

From the Boston Journal of Commerce.

### An Important Legal Decision Relating to Printing Presses.

Judge Shipman, in the United States Court for the District of Connecticut, April 14, 1880, rendered a decision in the case of R. Hoe & Co. vs. Cottrell & Babcock, relating to the infringement of letters patent by the manufacture and sale of printing presses, containing a combination of a fly, an impression cylinder without tapes, a delivery cylinder provided with grippers and cords, and tapes to carry the sheet in front of the fly. The decision is very lengthy. The contest has been carried on for three years, the examination of over 1800 patents has been made, and the case has been fought upon both sides with ability and persistence. The decision was rendered March 3, the decree entered April 18, 1880. The substance of this decree was as follows: "That Cottrell & Babcock had infringed Hoe & Co.'s patent; that they recover from Cottrell & Babcock the gains, profits, savings and advantages made by them from such infringement and the damages suffered by Hoe & Co. on account of such infringement; that a master be appointed to find out the amount of gains, profits, savings and advantages made by Cottrell & Babcock from the said infringement, and the damages suffered by Hoe & Co. from such infringement; that a perpetual injunction issue September 1, 1880, against Cottrell & Babcock, restraining them from selling or making any more printing presses in infringement of said letters patent; and that Hoe & Co. recover costs in the said suit."

Messrs. Hoe & Co. have notified all persons who have imported, manufactured or sold, or are now importing, making or selling anything which infringes these patents to walk up to the captain's office and settle for the past and take a license for the future. They also notify users that unless the builders and importers of these presses promptly settle at the captain's office, users will be called upon to stop their presses until settlement is made.

Subscribers to the *Miscellany* will bear in mind that all subscriptions must be paid IN ADVANCE.

Printers and others will find the "Trades' Directory" handy for reference in ordering material or making inquiries in connection therewith.

### NOTES AND NEWS.

Hamilton, Ont., boasts of a comic paper—*The Mirror*.

The present proprietors paid £25,000 for the *Pall Mall Gazette*.

The Fredericton *Star* has had the excruciating pleasure of a libel suit.

Out of 223 papers published in California only seventy-four are over ten years old.

The editor of *Bystander*, Toronto, has donated \$100 to the Newsboys' Lodging House of that city.

Thomas Hagan, who is well known in Prince Edward Island, is subbing on the *Telegraph*, in this city.

The printing offices of the *Neue Freie Presse*, at Vienna, are now lighted with Siemens' divided electric lamp.

The editor of the Paris *Voltaire* fought a duel on June 4th, with a member of the Jockey Club, and got wounded.

The French printers of Montreal had their annual excursion to Quebec on the eve of St. Jean Baptiste Day.

Geo. W. Day has removed his printing office from Charlotte to Prince William street, near the corner of Princess street.

Very few of our printers are idle here now. Those who did not go away have secured work. Business has slightly improved.

The St. Andrews *Standard* announces that an "Alden new Rotary Power Job Press" has been added to the plant of that office.

D. L. Mullowney, recently from Amherst, N. S., worked a few weeks in the *Telegraph* job rooms, on his way to the United States.

The representative of an American newspaper is said to have offered Bismarck \$130,000 annually for a weekly letter. It was declined.

The Writing Paper Makers' Association, of Springfield, Mass., have firmly resolved to maintain present prices, and voted to shut down their mills three weeks in July and three weeks in August.

The Dominion Type-Founding Company have recovered \$1000 from the Canada Guarantee Company, in the case of Wm. H. Lowell, who decamped with moneys belonging to the Toronto Agency of the above-mentioned Founding Company. Good.