

fair in its criticisms, and has done much to elevate the tone of journalism in Quebec Province. The News is published every Friday by E. R. Smith & Son (H. R. Smith) at \$1 per annum. On an average its pages contain 54 columns of reading matter and 32 columns of advertisements. The paper is handsomely printed, and the publishers enjoy the reputation of conducting a highly successful business.

POSTAGE.

The Post Office Department has issued the following order in regard to postage on newspapers: "By an Act passed at the last session of the Dominion Parliament, the statutory privilege of free transmission to regular subscribers enjoyed by all Canadian newspapers and periodicals, recognized by the Department as such, is withdrawn, and such newspapers, etc., with an exception to be presently mentioned, will be subject, on and from the 1st of January next, to a postage rate of one-quarter of one cent per pound, bulk weight, this rate to remain in force till the 1st of July, 1899, when it will be raised to one-half of one cent per pound. An exception is made in favor of newspapers and periodicals published not more frequently than once per week, and addressed (for regular subscribers) to post offices situated within a circular area of 40 miles in diameter, the centre of which must either be the place of publication or some point not more than 20 miles distant therefrom. Such papers will continue to enjoy exemption from postage as heretofore.

"With reference to the circular notice which was sent to postmasters on August 8, last, requesting them to draw the attention of the public to advantages to be derived by indicating on letters the name and address of the sender, and also authorizing them to endeavor to secure the full payment of all letters posted unpaid or insufficiently prepaid, postmasters are reminded that insufficiently prepaid articles, which, under the regulations, may be forwarded, are not to be detained for the purpose of securing full payment."

A new rule of the Postal Union convention provides that: "Engravings or advertisements may be printed on the front or address side of post cards, whether official or private, provided they do not interfere with a perfectly distinct and sufficient address. Post cards may also be addressed by means of a small adhesive label, and the sender may, if he wishes, write, print or stamp his name and address on the front."

D. J. Beaton, formerly of The Winnipeg Free Press, has purchased The Nelson, B.C., Miner.

"CENTURY" LINEN.

Speaking of the mill at which the well-known "Century" linen paper is made, Geyer's Stationer says: "The Springdale paper mill isn't the largest in the country. It is a small mill, in fact, as mills go nowadays, but for that very reason every sheet receives its share of attention, and nothing passes muster which is not up to the high grade set by the mill management. The quality is always kept up, always the same, and thus is sought for again and again by those who have once used it."

Buntin, Gillies & Co., Hamilton, are Canadian agents for this paper.

AN UNIQUE CIRCULAR.

Buntin, Gillies & Co., Hamilton, have issued an Autumn circular to the printing and stationery trade, cleverly based on a football season announcement. Straight business information is given to the dealer, but the use of football expressions and terms enlivens the story and shows the ingenuity of the writer. As a curiosity, apart from its trade utility, the circular should be seen.

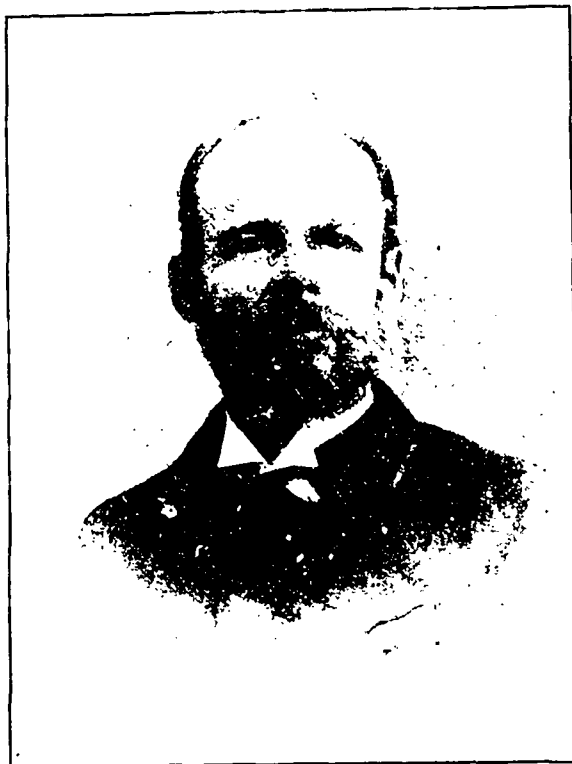
A SOURCE OF WASTE.

Among the minor economies of the printing office, none is more important, and few are more neglected than the proper treatment of "floor pi." Even the best compositors occasionally drop types, or spaces, or pieces of rule, and forget, or are unable at the moment, to pick them up and restore them to their proper places. Next morning the office boy sweeps them up with the dust. He is supposed to carefully sort them out, yet, but too often does this part of his work carelessly, and, so, much material is lost to the establishment. It is not only the loss arising from their intrinsic value that has to be taken into

consideration, but the injury done to the font. The abstraction of a very few "sorts" may render many pounds' weight of type useless. The dust should be removed, and, if necessary, the type should be washed. Then it should be sorted, and day by day each lot should be distributed. The broken metal should be placed in the batter-box.

THE "QUEEN" COVER PAPER.

Buntin, Gillies & Co., Hamilton, have secured control of the well-known "Queen" cover paper. This paper has been sold extensively in the United States for some months past, and in introducing it into Canada, Buntin, Gillies & Co. hope to do a large business. The paper supplies the proverbial long felt want of a fair grade cover paper, in art colors, at a reasonable price.



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