

## HON. T. BERTHIAUME.

THE recent appointment of Trefle Berthiaume as a member of the Legislative Council of the Province of Quebec, adds one more to the list of newspaper men who take a prominent part in the councils of our country.

Hon. Trefle Berthiaume was born at St. Hughes on 4th August, 1848. He was educated at the parish school, and subsequently at the college of St. Hyacinthe. After leaving college he was apprenticed as a printer to The Courier, of St. Hyacinthe. As a printer he has had wide experience, having served with Le Messager de Joliette, The Witness and La Minerve, with the latter of which he remained for 15 years. In 1871 he demonstrated his ability at setting type by carrying off the prize in a keen match against seven other competitors.

The Gebhardt Berthiaume Job Printing and Lithographing Co. was established in 1883. Mr. Berthiaume was business manager, and until 1889 he conducted the business with skill and great success. He then took up "La Presse," a small journal of four years' standing. Entering on this new field with energy, Mr. Berthiaume has achieved for his paper a brilliant success. In '89, La Presse was comparatively unknown. Now it is to be seen in almost every French Canadian household, and is read by many of the English-speaking people as well.

The appointment was received with general satisfaction by the press of the province. Mr. Berthiaume has shown his aptitude for private business, and what better qualification for a public office is to be had?



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## DR. DRUMMOND'S POEMS.

The French-Canadian dialect poems written by Dr. W. H. Drummond, of Montreal, are an attractive feature of Massey's Magazine. Several dealers in Montreal told PRINTER AND PUBLISHER that whenever one of his sketches appeared they could always count on selling from 40 to 60 extra copies on that account.

Dr. Drummond receives from \$25 to \$50 each for these and they must be a good investment for the magazine. He sells them the serial copyright, but retains the privilege of reproducing them in a volume together with a number of other productions of his pen.

The most popular and best known of his writings is "The Wreck of the Wood Scow Julie Plante," which has been pub-

lished time and again in almost every paper in Canada and the States. The doctor, however, thinks this is one of his worst.

He has been preparing for some time to publish in book form the entire collection. A well-known artist has been at work the greater part of this year in the interior of Quebec sketching the French-Canadian habitant.

It is probable that the work will be reproduced by an American firm, although nothing has been definitely arranged yet.

## OTTAWA DAILY PAPERS.

F. J. AUDET has issued a little pamphlet giving the history of Ottawa newspaper enterprises, and The Journal summarizes the record of the dailies as follows: The first daily paper was The Citizen, which was transformed from a bi-weekly into a daily in 1865, and which still flourishes. In the

same year, 1865, appeared The Daily Times. The Times, under able management, lasted twelve years, the last owner being Mr. A. M. Burgess. Meanwhile The Evening Post, started in 1866, failed in a few months; The Free Press, started in 1869, still continues; The Evening Mail, started by Carroll Ryan and George Moss in 1870, soon went bankrupt; Le Courier d'Ottawa, started also in 1870, failed after six years, and The Daily Herald, appearing in 1875 under Messrs. Nagle and Bennett, burst up after a struggle of seven years. In 1875 also appeared The Daily News, which collapsed in a few months. Honore Beaugrand, now of La Patrie, of Montreal, tried to run Le Federal in 1878, and failed. Louis Be langer & Co transformed La Gazette d'Ottawa into a daily in 1879,

and after a brief struggle that paper failed. Le Canada sprang from its ruins the same year, 1869, and, aided by the brains of the late Senator Tasse, made a gallant struggle for seventeen years, during which it swallowed much money and energy, and gave up the ghost last spring. In 1884 La Vallee d'Ottawa was tried, and ran for some years. In 1885 Carroll Ryan, one of the ablest journalists the city has known, tried The Daily Sun. The Sun soon went bankrupt. Almost immediately afterwards The Evening Journal appeared and now enters its twelfth year. The next starter was The Courier Federal, 1887, which lasted a year. Then came Le Temps, started two years ago by Oscar McDonell, and still continuing, while finally L'Echo d'Ottawa, tried last spring, disappeared after eighteen issues.

J. M. Moran, formerly publisher of The Stratford Herald, was frozen to death in a Kansas blizzard Nov. 22.