

solid matter. He made his own corrections for all matter except that of the last night." This makes an average of 8,560 ems per hour for the week.

The calendar trade this season has, according to the leading printing establishments, been far ahead of that of last year. They report that instead of one or two firms or companies in each line purchasing a calendar as in former seasons, almost every merchant, no matter how small he might be, got one.

The contract for the printing of transfer tickets for the Montreal Street Railway Company has been the subject of considerable competition among the large printing establishments in this city. The Perrault Printing Company, it is likely, has got some of the work, and possibly some of it has been done in Toronto.

Mr. McCallum, formerly with the Sabiston Company, has secured the agency in London, Eng., of the Canadian Engineering News, the Wine News, the Jewelers' Guide and the Canadian Militia Gazette. Mr. McCallum is well known in the great metropolis, and it is felt that he will do a good business for these journals among our English cousins.

It is said that there are over 100 compositors idle at present in Montreal, 90 per cent. of whom are French Canadians. They have made representations to the Local Provincial Government that its work of printing the school books, etc., now given to one or two leading firms, should be distributed more among the general trade. If this was done they claim that they could obtain employment much easier.

The Sabiston Lithographic and Publishing Company have almost completed their souvenir number of the French Chamber of Commerce, of Montreal. We have had a glance at the advance sheets of some of it, and it is certainly equal, if not superior, to the work the same company turned out in their Montreal Board of Trade number. They expect to have their special Toronto Board of Trade number out by the end of January also.

Mr. R. S. White, M.P., the editor-in-chief of the Gazette, has been appointed executor of the estate of the late David English, printer. It is probable that the estate will be put on the market, in which event it ought to be a first-class bargain for some enterprising craftsman. In addition to controlling a lot of special business of a valuable kind, the late Mr. English had put in an entirely new and valuable plant just after the fire in his premises last November.

It is whispered in editorial sanctums that "the World's Trip View" scheme, carried on by a certain newspaper here to boom its circulation, has not been the howling success expected. It is alleged that it fell very flat after the first portfolio was distributed, as many came to the conclusion that ten cents in addition to the coupon was rather steep to pay for the return they got. It is a question in many minds whether circulation secured by such devices is really of material advantage to any sound newspaper.

The circle on the daily press of Montreal has again been broken by the departure of Mr. Fred. Williams, until recently city editor of The Gazette, for Sydney, Australia. Mr. Williams was laid up with a severe attack of congestion of the lungs a short time ago, and when he recovered sufficiently to be about the doctors told him that a warm climate was absolutely necessary. He accordingly decided to try Sydney, where he has a

brother occupying an important position on the press of that city. Mr. Williams comes of a journalistic family, his father being Charles Williams, the famous English war correspondent, while his mother is a free contributor to the women's column of several American and English papers.

GRIEVANCE OF MONTREAL PRINTERS.

THE printers of Montreal for some time past have complained of the injury done them by the competition of the religious orders in the business. Typographical Union No. 145 has addressed to the members of the Local Legislature the following petition signed by the Executive Committee, all of whom are French-Canadians: "In its meeting of November last, Typographical Union No. 145 ordered a committee to make you acquainted briefly with the causes of the stoppage of work, which at this terrible time of the year throws on the streets of our city, without work and without bread, more than 200 compositors, pressmen and bookbinders. The first of these causes is the unfair competition made with our manufacturing establishments by the religious associations which devote themselves to the industry of printing, and which are subsidized by the Government and exempt from all taxation. Among them we shall mention the Reformatory School, the Cleres of St. Viateur, the Brothers of Christian Doctrine, the Sisters of Providence and the Franciscans. The second is the excessive number of typographical apprentices now instructed in this trade who annually leave the Reformatory School, and of whom there is no need, as the offices are overcrowded with them. We hope, gentlemen, that you will have at heart the defence of typographical interests, which are not only threatened, but in danger, and that you will aid us in our demands by refusing to vote any subsidy to these associations, and by imposing upon them taxes equal to those of our other manufacturing establishments at this moment drooping away." The same Typographical Union also sent to the members of the Catholic Committee, of the Council of Public Instruction the following petition:- "At its meeting of November, 1893, the Typographical Union charged its committee to lay bare to you the sad condition of typographical workmen in Montreal, where at the present time nearly 200 compositors, pressmen and binders are without work and without bread. To remedy this, hon. gentlemen, we thought that it was sufficient to make you acquainted with the considerable injury which is done to our working typographers by the establishments of the Brothers of Christian Doctrine and the Cleres of St. Viateur, who are subsidized by the Government and pay no taxes. But scarcely a month passes when in your meetings you accept one or more of the class books presented by these establishments, granting them the monopoly of printing and even sometimes of allowance. This constitutes a crying injustice and an abuse which you should suppress by refusing to them from this day the monopoly of class-books which we are obliged to purchase from these same persons at a price ordinarily greater than the commercial price."

Albert Dennis, the stirring and enterprising publisher of the Pictou Standard, is severing his connection with that paper. But he is not coming to St. John, as was reported. Instead, he is publishing a new weekly paper in Pictou, and to which he is giving the name Pick-Me-Up. The people cannot go far wrong in picking up any paper which Mr. Dennis produces.--St. John Sun.