

THE LATE MR. THOMAS W. DYAS.

WE regret to record the death of Mr. Thomas Winning, Dyas for many years, and up to the time of his death, advertising manager of *The Mail and Empire*, Toronto, and one of the best known figures in the publishing world of Canada. Mr. Dyas had been ill for several months, and was taking a few weeks' rest from business at his Summer home on Toronto Island, when the end came. He was surrounded by his wife and family, and died sincerely lamented by a very wide circle of friends. Mr. Dyas was born at "Clonturken," the old family residence in County Cavan, Ireland, on September 2, 1845. When he was 5 years old he went with his parents to New Orleans. He was educated in the public schools there, and, while still a boy, went to live in London, Ont. At the age of 18 he began life as a civil engineer and surveyor, and for some time practised his profession, but later on found his vocation in newspaper work, his first duty being editorial work for *The Farmers' Advocate*, of London. He came to Toronto 25 years ago, and was at first on the staff of *The Globe*, under the head of the late Hon. Geo. Brown, but when Mr. John Riordon purchased *The Mail*, about the year 1877, Mr. Dyas was appointed to the head of the advertising department, a position which he filled with great energy and distinction for the rest of his life. He was a man full of vigor in his work, and he did his part in promoting the fortunes of *The Mail*. During the years when there were four morning newspapers in Toronto and before *The Mail* purchased *The Empire*, Mr. Dyas did much to sustain the advertising patronage of his paper, in whose interest he labored late and early. His widow (who was Miss Emma Ball Taylor, of London), two daughters and three sons survive him.



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✱ **DISMISSAL OF EDITORS.**

The dismissal of Mr. Marion, managing-editor, and Mr. Lorenzo Prince, city editor of *La Presse*, has caused a good deal of discussion in Montreal. *La Presse* says editorially: "It is difficult to control all the departments of a journal as extensive and complicated as *La Presse*, and we have to depend upon the good judgment of the chiefs in each department. The publication of a portrait of a murderer in our number of yesterday was beyond our control, and we regret it for two reasons: In the first place, his Grace Archbishop Bruchesi expressed a short time ago, with all of that apostolic zeal which we admire, the desire to see the respectable newspapers suppress these pictures, and his Grace received from us the assurance of our cordial assent to that just and Christian demand. In the second place, we recognized ourselves that these exhibitions are in bad

taste, and are far from aiding in the healthy education of the people. It is with great regret that this incident has necessitated us to deprive ourselves of the services of two editors, whose merits in other respects we do not deny."

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS ASSOCIATION.

THE Eastern Townships Press Association have just finished a very pleasant outing, taking in Montreal, Toronto, Niagara and the Muskoka Lakes. The party left Sherbrooke on June 16, and spent the morning of Saturday, June 17, in Toronto.

The party comprised the following: Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Channell, *Record*, Sherbrooke; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Morehouse, *Examiner*, Sherbrooke; Miss Bostwick, *Examiner*, Sherbrooke; Mr. H. W. Mulvena, *Gazette*, Sherbrooke; Mrs. Hudon, *Gazette*, Sherbrooke; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Belanger, *Progres de l'Est*, Sherbrooke; Dr. J. O. Camirand, *Le Pionnier*, Sherbrooke; Dr. J. F. Rioux, *Le Progres*, Sherbrooke; Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Shurtleff, *Observer*, Coaticook; Mr. and Mrs. B. Alger, *Observer*, Coaticook; Dr. J. C. Holland, *Journal*, Stanstead; Miss Delong, *Journal*, Stanstead; Mr. L. D. Charbonnell, *Chronicle*, Cookshire; Miss Bailey, *Chronicle*, Cookshire; Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lance, *Times*, Richmond; Mr. E. F. Cleveland, *Times*, Richmond; Mr. E. J. Bedard, *News*, Richmond; Miss Pearson, *News*, Richmond; Mr. F. Bedard and Miss Bedard, *News*, St. Johns; Mr. and Mrs. John Ewing, *Guardian*, Richmond; Mr. S. Fraser, *Le Progres*, Richmond; Mr. A. Bourbeau and Miss Bourbeau, *Echo de Bois Francs*, Victoriaville; Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Chalmers, *News*, Magog; Rev. F. N. Sequin, Lennoxville.

On Wednesday evening, June 21, the above were entertained by Mr. J. T. Johnston, managing director of The Toronto Type Foundry Co., at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, Centre Island. A very pleasant evening was spent in dancing and sociable intercourse, after which the party had supper. The visiting associations were met at the club house by a number of members of the Toronto press and others, including Messrs. James and W. H. Miln, F. Diver, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Imrie, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Ryckman, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Shenston, Mr. and Mrs. Rubbra, and, altogether, a very pleasant evening was passed. One of the most pleasing features of the evening was the excellent singing of Miss Amy Robsart Jaffray, who was accompanied on the piano by Miss Gussie Pickard.

On Thursday morning, the association took the early boat, and spent the day at Niagara Falls, returning to Toronto at night. A drive around Toronto seeing the various sights took up Friday, the party returning home, via Grand Trunk, at night