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The Proofreader.

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In this Gilbertesque epitome of simple indispen-
sables,
Preliminary attributes and semi-comprehensibles,
I'll relate with Ciceronian profusion and veracity
How a proofreader may hold his situation with
tenacity :

If his eagle eye can pierce the penetralia of ortho-
graphy
And his mind be well imprinted with the symbols
of phonography ;
If he knows our arts and sciences, abstruse and
elementary,
And is educated perfectly in matters parliamentary ;
If in government statistics and legal technicalities,
From their most momentous details down to cir-
cumstantialities,
He can argue and bamboozle with professional ver-
bosity
And cite the latest budget with official velocity ;
If he knows our planet's history, religious and poli-
tical,
And is drilled in scriptural doctrines with austerity
Levitical ;
If he has a perfect knowledge of obstetrics and
hydropathy
And an adequate perception of the laws of homeo-
opathy,
Let him pose the genius loci as Sir Oracle immacu-
late
And answer all conundrums that his clients may
ejaculate ;
Let him traffic in agnostics with a clerical menda-
city
And a proofreader may hold his situation with
tenacity.

— Ed. Combes.

The Tariff on Type.

A DEPUTATION from the Canadian Press As-
sociation was sent to Ottawa recently to seek
the reduction of duties upon type and plate-
matter, with the result that the wage earners
have felt it their duty to petition against the
proposed reductions. As a matter of fact the
present duties on these articles—especially type
—is far from protective. The building up of
Canadian type and plate foundries is of more
importance than the small duty charged, which
is not felt by the largest newspaper or printing
office in Canada. Indeed the printer can buy
his type to-day cheaper than he could before the
duty was put on, although in the meanwhile the

prices of materials and wages have largely in-
creased. This lower price is owing to the ener-
getic methods of the Canadian founders and
the constantly increasing quantity and improve-
ment in quality of their manufactures. The
free trade section of the Press Association, in
petitioning for reduced duties, has a very in-
significant case in view of the fact that only
about \$12,000 were collected in duties on type
last year. Considering the elaborate and ex-
pensive equipment of our type foundries it is
surprising that they have been able to make the
progress they have with so slight an advantage
in the way of protection. The duty on plate-
matter is comparatively excessive, but it is fully
justified by the good work done and reasonable
prices charged by the home foundries, and
more than all by the moral and patriotic tone
of the reading they supply. It might suit the
views of some members of the Press Associa-
tion if the duty on plate-matter was placed so
low as to imperil the existence of the home
foundries. But such a policy would, however,
not be in the interest of the country.—Guelph
Herald.

Executive Committee Canadian Press Association.

The above committee met in Toronto on the
29th instant, the following members being pre-
sent : T. H. Preston, Brantford Expositor ; L.
W. Shannon, Kingston News ; A. F. Pirie, Dun-
das Banner ; W. S. Dingman, Stratford Herald ;
C. W. Young, Cornwall Freeholder ; J. S. Will-
son, Toronto Globe.

A. F. Rutter, Toronto Typotheta and W. J.
Watson of the Stereotype Plate Company were
also present.

The Tariff Committee reported the result of
their interview with the Government. The
following were appointed a delegation to wait
on the Government again, and urge a reduction
on the duty on display type and stereotype ma-
trices : L. W. Shannon, P. D. Ross and W. J.
Watson.

A resolution was passed requesting the Gov-
ernment to put their Copyright Act into opera-
tion. The new libel law, now before the Legis-
lature, was discussed and several amendments
were recommended. A number of accounts
were passed and the meeting adjourned.