

A PRESENTATION TO MR. R. S. WHITE.



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THE journalists of Montreal, though pleased that the good men in the profession should be recognized by the public, are sorry to lose Mr. R. S. White from the ranks of the profession. His fellow employes on The Gazette presented him with a handsome silver-mounted liqueur stand on the occasion of his appointment as Collector of Customs at Montreal, and the newspapermen generally, in Montreal, are tendering him a fare-

well dinner on the 18th inst. at the Queen's Hotel. On the occasion of the presentation by The Gazette staff Mr. Kydd, in making the presentation, referred to Mr. White's long and happy connection with The Gazette, and to the high reputation as a journalist he had achieved, which was acknowledged throughout the press of Canada, and expressed the hope that, in his new field of duty, Mr. White would be as successful and as happy in his relations with his co-workers as he had been in The Gazette office. Mr. White, in his reply, thanked the gathering for their kindness, referred to the happy mutual relations that had prevailed in the establishment during the 21 years he had been a newspaper worker, to the fascination of journalism, and to the circumstances that had led to his severing his connection therewith. It was with a feeling of regret that he was leaving his associates, and he would ever greatly esteem the mark of their favor. Mr. Richard White also made a few remarks as to the value of Mr. White's services to The Gazette, and to the good feeling towards him in the establishment. After shaking hands with the new Collector, the gathering dispersed.

Mr. White is the eldest son of the late Hon. Thomas White, who died in 1888 while Minister of the Interior. He was born at Peterboro', March 15, 1856, and was educated at the Hamilton schools and McGill College. He was in business for some years, and afterwards entered the service of the Bank of Montreal, joining The Gazette staff in 1874 to assist his father. He became chief editor when Hon. Thos. White entered the Government. He was elected M.P. for Cardwell in October, 1888, and was re-elected at the general election of March, 1891. Mr. White has been president of the Junior Conservative Club of Montreal, and has taken a leading part in Quebec politics. He married in 1888 Annie, daughter of Capt. Barclay, of the Allan Line. It is hard to name a more popular member of the press than he has been. He was always more of a journalist than a politician, and his leaders in The Gazette were marked by a firmness, dignity and decision well suited to the standing of the paper. He is thoroughly qualified to be a public official by his sense of fairness and the general esteem in which he is held. PRINTER AND PUBLISHER extends its cordial congratulations to the new Collector of Customs.

THE NEW EDITOR OF THE GAZETTE.

Mr. Samuel L. Kydd, who succeeds Mr. R. S. White as chief editor of The Montreal Gazette, was born in the village of Arbirlot, Scotland, in 1853, and came to Canada with his parents at an early age, living some years in Toronto, in which city and at the Lindsay Grammar School he received his education. He began his connection with the press in 1867, in the character

of a printer's apprentice in The Lindsay Advocate office, and later served on Major Sam. Hughes' paper, The Victoria Warder. Mr. Kydd has been on The Gazette since 1874, taking the night editor's desk in 1881, becoming assistant to Mr. R. S. White when that gentleman assumed editorial control of the paper on his father's entry into the Cabinet of Sir John Macdonald. Mr. Kydd is, in every sense, a practical newspaper man. Of a retiring disposition and averse to publicity, he has won a deservedly high reputation as a writer by his witty editorial paragraphs in The Gazette, which rank equal with the best in the Canadian press. In other respects, by experience and judgment, he is well qualified for the onerous duties that now devolve upon him.

THE PRINTER'S CORNER.

THE FIRE INSURANCE RATES.

A protest is made, on behalf of employing printers, against paying higher insurance rates than others. For instance, in the protection of inflammable substance used in the printing trade, as well as in other industries, it is demanded of the printer that all volatile oils, such as benzine, must be stored in limited quantity in a specified and costly kind of storage can, and that every drop must be used from the familiar quart benzine can known in the hardware trade as "safe hand cans." On the other hand, the army of gasoline users, far outnumbering the printer, are left pretty much to their own devices in the use of that fluid. There are thousands of them allowed to keep on hand as much as five gallons of it against the printer's one or two gallons of benzine. And this large quantity appears to be generally stored in the common battered tin cans in which the oil companies deliver it. While printers as a class are ready and willing to comply with every regulation which limits the danger of fire, they see little benefit to them when adjoining manufactories or dwellings do not come within such protective regulations.

FANCIES FOR MENU CARDS.

Novel bicycle, dinner and luncheon decorations are hailed with interest in these days. Name cards are squares of cardboard with pictures of bicycle riders on or near their wheels. Menu cards in the shape of wheels, with the courses finely lettered between the spokes, and a centrepiece representing a track with toy bicycles racing around it, are some of the fancies which please everybody. Again, the centrepiece is a round mass of flowers representing a hub, with ribbon spokes arranged around the table.

NOISE IN THE OFFICE.

An interesting point to printers is to be settled in the courts. Belcher, who keeps a restaurant in Colborne street, Toronto, is proceeding against Levy & Co., printers, near by, alleging noise by machinery which interferes with his business.

IMPORTS OF TYPE AND MACHINERY.

Canadian imports of printing presses and machines for job and newspaper offices in 1895 amounted to \$136,144, compared with \$60,822 in 1894 and \$143,045 in 1893. Our imports of type show a gradual decline the last few years, namely: in 1895, \$43,845; in 1894, \$59,007; in 1893, \$64,073. The imported type is not so much used. Prices have greatly declined.

SPECIMENS.

Arbuthnot Bros. & Co., Toronto, got out a pretty New Year's greeting in a double leaflet, floral decoration and 1896 on the outside, and a brief address inside in script.