NEWS OF THE MONTH IN BRIEF.

PERSONAL MENTION

JOSEPH T. CLARK ("Mack"), of Saturday Night, has joined The Toronto Star staff as chief editorial writer. Mr. Clark, who is regarded with respect and affection by all intimately associated with him, was presented by the printing staff with a smoker's set and by the office staff with a handsome onyx clock on leaving Saturday Night. It is understood that his position will not, for the present, be filled.

J. P. Earngey, of The Rat Portage Miner, was married January 2 to Miss Kelly, of Mimico.

W. E. Clothier, of The Listowel Banner, has arrived in Calgary to fill a position in the advertising department of The Herald.

John A. Ewan, of The Toronto Globe staff, has gone to Halifax to write up the departure of the second Canadian contingent.

Robert McConnell has retired from the editorship of The Halifax Morning Chronicle, and is succeeded by Alvin F. Mclonald, who took up the study of law and secured his degree while employed on The Chronicle staff.

Ed. I. Stone, of the practical department of The Perth Expositor, and brother of C. F. Stone, the proprietor, was tendered a banquet previous to his departure for Montreal, where he takes a position in the job rooms of The Montreal Herald.

The removal of Arthur Byrne, advertising clerk with The MacLean Publishing Co., Limited, from the Toronto to the Montreal office of the firm, was made the occasion by the fellow-employes in Toronto for giving him a "caning." The cane was presented by Miss Forbes, cashier of the company, in a short, gracious speech, expressing the regret of all at the departure of Mr. Byrne from Toronto, where he was quite popular.

THE LIBEL LAW.

Recorder Poiner is taking action against Milton Macdonald, M.P.P., manager of Le Journal, Montreal, alleging criminal libel in connection with an article on the revision of the voters' list.

BUSINESS CHANGES.

The Fredericton Herald has been sold to W. M. Parlee, of Moncton.

Alfred Lionais and Henri Lionais have registered partnership as publishers in Montreal, under the style of A. & H. Lionais.

The Sydney, N.S., Daily Record and Island Reporter have amalgamated, the new company being composed mainly of Hon. G. H. Murray, W. Crowe, Henry Mitchell, and W. A. Richardson.

The name of The Maritime Grocer Newspaper Co., Limited, has been changed to The Imperial Publishing

Co., Limited, with a view to establishing a monthly magazine devoted to Imperial Federation. I. C. Stewart, managing editor of the paper, is ambitious to still further extend its work and influence and to make it a means of extending Canadian trade, and he will take a trip to the West Indies this Winter with that end in view.—Halifax Chronicle.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

The Expositor is a new weekly at Selkirk, Man.

J. Y. Caldwell is issuing a monthly at Ottawa called The Real Estate Chronicle.

A New weekly in Italian, entitled Corriere del Canada, has been started in Montreal.

W. K. Reynolds has begun The Freeman at St. John, N.B. It is a new 8-page weekly.

A new dry goods trade monthly called Tissus et Nouveautes has been started in Montreal by A. & H. Lionais.

IMPROVEMENTS AND SPECIAL ISSUES.

The Hartland, N.B., Advertiser has been enlarged to the eight-page form.

The St. John Monitor has again been enlarged, making the second enlargement since its birth, a few weeks ago.

The Stratford Beacon has arranged to "joint" the South-African letters and photos. of The Montreal Herald. This is a piece of enterprise for which Mr. O'Beirne deserves congratulations.

It is said that The St. John Daily Telegraph, which recently passed into the hands of a new company, will continue to occupy the present premises. Money will be spent on the building. The business and editorial rooms will be on the ground floor. On the second floor will be a bindery, and on the third the composing room. The new press has arrived, and a fourth linotype machine.

AMONG THE JOB PRINTERS.

The realty of James Wallis, printer, Yarmouth, N.S., has been sold by sheriff.

The printers of Greenwood, B.C., are forming a local typographical union.

Rowsell & Hutchison, printers, booksellers, etc., Toronto, have assigned. The firm is one of the oldest in Toronto, having been in business almost fifty years.

The estate of W. S. Johnston & Co., job printers, Toronto, has been disposed of by the assignee, John Mackay, to Mr. Johnston, who paid \$1,500 for the plant and \$225 for the stock.

Buntin, Gillies & Co., Hamilton, recently advised all customers of advanced prices, made necessary by increased cost of raw material. All outstanding quotations were withdrawn and a list given of approximate changes in prices. Prices have been advanced only where necessity demanded it, and new quotations will be given on application. As soon as the market gets into a settled state a new price list will be issued.