

treble that amount from Englishmen and Americans whose tastes lie in the direction of sport or travel. The paper will be under management of Mr. J. F. Mackay. It is understood that the railway companies have promised to give it the warmest encouragement, and it would appear to be a wise policy for everyone who is interested in the prosperity of the country to do the same.

LIBEL SUITS.

Frank S. Taggart, broker, of Vancouver, recovered \$50 and costs in a suit against The Mining Record, for stating that he conducted a sort of bucket shop.

The appeal against the nominal verdict of \$1 and costs awarded by the jury in the case of Mrs. Beverley Robinson vs. The Toronto Telegram has been dismissed by the Divisional Court.

The bill to amend the Ontario libel law introduced by Mr. Berkeley Powell, member for Ottawa, got its second reading at the late session, but failed to pass, owing to the sudden close of the session when many bills were slaughtered.

BUSINESS CHANGES.

Patry & Peters, Montreal, have dissolved.

Ellen M. Small, printer, Millbrook, Ont., has retired.

The Drumbo News has suspended publication for the present.

H. A. Vandusen has secured The Tara Leader from J. E. Hammond.

The Three Rivers, Que., Printing Co. are applying for incorporation.

The plant of the late E. P. Miller, printer, Victoria, B.C., is advertised for sale.

F. W. Clearwater has sold out The Huntsville Forester to George Hutcheson.

The Independent Printing and Publishing Co., Brandon, Man., have dissolved.

Esling & Worth, publishers, Trail, B.C., have dissolved, W. K. Esling continuing.

The Kootenaian Printing and Publishing Co., Kaslo, B.C., have been incorporated.

The British American Pulp and Paper Co., Limited, have applied for incorporation.

E. Stanley, publisher of The Roland, Man., News, has sold out to Duncan & Manning.

McComb Bros., printers, St. Catharines, Ont., have dissolved, A. M. McComb continuing.

White & Norris, proprietors of The Dunnville, Ont., Gazette, have been succeeded by Robert White.

A petition for order winding up La Compagnie Du Journal Le Monde, Montreal, has been presented.

N. K. Luxton, publisher, etc., Vancouver, B.C., has been succeeded by Town Topics Publishing Co.

H. W. McWaters is establishing a weekly newspaper in Hawkesbury, Ont., to be known as The Post.

The St. Lawrence Advertising Co., Montreal, have dissolved and Arthur B. Ware has registered as proprietor.

John Carnyn, late of The Portage Review, has established a new weekly called The News, in Portage la Prairie.

J. Cousby, jr., and James A. Tucker, publishers of The

Owen Sound Sun, have sold the paper to Geo. W. Dawson, of The Stratford Herald, and W. H. Davis, of The Mitchell Advocate.

Geo. T. Higgins and Leopold Gasson have registered as proprietors of the Dominion Advertising Bureau, Montreal.

W. D. Ruttan has bought out the plant and good-will of The Manitoba Mercury. He will continue to publish the paper under the same style as heretofore.

Delorame, Man., is to have another paper. Alexander N. Lush will shortly commence the publication of The Advertiser—a journal with Conservative leanings.

THE ENGLISH LAW AND PRINTING BILLS.

Editor PRINTER AND PUBLISHER,—Bret Harte's Heathen Chinese is proverbial "for ways that are dark, and tricks that are vain," but it looks as though English law is a close rival. Canadian printers have reason to congratulate themselves that Commissioner Kerr, of the City of London Court, does not preside on the bench in Canada. What would one of your printers think of being fined in court for taking the only means at his disposal to obtain payment of a debt which was not even repudiated by his customer? Quite recently a firm of Fleet street printers, sought in the City of London Court, for the committal of a customer—a law student, by the way—for nonpayment of £22, due for printing done in connection with a sporting newspaper. The defendant, in answer to the judge, said that he could not pay the debt, as he had no means. He had not even enough to buy his daily meals. He admitted being a law student and that a year or more ago there was a sum of money deposited with his inn for his benefit, but it had all gone, as he had drawn it. Commissioner Kerr summed up and said he could make no order against defendant, as he had no means; and, as the plaintiff should not have brought the defendant there unless he had some means, the latter would be allowed 10s. for his costs for attending. Fancy that! I'm afraid law students will find it hard to get credit among printers, where this case is known.

Yours truly,

London, England.

J. M. McK.

ANONYMOUS LETTERS.

Evidence is always accumulating to show that anonymous letters in newspapers are seldom a source of interest and frequently the cause of trouble. The New Haven Union has had to stand some hoaxes perpetrated by anonymous correspondents, and thus remarks: "The rule in well conducted newspaper offices, in regard to anonymous communications, applies especially to announcements of engagements and marriages. Unless there is some guarantee of the genuineness of these announcements, they meet with no consideration whatever, and are promptly deposited in the wastebasket. In view of the peculiar ideas of humor entertained by certain people, and the irreparable damage that might result from the publication of a 'joke' of this description, it is necessary for newspapers to exercise every precaution in this regard. Correspondents must observe this rule, framed by newspapers for their own protection."

Mr. John Cameron, of The London Advertiser, has taken a strong stand in this matter, and the tendency is to show that he is quite right.