

terms that would be offensive even if the newspaper deity whom she had offended was a Mrs. Langtry.

"An incident like this, trifling as it may be, is evidence that women can be mean upon provocation that would not stir a man. Individual character determines the quality of woman's influence in journalism, in politics, or in anything else. If the individual be noble, the influence will be good; if the individual be otherwise, the influence will be ordinary."

We are inclined to agree with the writer that a woman is

very apt to become vindictive when she is, or thinks she is, trampled upon. But while this may be a usual characteristic, it is by no means a necessary one, and should not be sufficient to keep women out of journalism. In it there is a certain sphere in which she can, with equal abilities, do more suitable work—simply because she is a female. On the large *Toronto* papers to-day, some half-a-dozen women are doing genuinely good work; and if mistakes are made at times, time must be trusted to for the elimination of the objectionable features.



A FOUNDER OF THE C.P.A.

ONE of the founders of the Canadian Press Association has passed away. Dougall MacDougall was one of the assistants of Wm. Gillespie, editor of the *Hamilton Spectator*, in his successful efforts, in 1859, to found an association which would be representative of the newspaper fraternity of the Province of Ontario. In 1862 he was president of the association, and filled the office with such satisfaction that it grew remarkably during that year.

Mr. MacDougall died in Berlin, Ont., on August 28th, in the seventieth year of his age. For over two years he had been in declining health, and during the past month it could be readily seen that the candle had burned down nearly to the socket. But his life was a light which brightened the Province in which he lived, the profession of which he was a leading member, and the hearts of the many friends that his kindly disposition, his broad charity and his excellent parts had won him.

Mr. MacDougall, though born in Scotland, was educated in Toronto, and afterwards was with the publishing house of Rowsell & Thompson. Soon he embarked in journal-

ism on his own account as editor and publisher of the *Canadian Family Herald*. With his journalistic abilities he combined the ability of a ready and popular speaker. He was remarkably well informed on general matters, and contributed to the *Toronto Globe* in its earlier years, was editorially connected with the *Hamilton Journal and Express*, and also with

the *Hamilton Banner*, and was editor and joint owner of the *Hastings Chronicle*, published at Belleville, and subsequently editor of the *Kent Advertiser*, published at Chatham.

In 1856 he removed to Berlin, where he became proprietor and editor of the *Berlin Telegraph and German Canadian*, the latter being the first German Liberal newspaper published in Canada.

He was in 1862 appointed registrar of Waterloo, by the Sandfield Macdonald Government, although politically opposed to that administration. His appointment was recommended unanimously by the County Council, and was approved of by men of all parties. He filled this office until about three years ago, when he resigned. Mr. MacDougall was never married; his nearest relatives are his two sisters, Mrs. King, mother of John King, Q.C., and Miss Flora MacDougall.



DOUGALL MACDOUGALL.



SPECIAL MONTREAL NEWS.

THIS month under review has not furnished anything of very special interest in the printing or paper business. It is worthy of note, however, that all the paper mills are full of orders, in several instances running overtime. The goods they are engaged in are news print, book paper, colored covers and writing papers, but largely the three former descriptions. The inference from this is that the printing offices are beginning to experience more active trade, and investigation shows that they are, though the improvement is not very appreciable as yet. A change for the better is certainly wanted, for they have had a very dull time of it. Now, however, many of the leading establishments are commencing to be busy on some of their regular fall contract work, such as patent medicine almanacs, etc.

W. D. Gillean, of the Canada Paper Company, states that the company's mills at Windsor, Que., are now working on all

the orders they can attend to, in fact they are compelled to run night and day. The bulk of the goods being turned out at present is news print, book paper, and colored covers, but there are quite a few orders coming in for writing paper as well.

The Rolland Paper Co. mills, at St. Jerome, are now running overtime on orders. J. B. Rolland & Sons, the Montreal agents, state that the company has about equalled its average season's business.

The city during the past few weeks has had a regular convention fever, there being no less than four large and important gatherings in that line. All this, taken with the arrival of a large fleet of warships, has given the members of the local city press a very busy time. It has to be admitted that they handled the work well, and that allowing for a slight tendency to flop over manifested by one of the morning and one of the evening English dailies, the matter served up to the public was readable and