

CRAFT NOTES

THE Toronto book-binders held their annual picnic at Island Park on July 30th.

J. E. ELLIS, printer, Adelaide Street West, had his office damaged by fire a few days ago.

The Hustler is the name of a paper whose first issue appeared in Hamiota, Man., on the 25th Anniversary of the Dominion.

W. J. WILKINSON, news editor of the *World*, has succeeded John A. Ewan as editor, while Mr. Cowan takes Mr. Wilkinson's place.

THE Carleton Place *Herald*, on July 19th, donned a new dress and a new form to commemorate the tenth anniversary of its first issue.

J. W. BENGOUGH, the well-known cartoonist of *Grip*, has resigned his position on that journal and will probably go to the old country.

THE Grip Printing and Publishing Company has removed from its former offices on Front St. to larger premises at 201 and 203 Yonge St.

THE E. B. Eddy Co. has issued a circular stating that they give preference in their advertising to the newspapers and periodicals that buy their paper.

MR. ADOLPHE DAVIS, one of the candidates for the position of Water Works Superintendent, has instituted an action against the Montreal *Witness* for \$50,000 damages.

IT was not until 1470 that a title page was introduced to books, and in England not till shortly before 1490, when W. de Machline issued one to his little book on the pestilence.

ALEXANDER LAWSON, editor of the *Yarmouth Herald*, last Tuesday entered upon his sixtieth year of active newspaper work. Mr. Lawson thus "scoops" all his contemporaries.

NEARLY all the so-called English booklets and the cheap picture books of English city views are printed by Germans. Hence some English printers are advocating protection.

THE president of the Tribune Printing Co., Limited, A. B. Rice, has sworn out a warrant against A. F. Stevenson, editor of *The Reporter*, West Toronto Junction, for criminal libel.

MR. ROGERS, the bright descriptive writer on the *Toronto Telegram* is seriously ill, while Mr. Edmonds, Commercial editor of the *World* has just recovered from a severe attack of typhoid.

MR. J. W. D. STEARNS, of the *Commercial Advertiser*, New York, is soon to start a daily newspaper in Sydney, Cape Breton. Mr. Stearns is very well known in Halifax, having worked on the *Chronicle* for some years.

THE *Goderich Signal* advertises its business for sale, which is taken to mean that Mr. McGillicuddy will go into more active newspaper work at Toronto. Some aver that Mr. McGillicuddy will edit an annexationist journal.

IT is displeasing to notice that a new magazine, which is supposed to cater to the most thoughtful portion of the reading public in Canada, should offer the deed of a lot in some out-of-the-way rocky region, as a bonus to subscribers.

W. A. URE, representing the C. B. Cottrell & Sons, of Westerly, R. I., is in the city this week, to attend the funeral of his uncle, Mr. Robert McKim. Mr. Ure was here recently, superintending the putting in of a Cottrell press for Messrs. Apted Bros.

THE *Hamilton Herald* began its fourth year on August 2nd. It celebrated the event by an illustrated edition on the preceding Saturday. *Hamilton* has cheap papers—a cent a copy—but their columns are full of live matter, and the *Herald* is not at the foot of the list.

A new system has been adopted in the composing room of the Government Printing Bureau by which a careful record will be kept of the work done by each man. The force of compositors will be diminished at next pay day, and the men who do the most work will be the ones who will be retained.

THE Brown & Carver paper-cutting machine has been improved by placing the driving shaft back, with the clutch and fly-wheel, under the table, entirely dispensing with the outside hanger and making the machine self-contained. Barber & Ellis and Alexander & Cable, of this city each have a machine made in Philadelphia, by this firm.

J. W. POOLE & Co., printers, have got settled in their new quarters, at 8 and 10 Lombard St. They have purchased a new Babcock Cylinder Press, a new Gordon press, a steam paper cutter, and other apparatus for the fitting up of a first-class printing establishment. The machinery, which is driven by power from an electric motor, was purchased from Mr. Meek.

THE output of American paper and pulp mills last year was valued at \$125,000,000. In 1840 it was valued at \$5,000,000; and the selling price of the product is now only one-third of what it was then. This enormous development has, of course, been almost wholly due to the giant strides made in journalism during the last half century, and more especially within the last ten years.

CONSIDERABLE ingenuity is displayed by a New York firm of engravers and makers of novelties in the form of a letter marked "personal," inclosing a faded rosebud with its leaves and the firm's card, with this note in a girl's handwriting: "Take back