

readily suggested, afford the country publisher excellent opportunities for making his paper attractive. Important as are these little occurrences in a country town and for miles around it, they are too insignificant to find a place in the metropolitan journal, and therefore it should not be looked upon as a rival by the local publisher. The country publisher has a fruitful field, its fertility depending solely on his enterprise, push and energy.

PROTECTION FOR PUBLISHERS

ONE of the subjects discussed at the meeting of the Canadian Press Association was the necessity of so amending the Customs tariff as to benefit the publishers. It was felt that as those interested in other branches of trade deemed it necessary or advisable to interview the ministers in reference to tariff changes, the publishers would be justified in doing likewise. At present such high duties are imposed on certain articles that they are practically prohibited from entering Canada. As the manufacturers of these articles are very large advertisers their prohibition most seriously affects the publisher. We firmly believe that the publisher has as much right to exercise his influence in framing or amending the tariff as has the manufacturer. The publisher may not employ as many men as do the great majority of the manufacturers, but the publishers in Canada give far more employment than do the makers of patent medicines, and they are certainly entitled to as much consideration as are the medicine manufacturers. It is not always possible for us to see eye to eye, especially when our own interests are at stake, but it is to be regretted that there was any diversion of opinion on this subject. A little more consideration may bring about more harmonious opinions next year, but meantime the publishers are losing thousands of dollars.

TESTING THE TYPOGRAPH

THE publishers of PRINTER AND PUBLISHER have for some months had a Typograph in operation in the composing room setting matter for two weeklies. So far the cost of operating has been considerably in excess of the value of its product, and the work done has not been as satisfactory as if type were used. There has been more or less experimenting during this time, and the machine has not always been operated by an expert. Recently it has had everything in its favor. The publishers have met the Typograph people in everything they wanted in the way of special driving attachments, and have put on an operator who is said to be one of the best in Canada. We will give actual results of each week's work which will be of very great value to the majority of publishers

in enabling them to form an idea as to its adaptability for the average newspaper office.

The following are the figures for March to date. The remarks are copied from the foreman's report to the manager:—

Week ending March 4,—amount set..... ^{KMS} 80,000
(Not running 3 hours, Friday, on account of pulley taken off shafting for repairs—not running Saturday owing to break in casting box. Sent to Windsor for repairs—Promised for Monday.)

Week ending March 11,—amount set..... 33,500
(Machine not working from Monday to Thursday, owing to non-return of casting box.)

Week ending March 18,—amount set..... 93,500
(Out of order Thursday.)

Week ending March 25,—amount set..... 80,000
(Machine not working as it should since new casting box has been put in—The machinist worked three hours Thursday repairing nipple—motor off three hours Friday, owing to repairs at power house. Trouble with nipple all week.

Total set..... 287,000

Value at 28c. per thousand..... \$80.36

To produce this cost:—

Operator 4 weeks at \$15..... \$60.00

Rent of machine 4 weeks at \$7..... 28.00

Fuel, Power, &c. 4 weeks at \$2.40..... 9.60

\$97.60

To do the same work by hand as shown above would cost \$80.36. There has therefore been a net loss of \$97.60 - \$80.36 or \$17.24 in a month. The cost per thousand for the month was 34c., and no charge is made for machinist's wages or repairs, as the machine is kept in running order by the Typograph Co. Another month's record may make a better showing, and further comment is reserved until it is completed.

EMPLOYING PRINTERS' ASSOCIATION

THE annual meeting of the Toronto Employing Printers' Association was held in the Rossin House, Thursday 6th inst., President C. B. Robinson in the chair. The reports of the Chairman of the Executive Committee, the Secretary and the Treasurer were presented and showed the Association to be in a prosperous condition. The Treasurer's report showed a slight balance on hand in the bank.

These officers were elected for the ensuing term:

President—A. F. Rutter.

Vice-President—H. Bruce Brough.

Secretary—W. H. Apted.

Treasurer—Daniel Rose.

Executive Committee—W. A. Shepard (Chairman), D. A. Rose, Thomas Todd, S. Frank Wilson, James