

naphtha. Two days are necessary to effect the solution of the lac. It is applied to the overlay with a soft camel-hair brush.

The plastic process may be done with either ordinary embossing compounds or with fuller's earth mixed with a suitable adhesive. The paste is spread on a sheet of thin Manila paper and an impression of the engraving taken on the composition so formed, the face of the block being oiled to insure the sheet lifting. The paste is hardened by baking, and after the sheet has been trimmed of all surplus portions it is attached to the tympan in the usual overlay manner. The pressman secures the effect desired by scraping the composition away from the parts desired lightest. The method is especially useful for vignettéd edges.

Another process consists in taking several proofs from the block with a quick-drying adhesive ink or sizing, and brushing finest flour emery over the same. When dry, the several sheets are fastened together so as to register over each other in a perfect manner, and the whole fastened to the tympan. The process depends on the fact that where there is most ink on the overlay pulls there will be most powder taken up, so that the shadows will be built up the most. A disadvantage of the method is that if any of the powder gets rubbed off or dislodged, as it is apt to do, it gives the printed work a "scabby" effect. An English critic suggests that an improvement on the powder method would be to use, instead of flour or emery, some such powder as resin or bitumen, which could be made to amalgamate with the ink by heating to a degree not sufficient to injure the paper.

#### A REMINISCENCE OF THE PAST.

**A** PROPOS of this year's excursion to British Columbia, **PRINTER AND PUBLISHER** has been shown some interesting memoranda relating to an excursion taken by the members of the association in 1869, when Mr. Buckingham was president. The excursion was from Toronto to Thunder Bay and back, via Collingwood.

The following is a list of the members of the association and ladies on board the steamer *Algoma*: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Campbell, *Gazette*, Whitby; Mr. W. T. and Mr. J. A. Cox, *Signal*, Goderich; Mr. R. Boyle, *Times*, Picton; Mr. and Mrs. Jackson and son, *Era*, Newmarket; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McLagan and Miss Innes, *Mercury*, Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Chmie, *Statesman*, Bowmanville; Mr. G. W. Verral, *Banner*, Chatham; Mr. David Wylie, *Recorder*, Brockville; Mrs. Buckingham, *Stratford*; Mr. and Mrs. Matheson and child, *Champion*, Milton; Mr. James Young, M.P., Mrs. Young and Miss McNaught, *Galt*; Mr. and Mrs. John Siddons and baby, *Daily Prototype*, London; Mr. R. W. Young, *Strathroy*; Mr. Owen Vandusen, *Comet*, Owen Sound; Mr. John Cameron, Miss Cameron and Mr. W. McIntosh, *Advertiser*, London; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Nicholson and two sons, *Examiner*, Barrie; Mr. J. R. Mason, *Chronicle*, Belleville; Mr. J. King and Miss McDougall, *Berlin*; Mr. J. McDougall, *Waterloo*; Miss Addison, Mr. G. H. Parnell and Miss Parnell, *Churchman*; Mr. J. Somerville, *Banner*, Dundas; Mr. C. W. Cooper, *Toronto*; Mr. and Mrs. Halley, *Toronto*; Miss Crutenden, *Ailsa Craig*; Mr. Dickson, *Canadian Independent*, London; Mr. Holden, *Observer*, Prince Albert; Mr. C. B. Robinson, *Lindsay*; Mr. and Mrs. John Hogg and child, *Enterprise*, Collingwood; Mr. Wm. Gillespy; Mrs. McIntosh; Mr. Higgins, *Chronicle*,

Whitby; Mr. J. Larke; Mr. and Mrs. C. Wilkes, *Advertiser*, Owen Sound; Mr. and Mrs. Chadwick, *Chronicle*, Ingersoll; Mr. M. Provencher, *La Minerve*, Montreal; Mr. A. McPherson, *Telegraph*, Berlin; Mr. and Mrs. N. Humphrey, *Times*, Hamilton; Mr. Hendry, *News*, Ingersoll.

The following gentlemen were the guests of the association from Toronto to Fort William and back: Col. Raymond, of Saginaw City, and Mr. Norrington, of Bay City.

The following gentlemen accompanied the association from Owen Sound: Mr. Alex. R. Robertson, Capt. W. H. Smith, and Mr. Horsey, Ottawa.

The following members of the association and ladies did not proceed beyond Collingwood with the excursion: Mr. and Mrs. P. E. W. Moyer, *Chronicle*, Waterloo; Mr. Thomas Scott and R. Mathieson, *Expositor*, Brantford; Mr. Wm. Buckingham, *Beacon*, Stratford; Mr. J. S. Gurnett, *Chronicle*, Ingersoll; Mr. and Mrs. Hough, *World*, Cobourg; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Messenger and daughter, *Caledonia*; Mr. J. H. Hocking, *Banner*, Listowel; Mr. G. C. Wallbridge, *Chronicle*, Belleville; Mr. Somerville, Dundas; Misses A. Henry, Mr. S. G. Chamberlain, and Mr. D. C. McHenry, *Standard*; Mr. G. L. Walker and Mr. M. McNamara, *Courier*; Mr. D. McDougall, *Berlin*; Mr. George Young, *Trenton*; Mr. H. S. Broughton, *News*, Mi. Kellogg, *Expositor*, Perth; Mr. J. M. Shaw and Job Smith, *Observer*, Elora; Mr. J. W. Conger, *Gazette*, Picton; Mr. and Mrs. Dewhurst, *Telegraph*, Welland; Mr. W. G. Powell, *Star*, Paris; Mr. W. T. Luxton, *Strathroy*; Mr. and Mrs. C. Holmes, *New Era*, Clinton; Mr. John and Wallace Graham, *Thorold*; Mr. A. H. St. Germain, *Daily World*, Toronto; Mr. T. M. Casey, *Napanee*; Mr. and Mrs. Moore and two children, *Intelligencer*, Belleville; Mr. E. C. Campbell, *Advocate*, Cayuga; Mr. J. and Miss Murray, *Guelph*; Mr. S. L. Roberts; G. A. Messenger, *Sentinel*, Cayuga; Mr. Kenny, *Toronto*; Mr. G. A. Carson, *Gazette*; Mr. Conrad Vandusen, *Owen Sound*; Mr. Alexander McLean, *Freeholder*, Cornwall; Mr. W. Bristow, *Montreal*; Mr. Muldoon, *Spirit of Age*, Toronto.

#### THE TIMES CORRESPONDENT IN SOUTH AFRICA.

It has been said that Mr. W. F. Monypenny, *The London Times* correspondent in the Transvaal and editor of *The Johannesburg Star*, who has just been forcibly ejected from that disturbed region, is a Canadian. This is an error. Mr. Monypenny's brothers reside in Toronto, and he has several times crossed to Canada and the United States on missions for *The Times*. But he was born in Ireland, was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, and at Oxford. He is about 32 years of age. His position in the Transvaal has called for courage and determination of no ordinary kind, and he seems to have escaped just in time to avoid losing his life. During the six months he has been writing for *The Star* the paper has fearlessly and pitilessly exposed the weakness of Kruger's position on the franchise, taxation, and other subjects complained of by the Uitlanders. It seems a pity that *The Star* and other South African papers are not received at Canadian newspaper offices. There is in this country a difference of opinion as to the rights and wrongs of the hostile movement against the Boers. Well qualified men of character like Mr. Monypenny, writing on the spot, should be good authorities on the necessity for a military expedition against the Transvaal. To have their views and testimony direct would be valuable.