

## Proceedings of the Joint Meeting

THE employment of an expert to conduct a thorough investigation into the cost of handling second-class matter by the Post Office Department was decided upon at a joint meeting of Canadian Press Association and Canadian Press, Limited, held in Toronto, on Wednesday, November 20, 1912. The meeting was called because of authoritative reports from Ottawa that the Post Office Department has in contemplation an increase in the rate and other changes in the Postal Act and regulations relating to second-class matter. November 20 was selected as the date of meeting because publishers of large daily newspapers from every province in Canada would be in Toronto then in attendance at the annual meeting of Canadian Press, Limited. The selection of this date did not permit of sufficient notice to ensure the presence of many representatives of the weekly and small daily press, and the attendance was, therefore, but little more than 100. But what the meeting lacked in numbers was made up for by the fact that it was thoroughly representative of the press of every section of Canada.

J. F. MacKay, Toronto *Globe*, president of Canadian Press, Limited, and John R. Bone, Toronto *Star*, president of Canadian Press Association, presided jointly over the meeting; and John M. Imrie, secretary of Canadian Press Association acted as secretary.

The Postal Committee of Canadian Press Association presented a report which was read by the secretary, Mr. Imrie. It was as follows:

At the annual convention of the Canadian Press Association held in June, a Postal Committee was appointed to consider what changes, if any, should be made in the postal regulations in so far as they relate to second-class matter. This Committee invited suggestions from the members as to what changes were desired, many of which were received. Your committee arranged