

Phonographic Gossip.

CANADA.

THE Hastings County Court employs a Shorthand writer.

THE Norfolk County Court has a permanent Stenographer.

MR. JAS. CRANKSHAW, of Montreal, lectures on Phonography.

EACH one of the standard systems is fairly represented in Canada.

THE fastest speaker in the Ontario Parliament is the Hon C. F. Fraser.

THE Canadian branch of the English Phonetic Society has thirty members.

THE House of Commons reporters had to tackle a series of long-winded debates during this session.

A MOVEMENT is on foot to introduce Phonography into the Law Courts of New Brunswick. Civilization still advances.

A SHORTHAND class of fifty members was taught in the Toronto Y. M. C. A. building last winter by Mr. Wm. Blackley.

MR. LIONEL PERCIVAL, who contributes the article on "The Rate of Delivery of Public Speakers," is Private Secretary to Hon. S. C. Wood.

MR. E. E. HORTON, the writer of the thoughtful article on "Phraseography" in this number, is one of the Superior Court Official Reporters. He writes Graham, but has latterly been studying Isaac Pitman.

AN ever-circulator, called the "Korespondent," is in successful operation in Canada. It is written in Isaac Pitman's system, and writers in Montreal, Belleville, Oshawa and Toronto "form the little ring."

MR. ROBERT TYSON, one of the official reporters in connection with the Superior Courts, is contributing to the *Canadian Monthly* some interesting experiences in connection with a canoe voyage down the Mississippi. The trip, made last Fall, has greatly improved Mr. Tyson's health.

THERE was talk a while ago of appointing an official reporter for the Police Court in this city. Nothing is heard of the matter now-a-days. Pity the poor scribe who would be required to record the evidence of the hot-tempered, lightning-tongued females, who figure in the "threatening language" cases!

THE editor of the Phonographic Department of the *Printer's Miscellany*, of St. Johns, N. B., published some time ago a statement that Mr. Thomas Bengough, official reporter of the York County Courts, having found Benn Pitman's

system totally inadequate for his work, had become an ardent Grahamite. Mr. B. expressed "amazement and surprise" when he saw the item, for he claims that he never departed from faith in Izak Pitman.

UNITED STATES.

THEODORE TILTON is an experienced reporter. OFFICIAL reporters in Ohio are paid \$8 per day.

CHICAGO has several expert lady Shorthand writers.

PENNSYLVANIA has a State Phonographic Society.

CINCINNATI has a Shorthand Writers' Association.

SAN FRANCISCO reporters use the Marsh and Graham systems.

TACHYGRAPHY is taught in Bryant and Stratton's College in Chicago.

THE recent banquet of the Chicago Stenographers was a great success.

THE Superior Court Reporters, Detroit, receive a salary of \$2,000 a year.

THE Congressional debates cost the Government the annual sum of \$50,000.

THE New York State Stenographers' Association is composed of fifty-four members.

ARTHUR M. BAKER, of New York, has published an "improved system of shorthand."

SOME of the Congressional reporters at Washington have held their positions for twenty years.

SAM. W. SMALL ("Old Si"), of the *Atlanta Constitution*, is a professional Shorthand reporter.

D. J. MURPHY, the Senate Reporter at Washington, receives \$25,000 a year and employs his own assistants.

JOHN BROWN SMITH, a shorthand author, is imprisoned in Northampton (Mass.) jail for refusing to pay a poll tax.

THE Wisconsin Legislature has passed twenty-eight laws relating to Shorthand. The reporters receive salaries of \$2000 each.

CALIFORNIA has an Association of Shorthand reporters. The test speed for entrance is 150 words a minute for five consecutive minutes.

MR. JAMES E. MUNSON, the author of the Munson system, specimens of which are given in this number, writes us that he intends to visit Canada this summer. The fraternity ought to give him such a reception that he would feel like coming over frequently. We hope to secure a