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EDITORIAL NOTES.

This month paper makers and pulp makers, paper buyers and pulp buyers, will find an interesting department, devoted exclusively to their interests, on page 26. This will continue to be a feature of this journal, and a special circulation among those interested, both in this country and in the United States and Great Britain, has been organized.

Considerable space is devoted this month to some half-dozen libel suits. These are treated as showing the lines along which reform of the libel law must proceed. They will be the basis,

it is hoped, of new articles to keep up the agitation which is necessary if the publishers of Canada are to be properly protected. Towards this end each newspaper publisher must use his influence and his best endeavors, and use them unceasingly.

A description of the career of Jno. Ross Robertson, perhaps the most successful Canadian publisher, is a feature of this issue. The author is Mr. A. S. Irving, president of the Toronto News Co., and a close friend of Mr. Robertson.

The fool way in which the publishers of Canada are now "clubbing" with their civic brethren is indicative of a very strong degree of friendship. The lion and the lamb lie down together, but in the course of a short time the lamb will become lion. See the point? Perhaps the article on "clubbing" in this issue, and the opinions of some of the leading publishers, may aid in making the point clear.

The American Stationer thus speaks of the famous padding process invented by Mr. Johnson, foreman of the bindery of Messrs. Warwick Bros. & Rutter in this city:

The "Johnson Process" of padding stationery, owned by the Burrage Paper Company, New York, is now used by many of the leading houses in the trade throughout the country. The recognition of its value led to the early adoption of it by the Cranes and by the Whiting Paper Company, who use it in the manufacture of some of their finest papers. As these papers are well known this fact speaks volumes. It should be used by all, for it has special advantages, among them the following: It saves over the old processes from 20 to 50 per cent.; it is clean to use and does not soil the letter book; it is convenient.

Great preparations are being made by the Canadian Press Association for its annual gathering in February. It promises to be an event of more than ordinary importance. Fuller information will be found in this issue.

The cutting of prices in the paper trade has developed to a most disheartening degree, and the market is not understandable. The recklessness of some sellers is of such a bold character that the numerous recent failures in the trade will undoubtedly be added to in the near future. The propensity of recklessness and failure is well known to most business men. More information on this matter will be found in the Paper and Pulp Department.