

## NEWS NOTES.

## CANADIAN.

Miss A. M. Ashley, of Belleville, has been added to our Bureau staff, in the tuition department.

Mr. W. T. Lancefield, Hamilton, reported the Phripps extradition case in that city, and transcribed the evidence on the type-writer.

Mr. H. M. Mathewson has the contract for reporting the Provincial Sunday School Convention which meets at Brampton this month.

Mr. Alexander McIntosh, who was placed through our Bureau with Messrs. Scarth, Cochran & Co., stock brokers, has gone to the North-west with his family.

Mr. Fred. Fryers has taken a position as stenographer for the Phenix Ins. Co. of Boston, with headquarters at St. Catharines. He likes the position well and is succeeding admirably. He is learning the type-writer.

On account of the destruction by fire of the *Tribune* building, Hamilton, Mr. George H. Taylor, who had been selected as managing editor, accepted a temporary engagement with Prof. O. S. Fowler. The building is being erected rapidly, and on its completion the new paper will be started.

Mr. E. E. Horton has so far perfected the key-board of his new type-writing machine that the model machine will compose words. The mechanism is successful, and the machine, if it can be placed upon the market advantageously, will no doubt take high rank in this new branch of development in connection with our profession.

Our genial friend, T. Wm. Bell, of St. John, N. B., the coiner of the new and expressive word "stenhographer"—a term whose use it is hoped will be very limited—leaves about the middle of this month for an extended Continental tour, for the benefit of his health. We wish him *bon voyage*, and trust he may return full of old-time vim, vigor and vivacity.

Mr. Albert Andrews, of this city, has adapted a pedal arrangement to the perfected type-writer, by means of a wire passing through the table, connecting with the key which operates the movement for making the capitals. The idea has been adopted by several other operators, one of whom is working upon an improvement in the form of a knee-swell arrangement.

At the Industrial Exposition held in this city last month, one of the main features of attraction was an exhibition of type-writing machines, Mr. A. J. Henderson and wife representing the caligraph interests, while the type-writer was advocated and illustrated by Mr. H. J. Emerson, of our Bureau, assisted by Miss E. Horton and Messrs. A. Downey and F. L. A. Sims.

Mr. Geo. Eyvel, of the House of Commons Hansard Staff, is busy as Secretary of the Press

Colonization Company—an enterprise which promises to completely revolutionize editorial habits and methods—substituting luxury for leanness, and enabling the hitherto hampered newspaper man to enjoy the pleasures of life without having to undergo the humiliation of accepting free lunches.

The demand for type-writing operators is rapidly increasing in Canada. Within the past week we have negotiated for three special engagements for this description of work. Nearly all the principal law offices in Toronto have, within the last few months, purchased type-writers, and the ability to run a machine at the rate of 40 words per minute means, in nearly every case, an increase of salary to the operator, either in possession or in prospect.

There is a veritable shorthand "boom," and several amanuenses in the city are taking advantage of it by teaching pupils the mysteries of the art. We are seriously contemplating sending out a man-of-war to capture these piratical small craft who have been guilty of the capital crime of piracy, under and with the benefit accruing from, the beacon light of our advertising. A share of the booty might possibly cause us to wink at this high-sea robbery! *Verb. sap.*

Mr. Houll, who upon his arrival in this country from England, some three months ago, took a position as shorthand amanuensis with Eby, Blain & Co., wholesale grocers, was taken ill with typhoid fever, about the beginning of September, and after two weeks' sickness succumbed to the disease. His parents had just arrived a few days before his death. He was a young man of fine parts, and had made himself valuable to his employers, but had not formed many acquaintances among the fraternity.

The wife of Mr. G. B. Bradley, President of the Canadian Shorthand Society, can readily read his reporting notes with ease and certainty. He writes a system of stenography invented by his father. Mr. Bradley relates a peculiar fact in connection with his notes. Over twenty years ago he reported the Rev. Newman Hall's sermon on "The Loss of the London," and although at that time he had difficulty in deciphering his notes, he can now read them with perfect ease and fluency. Mr. Bradley thinks this a strong illustration of the necessity for and advisability of a thorough training while a student.

Mr. W. H. Huston, M. A., has a class numbering about thirty students of phonography at Pickering College. At the opening of the college twenty pupils offered themselves for tuition, but in a few days the class increased to thirty. No extra charge is made to phonographic pupils, and Pickering College is the only one of its kind which offers this inducement to students. Mr. Huston is to be congratulated upon the remarkable success of his work. One of his pupils, Mr. George Clarke, who learned the rudiments of Pitman's system at the college, is now taking a course with us and can write between 90 and 100 words per minute.