

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Double-scored Gothics is the latest style out. The Boston Foundry shows three sizes. It must prove very useful in job work.

Mr. Archibald Forbes, the famous war correspondent of the London, England, *News*, intends visiting Canada this summer. His fame as a lecturer will pave the way to large audiences.

The Napanee Mills Paper Manufacturing Company entertain the idea of having a telephone between the head office in John street, Napanee, and their two mills, situate at Napanee Mills and Newburgh, Ontario.

A contemporary has been shown a copy of *The Upper Canada Guardian, or Freeman's Journal*. It is about the size of a large foolscap sheet, and is dated Niagara, Feb. 23rd, 1811. It contains, among other articles, a message from the Emperor Napoleon, which is dated Dec. 10th, 1810.

A very cheap machine, for cleaning rollers, has recently been offered for sale in London, England. Not only will it wash three large rollers in less time than required to wash one with the hand, but it will greatly economize the materials used, such as turpentine, etc. This machine can be adapted to rollers of all sizes.

The paper on which are printed the notes of the Bank of England is made with clippings of new linen-cloth, never with linen rags, old clothes, etc. This paper is manufactured since two hundred years at the same place, Laverstoke, (Hampshire) and by the same family (the Portals), French refugees, which found there a home, and settled there immediately after their landing.

"Guy's Hospital," London, is indebted for its origin to Thos. Guy, an eminent and wealthy bookseller, who, after having bestowed immense sums on St. Thomas', determined to be the sole founder of another hospital. At the age of 76, in 1721, he commenced the erection of the present building, and lived to see it nearly completed. It cost him £18,793, in addition to which he left, to endow it, the immense sum of £219,496.

It may not be generally known, that Louis XV. was a printer. In 1718 he set up, and printed with his own hands, a small volume of 72 pages, on the "chief rivers of Europe." His grandson, the Dauphin, also was a printer, and

having presented the king with a copy of maxims from Telemachus, the first his majesty read referred to tyrannical monarchs; he at once directed his grandson to cut his "stick" forever, which he did, by becoming a whitesmith.

The number of newspapers and other periodicals in the United States, as recorded in *Pettengill's Newspaper Directory* for 1878, is 8,133, of which there are 752 daily, 61 tri-weekly, 114 semi-weekly, 6,185 weekly, 111 semi-monthly, 831 monthly. 18 bi-monthly, 61 quarterly. In British America the number is placed at 482, of which 44 are daily, 15 tri-weekly, 14 semi-weekly, 360 weekly, 4 semi-monthly, 41 monthly, 3 bi-monthly, 1 quarterly. The total number, including the papers in British America, is 8,615.

In a lecture delivered in Philadelphia by Dr. Cleland he referred to the past career of Mr. Thomas A. Edison, the inventor of the phonograph, as follows: He became a newsboy on the Grand Trunk Railroad, between Detroit and Port Huron, and while attending to his duties in that capacity was constantly reading and investigating, and at odd hours in *The Detroit Free Press* office he learned to set type. He "erected" a "case" in the luggage car of his train, and with a small supply of type which he had gathered together, did the composition for a little paper which he published, and which soon attained a circulation of 500 copies.

British Columbia has five newspapers,—two daily and three semi-weekly. Victoria has the *Daily Standard*, conservative, published by C. McK. Smith, and the *Daily British Colonist*, liberal, published by David W. Higgins. Both of these papers have weekly editions and seem to be well patronized by advertisers. New Westminster has the *Mainland Guardian*, liberal, published by J. K. Suter, and the *Dominion Pacific Herald*, conservative, published by John C. Brown. These are both semi-weekly, and also seem to receive a liberal share of patronage in the way of advertising. Nanaimo, V. I., has the *Free Press*, neutral, published by George Norris, twice a week.

One of the half dozen books in the English language which have brought the most grist to the publisher's mill is Burns' "Justice of the Peace." The author was a country curate, who, when he had completed his laborious work, came up to London to find a publisher. The