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## CURRENT NOTES.

IT is pretty well understood that Mr. James S. Brierley, publisher of The St. Thomas Journal, will assume control of The Montreal Herald, and carry it on as a one-cent morning paper. The old English Liberal journal has fallen into good hands. Mr. Brierley is a man of ideas and force. He is noted in Ontario newspaper work for thorough business and editorial enterprise, with a strong respect for a high-class standard in journalism, and a quiet determination of character which will make itself felt in The Herald. He is in no sense a violent partisan, and the newspaper men in Montreal will be glad to enrol him in their ranks. Still, as president of the Canadian Press Association and through The St. Thomas Journal, Mr. Brierley will keep in touch with Ontario.

Two or three bright Ontario journalists, it is said, will accompany Mr. Brierley to Montreal, and a first-class staff will turn out the new Herald. Mr. Brierley will have a managing editor and devote himself to general management. The evening papers have long held the newspaper field in Montreal, both in circulation and advertising patronage, but there seems to be no reason why a one-cent morning paper should not create a large constituency for itself. Mr. Brierley will carry east with him the good wishes of many members of the craft who, on personal—and some no doubt on political—grounds heartily desire his success.

It is understood that The Chatham Banner will be sold, and that Mr. John A. Mackay, its clever editor, will go to Montreal, probably to manage the printing department of The Herald office.

The election, by an immense majority, of Mr. Andrew Pattullo, of The Woodstock Sentinel Review, to succeed Sir Oliver Mowat in the Legislature is very gratifying to newspaper men

generally. Many editorial pens have recorded warm praise of Mr. Pattullo since his election. The interest he has taken in the Dairymen's Association and the Good Roads Association stamps him as a very valuable addition to the Legislature, while his close and intimate connection with the press warrants us in claiming him as a kind of delegate-at-large from the Ontario profession. Mr. Pattullo's majority in Woodstock was 290, as against Sir Oliver Mowat's 32, an indication of local approval which would gratify any man.

The copyright congress at Berne has passed a resolution in favor of copyright protection to newspaper articles.

The cry is always for something new. Mr. Harmsworth's new London paper, The Daily Mail, has proved a success, while Sir George Newnes' Courier has suspended. The Mail made a specialty of a daily telephone despatch from Paris, and went in for originality in various ways. The paper has doubled its advertising rates, a fair index of a good start. Sometimes new ideas are not pleasant, as, for instance, the adoption by the London Sunday journals of scented paper.

The Toronto World, which is being so brightly managed by Herbert Burrows, finds that its large circulation requires greater press facilities, and an order for a new press has been given to a New York house. It will print from 15,000 to 30,000 copies an hour, according to the size of the paper, and the demands for The World, which have become very large all over Canada, will thus be satisfied.

It is likely that the question of the free privilege of the mails will be taken up by Mr. Mulock, the new Postmaster-General. The Toronto Star says that he is "investigating the work of the department thoroughly and is obtaining information regarding the privilege extended to newspaper publishers of free transmission of their goods through the mail. Extensive reports are being obtained from all the cities and large towns, and upon the information thus obtained will be based the decision whether or not the privilege will be abolished."

This story, told of The New York World, will do for an illustration of the height of impudence. A New York gentleman received a letter from a missionary friend in Persia, confirming The World's Armenian correspondence. He thought it would be appreciated. To his amazement the letter was declined with cool disdain: "We never confirm our own news in our own column." The rule is good, since The World would oftener be troubled with contradiction than confirmation.