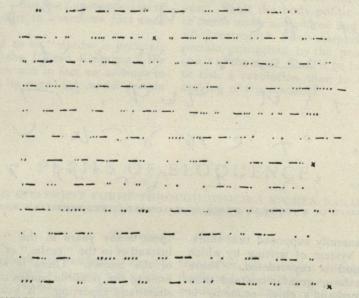
words "the whole of his heart"; he could rely only on the sound, keeping his eyes fixed on his hopping pencil point, with the result that he made Sir Wilfrid's epitaph read "a man who gave the best of his life and his soul and his heart to making Canada a united country." As Sir Wilfrid has never disclaimed the desire to sacrifice his soul for his country's good the injury done him by the reporter cannot have been serious.

Sir Richard Cartwright has been so long in public life that little things do not disturb him; but even he protested when his scholarly quotation from

have in Canada not half a dozen public men whose speeches will bear verbatim reporting. This must be done rapidly, for the last line should be "fyled" two hours after midnight, or there will be one more of the world's great orations lost to posterity. From the reporter the speech goes to the telegraph operator, sometimes page by page. Here, again, between first-class stations, as, for instance, between the House of Commons and the private wire into a newspaper office, only the barest skeleton of the speech is sent. In heavily "coded" telegraphy the illustration would sound like this:



A PARAGRAPH OF A SPEECH AS IT WOULD APPEAR IN "CODED" TELEGRAPHY

Themistocles was attributed to Peter Mitchell.

The shorthand is transcribed into longhand of varying degrees of legibility, and it is here that the reporter's judgment and experience are of importance. A two hours' speech will fill eighteen columns of a newspaper, and he must condense that into two, three or four columns without omitting anything new or important, infusing grammar into unfortunate sentences, rearranging clumsy forms, supplying synonyms for repeated words—for we

The letters represented by these dots and dashes are: "i wntd tt stm fo anr pur. i bvd ont if iw tru to itsf sd enr upon a nw era of dvpt. i am a cdn bi birth a ntv f prov of Ont. I lukd ove t fld. as min o edu fo 16 ys egd w t wrk o edn ph sm o u wi sa i ws too bsy."

Thus it will be seen that the telegraphic contractions differ but slightly from those employed by the stenographer, but they are purely arbitrary.

Telegraphers are sometimes ingenious in the errors they commit. A re-