

that steam engines will gradually vanish from the printing houses in the cities and larger towns with electric plants. Then, when Edison masters the problem of turning heat into motion without the use of water and steam, we may expect electric power to be supplied at much cheaper rates than at present. Such an accomplishment would revolutionize the industrial world, and, it is neither impossible nor improbable.

Printers who do not deliver goods on time are cheating their customers and themselves. They are cheating their customers of time, and causing them worry and loss. They are cheating themselves of that reputation for reliability without which no business can prosper. This is a serious matter, and printers should not view it too lightly. Allied trades are no better, and they, too, need stirring up on this point.

Campbellton, New Brunswick, has made a record for itself or its Mayor has. They have a by law there imposing a license on any one who visits that village. Nominally it is intended to be a hawker's license, but in the hands of a Mayor with a high sense of his own importance, it is stretched to suit any one. A few days ago a representative of a weekly newspaper was dogged from the time he arrived by a baliff, until he was heard soliciting a subscription, when he was seized and brought before the Mayor, who ordered him to pay one dollar for the privilege of staying there twenty-four hours. It was alleged that he was a book peddler. The matter has been placed in the hands of Weldon & McLean, solicitors, St. John, N. B., who say the town has no authority to collect a license from a newspaper canvasser. They will take steps to compel the town to refund the money. In the meantime it is well for travelers to avoid that place. No one is safe while such a Mayor is in power. They may be seized upon at any time and fined simply because they exist.

The directors of The Toronto Empire have been adopting plans for the reduction of expenditures and the putting of the paper on a paying basis. At present most of the capital has been sunk and they are running behind at the rate of \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year. This cannot go on, and the directors' action in endeavoring to reduce this amount and if possible leave a balance on the other side is a very wise one. It is questionable, however, if they have gone about the work in the best way. The retirement of one gentleman from the editorial department, the resignations of the commercial editor, business manager and news editor gave the directors an opportunity to carry out several changes which will materially reduce the expenditures. The new commercial man will have no assistant and will work advertisements as well as news, receiving a small salary and commission. There will be no business manager, the general manager looking after that work, the former gentleman going out as an advertising solicitor. These and some other changes will no doubt seriously impair the efficiency of the paper, but it is the only thing that could have been done. The directors hope to hold much of the ground The Empire has gained long enough to get it on a paying basis. When this has been reached improvements will follow. Whether they will succeed it remains to be seen. Those who think the paper may be allowed to cease to exist are mistaken. When everything else fails, the Conservatives will be asked to subscribe additional capital.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EASTERN ONTARIO PRESS ASSOCIATION.

THE annual meeting of the Eastern Ontario Press Association was held recently in Arnprior, and although the attendance of members was not so large as had been expected, still the meeting was a very pleasant and successful one. Just at this season of the year the majority of publishers are very busy getting out their voters' lists, hence some could not get away from business; others were away to the World's Fair, and others could not make it convenient to go to Arnprior owing to the unfavorable train arrangements, which in some cases would not permit of their reaching their homes until Monday. However, those who attended were very fortunate in having fine weather, and the good programme of entertainment which had been provided for them was greatly appreciated. On Friday morning with the visiting pressmen, under escort of Mayor Harvey, Dr. Armstrong, Messrs. M. Galvin, J. W. Tierney and the local publishers, were driven to Diamond Park Springs, where a few hours were pleasantly spent. After lunch the party re-entered the conveyances and were driven to town, visiting Messrs. McLachlin Bros.' mills and other places of interest during the afternoon.

At 7 p.m., the Association convened in the Council Chamber to transact its business, President J. C. Jamieson, of the Belleville Intelligencer, in the chair.

The President's address was a very interesting one, and was greatly enjoyed by the members.

After the minutes of the preceding meeting had been read and confirmed, Mr. John Pollard, of the Napanee Express, read a paper on "Forty Years as a Practical Printer," which was full of useful points to the pressmen. Other members gave short addresses which were of great value to the fraternity, and were highly appreciated.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, resulting as follows: President, Mr. John A. Macdonald, Arnprior Chronicle; Vice-President, Mr. R. C. Miller, Pembroke Observer; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. James McLeod, Almonte Gazette; Executive Committee, Messrs. W. F. Walker, Perth Courier; G. F. McKimm, Smith's Falls Record; J. C. Jamieson, Belleville Intelligencer; Thos. Southworth, Brockville Recorder; and E. K. Johnston, Arnprior Watchman.

Renfrew was decided upon as the next place of meeting, and the time on the second Friday in August, 1894.

After other business of interest had been transacted, the Association adjourned to attend

THE BANQUET.

The banquet was held in the auditorium of the Town Hall. The Board of Trade were the promoters, and has every reason to feel elated over the success of the first banquet under its auspices. Music was supplied by an orchestra of four pieces. Their selections were appropriate to the several toasts, and were well rendered. Messrs. Doughty and McIlraith also contributed vocal solos, and there was a song by Mr. George Richman, "Three Jolly Britons." There was but little singing done at the banquetting board, the talents of the company seeming to run more in other directions. No wines or liquors were served, the toasts being drank in nature's beverage, clear, sparkling water. Mayor Harvey filled the office of chairman with his well known ability, and was ably supported in the vice-chairs by Mr. Geo. E. Neilson and Dr. Armstrong. In their prefatory