

## CANADIAN PRESS ASSOCIATION.

## AN EXECUTIVE MEETING.

A MEETING of the Executive of the Canadian Press Association was held at the Queen's Hotel on September 3. President Brierley presided, and there were present: Messrs. Holmes, Dingman, Ireland, McGillicuddy, Mortimer, Macdonald and the secretary. Letters were read from ex-President Shannon and First Vice-President MacLean, regretting their absence.

Mr. Brierley made a report for the Railway Rates Committee, appointed at the last meeting. He stated that he and Mr. MacLean had interviewed the railway authorities at Montreal with reference to securing a less rate than two cents on members' railway privilege certificates. Both general passenger agents seemed willing to extend all the favors they could to the press, but they could not see their way clear to allow a cheaper rate than the present one of two cents per mile. At the time he was interviewed Mr. Davis had just assumed office, and this was one reason why the committee's work was barren of result.

The proposed trip to British Columbia was considered and the president explained why it had been decided that it should not take place in the summer of 1896. He saw no reason why the trip should not be taken in the summer of 1897. The matter was fully discussed and the Railway Rates Committee were instructed to proceed with the matter and to make arrangements for the trip so far as practicable. It was pointed out that full information regarding the time, extent, and cost of the trip should be forthcoming before the annual meeting.

The question of new members was fully discussed and it was pointed out by several of the members that a great many of the weekly publishers refrained from joining the association because they felt that the initiation fee of \$5 was too high. After considering the constitution it was decided that the Executive had not constitutionally the power to reduce or alter this fee. At least there was a doubt as to their having this power. It was then moved by R. Holmes and seconded by W. S. Dingman, "that we recommend to the association the advisability of empowering the Executive to alter the admission fee to new members to any terminal part of the year to whatever figures they deem advisable." This was carried. It was then moved by Mr. Dingman, and seconded by Mr. Ireland, "that this Committee recommend to the association that the constitution be amended to reduce the admission fee from \$5 to \$3.

These two motions were intended to meet the difficulties of the future, but they did not meet the present needs of the case, and the Executive would thus be able to make no special effort to get in new members during the remainder of this year. After consideration of these circumstances it was moved by D. McGillicuddy and seconded by R. L. Mortimer, "that the Executive Committee assume the responsibility of accepting applications between now and January 1st for membership in the association to the end of 1897 for the sum of \$3, and ask the consent of the association in that connection at the next annual meeting." This was carried.

The following persons were admitted to membership: Geo. Harcourt, Farming, Toronto; S. W. Cross, Herald, Wallaceburg; John R. Robinson, Telegram, Toronto; Geo. J. Bennett, Telegram, Toronto.

Some accounts were passed and the matter of a programme for the next annual meeting was then considered. A list of

possible essayists and speakers was prepared and also a list of possible subjects. The secretary was instructed to correspond with these persons and make suitable arrangements. Fuller information concerning this programme will be given to the readers of PRINTER AND PUBLISHER at an early date.

Judging from the plans drawn up, the meeting will be one of unusual interest, as well as being exceedingly valuable from a business point of view.

## ANOTHER COPYRIGHT INCIDENT.

EVERY week fresh incidents occur to prove the utter helplessness of the Canadian book trade under our present copyright system. When the English publisher makes his bargain with his United States agents for the publication of the American edition he simply throws in the Canadian market, just as a man would throw a bag of bricks into a scale to help to weigh it down.

Consideration for the Canadian publisher, dealer, or reader, never enters into the calculation. Our interests are so trifling that the London and New York houses never lose a wink of sleep over what we may think of the matter. Forty years ago a London publisher said to the late Mr. John Lovell, of Montreal: "What, allow our books to be republished by a colonist! I could not think of such a thing." We hope there is no revival of this feeling.

Yet the refusal of English publishers to consider reasonable offers for the issue of Canadian editions by Canadian houses goes on. Take a recent case in point. Anthony Hope's new novel, "The Heart of Princess Osra," is to be issued in the United States in a cloth edition at \$1.50.

Canada with the publishers is just as it was with Voltaire, "a few arpents of snow," so we are thrown into the bargain. We are not even to have the cheap colonial edition, it is said, the English firm having, with great consideration for the feelings of the New York house which is to produce the \$1.50 American edition, undertaken not to push the colonial paper edition in Canada for a while, anyway, but reserve it for the other colonies.

The publishers, we understand, have declined to issue a Canadian edition, though fair offers were made to them.

## MR. STEWART MAKES A CHANGE.

Mr. Geo. M. Stewart, who has represented Miller & Richard for ten years as traveler, has accepted a similar position with Mr. Palmer, of Palmer's Printing Machinery Depot, and announces to his friends: "I can assure my old customers that Palmer's Printing Machinery Depot is able to fully supply the requirements of the trade in type and material, and that the prices will be as low and the terms as favorable as any other house can offer, and that in the matter of printers' machinery there is no other firm in Canada that can compete with us."

## ANTIQUÉ BOOK PAPERS.

Buntin, Gillies & Co., Hamilton, are advertising deckle-edge antique book paper. This paper is "all the rage" now, both in Great Britain and the large American centres. Printers who have not seen it should get samples.