

GOVERNMENT PAP IN QUEBEC.

THAT old question, the awarding of Government advertising to party papers not always the best mediums, was up in the Quebec Legislature the other day when, in answer to Hon. Mr. Pelletier, Hon. Mr. Robidoux said that the sheriff of Montreal had instructions to publish judicial advertising in The Signal and The Herald, and the sheriff of Quebec in The Soleil and The Daily Telegraph.

Hon. Mr. Pelletier moved for the production of all the documents concerning this question. He said that The Signal was a weekly sheet and that one number which he had seen contained almost nothing besides the sheriff's advertisements. He did not think such a sheet reached the public. It was also to his knowledge that, notwithstanding what Mr. Robidoux had said, several other Liberal papers were publishing the sheriff's notices.

Hon. Mr. Robidoux defended The Signal, and assured the House that the Government would not pay for advertising in any other paper but those mentioned.

Mr. Tellier condemned the practice of ordering the sheriff to advertise in such or such a paper. The parties in a suit, those who were responsible for the costs, should have the right to select the paper.

KATE GREENAWAY'S MIGNONETTES.

The daintiest and cutest ornaments for printers that have yet been produced are called Kate Greenaway's Mignonettes. Their lively appreciation of children's moods and the charming fancy of their design must delight both printer and layman. They are originated by the American Type Founders' Co. and may be procured through Toronto Type Foundry.

THE STRATFORD BEACON WINS.

At the Assizes in Berlin, Harbach vs. O'Bierne and Drum vs. O'Bierne were tried together. The plaintiffs, Drum and Harbach, brought suit for damages against Mr. O'Bierne, of The Stratford Beacon, for libel. The libel consisted in an article which appeared in The Beacon last fall, and was a report of a case in which Drum and Harbach testified against the character of the plaintiff, a young woman named Crose, of New Hamburg, who was accusing Broderecht of assault. A great deal of contradictory evidence was adduced upon that occasion, and the newspaper article made use of the expression that "there is still a number of phenomenal liars in this young Canada of ours." No names were mentioned, but the plaintiffs, who hail from Neustadt, felt that they were the ones referred to. Mr. John Idington, Q.C., Stratford, appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. J. P. Mabee, Stratford, for the defendant O'Bierne. Verdict for defendant.

Commenting upon the result, The Beacon's local contemporary, The Herald, says: "We congratulate our local contemporary on being successful in its libel suit. There may have been a tinge of indiscretion in the comment upon which the plaintiffs based their case, but not sufficient to justify protracted legal proceedings. The failure of the plaintiffs should exert a tendency to discourage vexatious libel suits. While there must always be opportunity of recourse to a really aggrieved party, when the libeller is obdurate or betrays malice, everyone must

rejoice to observe confusion attend cases which are prompted only by desire for mere revenge, or to annoy, or by ignoble designs on the publisher's pocket. Our sympathies are with any local competitor, as well as with any journal not a competitor, in trials of this sort; for in such matters newspaper men should be of one mind. The sympathies of the public should also be with the press in such cases, for the people can take no pleasure or profit in seeing so useful and beneficent a profession hampered and annoyed unworthily." This shows a nice neighborly spirit.

THE NEWSPAPER AND ITS FRIENDS.

Mildred reads the "Marriages"—
 Her interest in them never fails—
 Father reads the "Politics,"
 And mother reads the "Bargain Sales,"
 Arthur reads the "Sporting News"—
 His special hobby is baseball—
 Save the man who reads the proofs,
 No one living reads it all.
 Bridget reads the "small ad. page,"
 Looking for a better place;
 Agnes reads the murders, and the
 Tales of men in deep disgrace.
 Ethel reads the list of guests
 At the big Van Astor ball—
 Save the man who reads the proofs,
 No one living reads it all.
 Forty pages every week,
 Eight long columns to the page,
 To read everything would add
 A full twelvemonth to your age.
 So each reads his special part,
 Then he lets the paper fall.
 Pity for him who reads the proofs,
 For he has to read it all.

GET A COPY.

The new specimen book of the Toronto Type Foundry Co. has been completed and will be distributed this month to all Canadian printers. The book is the most complete ever got up and shows all the best type faces of the American Type Founders' Co. Any printer who does not receive a copy by the first of January is requested to send in for one to Toronto Type Foundry Co., Toronto.

WORTH TRYING.

George E. Day, job printer, St. John, N.B., speaking of the rollers used in his establishment, says he "never saw their equal for distribution and laying on the ink." He uses the "Gatling" process rollers, made of Re-Melto composition by Toronto Type Foundry.

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