

business session was held in the afternoon, when the price list governing the advertising rates and general job work of all the offices under the jurisdiction of the association was thoroughly revised and a uniformity of rates established which will certainly be productive of great benefit to all the offices concerned. The session over, the various members betook themselves to their homes, thoroughly satisfied with the results of the 1893 meeting, and fully determined to make that of 1894 at Renfrew even more successful.

Are You Insured?

THIS question is of the greatest importance to printers and it is of equal moment that the insurance be carried in a company of liberal instincts in the settlement of claims. As a rule insurance companies are not disposed to delay settlements unnecessarily nor unduly pile obstacles in the way of an adjustment. Yet there are companies which pay with little enough grace and delay doing so until the last moment hoping the need of funds upon the part of the unfortunate may induce him to compromise and accept less than his due. Such tactics are occasionally pursued by some subordinate officer who thinks he earns his salary thereby as well as the good will of his superiors. Two cases are in mind at present, one of which resulted in a law suit and the complete discomfiture of the insurance company with heavy costs, while the unfortunate printer had to wait just as long as they could make him before they would part with their money. In the other case the insured was given all possible trouble in submitting proofs of his loss and kept nearly three months out of his just dues. The settlement was finally arrived at by arbitrators who made an award for about half the actual loss and nearly \$1000 less than the policy called for although the fire was a clean sweep, leaving no salvage. Publishers have a weighty voice in the community if they choose to exercise it by fighting each other's battles. It would do much good if a plain statement of facts in all such cases as we refer to were published in every paper in the country. It would doubtless have the effect of rendering officious and unduly suspicious petty officials more careful and more prompt.

GEO. F. ROBBINS, St. Marys Journal, was among our welcome visitors during the fair.

A Few Words About Type.

THE superior quality of Toronto type is becoming more and more apparent as time goes on. Fonts made in the early days of this foundry—over six years ago—are doing good service and demonstrating their ability to out-wear foreign made type. At the beginning our determination was to make the most durable article that could be made. The glass-like brittleness of the type used in many Canadian offices was a serious drawback to good work. Owing to its greater cheapness of manufacture this brittle metal is still used by some foundries. It is wholly unsuitable for use upon cylinder or platen presses with hard tympan, as its fragility is such, that after the first using the fine lines are broken off, and after a week or two it presents the appearance of type that had been used for years.

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The only printing that is acceptable in these days is that which is done with a hard and sharp impression and to stand that sort of usage the type must be made of extremely hard and tough materials, so that instead of breaking down in the face upon the first few printings it will stand the strain and present a clear and sharp appearance for a long time. Toughness in the metal is of the greatest importance and any type that sacrifices this quality in favor of brittleness is a poor investment in offices aspiring to do fine printing. For common work with soft tympan, such as is often used in country newspaper offices, brittle type shows signs of distress more promptly than in the case of finer work with hard tympan, so that for any purpose extra brittle type is not comparable with a type of suitable toughness.

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As in many other cases, the happy medium is the true theory and only a hard type of great tenacity instead of brittleness is suited to the use of printers in these days of fine printing. Such type is made by the Toronto Type Foundry and its superiority is attested elsewhere in this number by an article reprinted from the Guelph Herald.

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Nearly every printer in Canada has suffered from the annoyance and loss occasioned by type breaking off in the forms during printing. This sort of thing is attributed to one of two causes. Either the form has not been properly locked up, thus allowing the type to draw out and come in contact with the cylinder or rollers, or the type itself