The Toronto Type Foundry Co., Limited, have opened a branch house at 146 Lower Water street, Halifax, which will be stocked with full supply of type, printers' machinery, materials and ink. This branch will be under the management of Mr. James C. Jones, who is well known to the printing trade of the Province.