

cards. These are from leading English and American manufacturers, and the designs are fresh and strikingly artistic.

MR. A. F. RUTTER, of Warwick & Sons, on a recent visit to Chicago, was kindly received and shown the city and the Fair grounds by Mr. Conkey, the leading master printer of Chicago.

THE American papers have not yet ceased to say pleasant things about the Typhotheta entertainment in this city last August. Their memories seem to have been much impressed with Canadian warmth and hospitality.

WARWICK & SONS, Provincial Government printers, are very busy just now, but mostly on custom work. Their bindery is very busy also, and the whole establishment is worked to its utmost capacity. They report the busiest year of their business career.

MR. J. H. VIVIAN has become settled in his new quarters on Bay Street, and has set up his sample machine. He deals in all kinds of printers', lithographers', and bookbinders' machinery, new and second-hand. He is the Canadian agent for the Campbell Printing Press Manufacturing Co., of New York, and the Schriedewend & Lee Co., of Chicago.

MOST of the printers and publishers of Toronto are very much pleased to know that Sir John Thompson is Premier. He has always stood manfully by the rights of the printers and publishers in the matter of the Copyright Law. Now, the question is nearer a solution than it has been for twenty-five years, and if the new Premier stands as firmly as he has done when Minister of Justice, the matter will soon be solved, and that to the vindication of Canadian rights and interests.

MR. EDDY and Mr. Millen, of the E. B. Eddy Co., Hull, have been to Watertown, N.Y., to see how the Bagley & Sewall Co. are getting on with their new machine for fine Print and Book paper. They say that as soon as they get this machine in they will go extensively into the higher grades of paper making. The present machines and capacity are not adequate for the orders they have. They cannot turn from one kind of paper to another fast enough. They are carloads and carloads behind in their orders.

AMONG THE INVENTIONS

NICHOLAS G. DUFFY, of Charleston, S. C., has patented a proof press and a printer's galley; the latter requires no quoins or side-sticks, and is easily adjusted.

THE Chicago Matrix Company holds a patent for producing type-face impressions by successively impressed dies, and forming retreating offsets with rounded edges in the walls of the impressions.

THOMAS GIBSON, of London, England, has received a patent in the United States for a metal substitute for the large wooden type used in "poster" work. The type are in the form of thin plates adapted to be dovetailed upon permanent bases.

WM. A. FORCE, of Brooklyn, N.Y., has patented a composition for stereotype plates, consisting of two and one-half pounds of rubber, fourteen pounds two and one-half ounces each of plumbago, litharge and white lead, and six ounces of sulphur.

JAMES SLOCUM, of Holly, Michigan, has patented an improvement on the Rogers Typograph. It consists in so arranging the device that the spacers are automatically raised when the matrix frame is tilted back, thus doing away with one movement by the operator.

A NOVELTY in platen machines, under the name of the "Bremner Twin Platen" will shortly be brought out by the Messrs. Harrild, of London, Eng. The principal advantages claimed for the new machine are that it only occupies ten inches more space than the ordinary machine; that it costs something like twenty-five per cent. less than the price of two machines; that each part is totally distinct from the other; that for making ready the platen can be brought up almost flat, which is a considerable improvement, and that owing to the careful adjustment of the bed the treadling is the same as the ordinary platen.

L. G. HINE, of Washington, formerly of the Mergenthaler Company, holds a patent on a machine for producing type-bars. It is a type-setting machine of the class in which a series of matrices are set up in such a manner that they form part of a mould in which is cast a line ready to be locked up in the proof galley. It claims to be an improvement upon the well-known Mergenthaler Linotype machine, being more simple in its structure and capable of a higher speed both in assembling the matrices and in distributing them to the magazine. The three operations of assembling a set of matrices for one line of type, casting a line of type with the matrices already set up, and distributing another set of matrices after being used, all take place at the same time in different parts of the machine.

PIED.

The devil fell into the ink -
Such a sight had never benzine!
He was spotted and mottled
And we thought he'd be throttled,
When the foreman arrived on the scene.
A gruesome sight was he also
As he glared when the devil he spied,
But he said with a grin, "You imp of sin,
Its your turn now to be pied!"

—A.H.M., in *Inland Printer*