

A company is projected to purchase *Le National* printing office, Montreal, and run the paper on a scale ahead of any French paper published in Canada. Not a hard job.

It is rumored that Mitchell, Ont., is to have a new paper in opposition to the *Advocate*. Mr. Robb, of the Stratford *Herald*, gets the credit of being the prime mover in the matter.

The proprietors of *La Minerve*, Montreal, have compromised with their creditors for 25 cents on the dollar. Liabilities \$60,000. The paper will hereafter be published by a company.

The proprietors of the Montreal *Witness* have secured very extensive premises in Bonaventure street, and will shortly remove into them. Their new printing office will be the largest in Montreal.

The *Agitator* is the name of a paper published in Buffalo by Mr. P. Eby, at one time a well-known journalist of the Province of Ontario. It is the organ of the independent American party.

William Stone, who worked at one time in the *Freeman* office in this city, and also in McMillan's for a short time, is now working in the book and job office of Bowes & Sons, Halifax, N. S.

The enterprising editor of the Summerside, P. E. I., *Patriot*, Henry Lawson, Esq., has gone to Ottawa, to be present during the session of parliament, and to report the proceedings for his paper.

Master John McDonald, a lad employed in the *Sentinel* office, Lucknow, had the two first fingers of his right hand so badly crushed while feeding the Gordon press, that they had to be amputated.

The Sherbrooke *Nexus* says that the first number of a small new weekly paper has appeared in Quebec. It is published under the auspices of the clergy of the St. Patrick's church, and will be exclusively an Irish organ.

We are sorry to learn that the Guelph, Ont., *Echo* is rather unwell and only comes out about once in every two or three weeks, instead of weekly, as heretofore. The typographical doctors have no hopes of its recovery.

The Tilsonburg, Ont., *Observer* wants a faster mail, and the Port Rowan *Spirit of the Age* says that Port Rowan can furnish a few fast *males* either for Tilsonburg or any other place, without any inconvenience whatever!

John W. Harris, Esq., of the Hamilton *Times*, has been re-elected a member of the Hamilton School Board. Evidently the ratepayers know that in J. W. H. they have an excellent representative, and mean to stick to him.

We have received the first number of the *World*, published in Toronto by Mr. King Dodds. It is an eight page paper, well printed, and full of interesting news. Each issue will contain a portrait of some prominent Canadian.

Joseph Thorne, a native of Ontario, who has worked considerably in Ottawa, and for the last year at Rouse's Point, N. Y., died of small pox at the latter place about the 1st of February last. His fellow-comps. erected a handsome stone over his remains.

A correspondent informs us that Mr. Ryan, of the Mount Forest, Ont., *Examiner* recently set twenty-four thousand ems solid bourgeois in seventeen hours and fifty-two minutes, commencing at seven o'clock Monday morning and finishing at eight minutes to one Tuesday morning.

The *Times* printing company, Hamilton, have recently added to their press department a splendid Potter press—the second within a very short period—rendered necessary by the rapid expansion of business in their jobbing department.

Mr. Will. J. Vale, of the Hamilton *Times*, has been the recipient of a beautiful illuminated address from the members of Excelsior Lodge, A. O. F., Hamilton, in recognition of valuable services rendered to the Order. We congratulate Mr. Vale on the honor accorded him.

The Printing Committee of the House of Commons have awarded the contract for reporting the debates to Messrs. Richardson and Bradley, of the *Globe*. They will have as assistants, Postgait, of the Chicago *Tribune*, Boyle, of the *Mail*, and Lumsden, formerly of the Montreal *Star*.

The scale of prices in force in the English offices in Montreal are as follows:—Thirty cents per 1000 ems on morning papers and twenty-eight cents on evening papers. The Montreal Union lately acceded to a reduction asked for by the employers. Pressmen and week hands are paid \$10 per week.

The personnel of the *Miramichi Advance* office is as follows:—D. G. Smith, Esq., editor and proprietor; Walter T. Carman, sub-editor and mailing clerk; John McMullin, foreman; Angus McEachren, Patrick Fitzpatrick and Miss Haviland, compositors; Jennie McLennan and John McDonald, apprentices.

A very sudden death recently took place in Merriton, Ont. Mr. H. Rogers, foreman in Mr. Riordon's mill, died after a few hours' illness. The deceased was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and the funeral to Chippawa was conducted by Mountain Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Thorold, of which he was a member.

The *News*, of Milton, Ont., has stopped publishing for lack of funds, so a correspondent informs us. And he adds that the books are in the possession of the employees for back wages. The plant is owned by the conservative association of Halton. It has been a losing speculation for all who have tried to run it.

Mr. C. L. Robarts, for many years foreman of the *Globe* news-room, died on the 19th ult., after a long illness. Mr. Robarts was an old and respectable citizen of Toronto, a general favorite with pressmen, and a prominent freemason. He worked in the *Globe* office where that paper was started; he helped to print the initial number.

The *Watford Advocate* has suspended publication. Mr. J. H. McIntosh, the late editor, has received an appointment in the Division Court Clerk's office. Mr. W. W. Buchanan, of Arkona, purchased the plant and removed it to that place, where he will publish a continuation of the *Advocate* under the style of the *East Lambton Advocate*.

Mr. Alex. Hall, who has gone into the boot and shoe line, receives the following notice from the Woodstock, Ont., *Sentinel*:—"Mr. Hall, who for a number of years has been engaged in the printing business in this town and Toronto, is now employed in 'booting' his customers in the best and liveliest manner possible, and when not able to do so himself, secures the services of first-class men to help him. We hope his 'sit' will prove remunerative as well as 'lasting,' and that he will be able to 'pick up' plenty of 'fat takes' without having to 'shark' for them."