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CURRENT NOTES.

AS already foreshadowed, The Montreal Herald has passed into the control of a company with Mr. Brierley at its head. Mr. J. E. Atkinson, of The Globe staff, was appointed chief editor, and left for Montreal on the 15th. It was intended to give him a dinner, his confreres on The Globe staff and many friends in Toronto desiring to pay this tribute, but he was obliged to leave for Montreal in haste, and the plan is therefore postponed. Mr. Atkinson has qualities which fit him for editorial responsibility. He has a genial disposition, is well posted on public questions, knows public men well, and has a thorough newspaper training. He is conservative (not politically but mentally) in method and is a decidedly safe man. PRINTER AND PUBLISHER cordially wishes him success in Montreal.

One of the marked changes which will, it is said, be made in The Herald, is in make-up. New type-casting machines with a new bold-faced minion type will be one feature. The first page will be cleared of advertisements and devoted to the best news of the day, local and telegraphic. The Herald will cultivate its circulation in the district as well as the city of Montreal. From Mr. Brierley's enterprise and vigor much may be expected.

There is said to be no truth in the rumor that Mr. John Cameron's name is being put forward for a Senatorship. So much the worse for the Senate. Mr. Cameron will continue to give his whole time to The Advertiser, which is a credit to the Canadian press, from its complete news summary, its thorough grasp of local interests and its editorial tone.

Mr. J. S. Brierley will, at a later date, be given a banquet by citizens of St. Thomas to mark that city's good wishes toward the new manager of The Montreal Herald.

Mr. Auld, who will probably succeed Hon. W. D. Balfour in the Ontario Legislature for South Essex, is his late partner, and

jointly conducted The Amherstburg Echo for many years with Mr. Balfour. In the short contest that has taken place in the constituency Mr. Auld has made an excellent impression.

The other day Hon. J. D. Edgar told a journalistic friend that he was the first legal reporter employed by The Toronto Globe. That was, of course, "in the days of George Brown"—the fabled period when, in the opinion of Farmer Haystack, of the 14th concession, that great Liberal organ dictated the affairs of all European monarchies, imposed the Westminster Confession on the various communities in North America, and (incidentally) governed Canada. Mr. Edgar was probably the first legal reporter, regularly in charge of that work, ever appointed by any Canadian paper.

One feature of The Toronto Globe which constantly impresses the onlooker is the way it keeps its readers in touch with great public issues. No other paper in Canada does this to the same extent. Its correspondence on how to raise a revenue under prohibition is a case in point. The British Columbia letters, written by Mr. Acland, of the staff, are very timely at this juncture. Mr. Lewis, one of the writing editors, is now in the Western States examining the political strength of the silver movement. His letters are most instructive. The Globe appears to be as ready to give the public the facts about any great subject as to propagate its own political views. This is newspaper work of the highest type.

As to Saturday papers. They continue to grow in bulk. Church attendance is affected and the weary reader demands Sunday cars. The paper mills are all busy.

The editor of The Catholic Register, P. F. Cronin, has returned from attendance at the Irish convention in Dublin. He wrote a letter to the Toronto press complaining of the misstatements of the cable correspondents. But they cater for the New York press, which wants sensation, not news, and our papers use the stuff in default of a better service.

The opinion amongst newspaper men generally is that Mr. John Ross Robertson, M.P., of The Telegram, is making a model representative member in Parliament. His speeches in the House were brief, to the point, and without a trace of the humbug so prevalent amongst politicians. He has just presented his sessional allowance, \$1,000, to the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto—adding another \$1,000 of his own. He has given about \$50,000 to this institution, one of the most deserving charities in Canada.