

sanction and support, to whatever is calculated to promote the prosperity of his country, in its civil, religious, educational, and general interests. Let Canadians love their country. It is worthy of their most enthusiastic and abiding patriotism. It is a fair and fertile portion of the globe; and must soon possess a fame for its religion, education, agriculture, commerce, and manufactures, that will spread far and wide.

PRINTING OFFICES IN TORONTO.

THIS City can now boast of its twenty-five printing offices, or thereabouts. Some of these are job offices, exclusively, where job and book printing is executed in great variety.—But publications, in the form of Monthlies, weeklies, semi-weeklies, or tri-weeklies, are issued from most of the printing establishments; affording the means of intelligence and knowledge. Of monthlies; we have, the Canadian Gem, the Ecclesiastical and Missionary Record, the Journal of Education, the Farmer and Mechanic, the Agriculturalist, the Sunday School Guardian, and the Unfettered Canadian. Of weeklies; the Christian Guardian, Christian Messenger, Evangelical Pioneer, Church, Examiner, Mirror, and Independant. Of semi-weeklies; the Patriot, and the British Colonist. And the Globe, published tri-weekly. And there are, we believe, three or four more periodicals published in Toronto, the names and times of issue, of which, we have not learned.

If any of our citizens are ignorant of

passing events, or of general intelligence, they cannot attach any blame to the Press. More than one hundred Printers are employed constantly, and others occasionally, in this City; sending out the means of information and mental improvement.

MENTAL BREAD.

BOOKS are to the mind what bread is to the body. With bread the body is fed and supported, and fitted for exercise and usefulness. By means of books the mind is fed and invigorated, and rendered a blessing to the world.—But if our bodily food be unwholesome, it will weaken the functions of the body and prevent its usefulness. So with our mental bread; it must be sound and good, or it will poison the mind and weaken its moral powers.

OUR NUMBERS.

NONE more number will complete the current volume of this Magazine. We began late in the year, with our issues, and we allowed the numbers to fall behind; but it was unavoidable, on our part, owing to the negligence of many of our Subscribers, in respect to paying for the Gem. We have, however, of late been making up for our lost time; and we shall complete the volume within the year.

If our subscribers who have held fast to their money until they have received the last number for the year, save one, would now send us the amount due, it would be very acceptable. Their accounts can be easily made out; seven shillings and six-pence a year. Each will know whether he is in arrears for one, or for two years.