

has been got down pretty fine—this being the lowest figure reached yet. It is to be hoped prices for job printing have nearly touched bottom.

The Quebec Press Association were invited, and accepted an invitation, to hold their fourth annual meeting and to participate in the festivities to take place in the city of Quebec on the occasion of the celebration of St. Jean Baptiste Day. The hall of L'Institut Canadien was placed at the disposal of the Association.

The workmen of the country have had to share largely in the business depression, and it is not at all strange that they should now begin to look for some share in the improved condition of things. While the cost of living has increased considerably, wages have not advanced, so that the employés are really worse off than they were in the hard times.

It is said that a new weekly journal, on the plan of the *Economist*, will shortly make its appearance, being issued simultaneously in Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal. A company with a capital of \$20,000 is said to be in course of formation. This has reference to *The Industrial World and National Economist*, a notice of which appears elsewhere.

There were 828 paper mills in the United States early in 1879. New York State had 189, Massachusetts 184, Pennsylvania 89, Connecticut 69, Ohio 65, New Hampshire 39, New Jersey 33, Maine 32 and Maryland 26. The balance were distributed among the Western States. Of the Southern States Georgia claimed precedence, with seven mills, while Louisiana had none.

The annual dinner of the London, England, newspaper press fund took place on the evening of the 17th June. Edward Decey, a well known journalist and editor of the *Observer*, speaking as an old contributor to many journals in the Colonies and America, proposed the Foreign, Colonial and American Press. Sir Alexander T. Galt, Canadian Commissioner, responded.

In the London *Standard* an advertisement recently appeared from the controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office, inviting tenders for the year's waste paper, which was estimated at 1,500 tons. Now, as there are only about 300 working days in the year, it follows that the daily amount of waste is about five tons, the result showing that 800 reams of fourteen pounds each are per day consigned to the waste paper basket.

The Canadian Press Association—really meaning the Press of Ontario—which was instituted at Kingston, September 27th, 1859, meets this year in the last week of July, and the annual excursion will start from Toronto by the Northern Railway to Collingwood, thence by steamer to Thunder Bay, Prince Arthur's Landing and Duluth, and return. From Prince Arthur's Landing a special trip of 150 miles will be given the party over the section of the Canada Pacific Railway already completed.

The employés of the Toronto *Telegram* held a boat race on the bay on the evening of June 22. Racing skiffs were used, two miles was the distance, and nine contestants started. They came in in the following order: S. D. Garside, Geo. Chancey, Chas. Buchanan, H. T. McPhillips, John Maveety and A. M. Tibert. In the consolation race, the following afternoon, there were three entries, Squarry, Lowrey and White. The race was a good one and they finished in the order named.

John Bateman, a printer, who formerly worked at Moncton and Chatham, but who has lately been in Boston, met with an accident while on his way from Boston to Hartford, recently. While in the act of stepping off the car platform, at Springfield, he fell and sustained injuries to the chest that laid him up. The injuries were not serious. Mr. Bateman has contributed several Boston letters to the *Times* over the signature of "Kit." He does not fancy the States, however, adding at the foot of a note to this office that his "next trip will be for home"—he "don't believe in the climate of the 'Hub.'" —*Moncton Times*. [He is now at home, where he proposes to stay until the hot weather is over, at all events. —ED.]

Mr. C. H. Mackintosh, of the Ottawa *Citizen*, and Mayor of Ottawa, recently applied in the Court of Chancery for an injunction restraining the Dominion Government from paying any money to Mr. J. J. Richardson, the contractor for *Hansard*, on account of that publication, in which Mr. Mackintosh claims to have a joint interest. But later advices state that both parties have preferred to settle out of court the share of the profits of the contract which each is to get, rather than have the extent of them disclosed to the public. Still later advices say that Mayor Mackintosh is implicated in the Townsend contract scandal: this is a case of a government employé being awarded a contract under suspicious circumstances.