

city, has opened a job office in Magee's building, at the head of the Ferry Landing.

Mr. Richard Heans, late foreman with H. Chubb & Co., has opened a bindery on King Square. He has put in paper-ruling and book-binding machinery and is now prepared to execute work in these lines equal to any in the city. Adjoining this establishment will be found the book store of Mr. J. L. McCoskery, who was also in the employ of the same firm before the fire. Mr. McCoskery, though quite a young man, seems particularly well adapted for his business, and we bespeak for him the patronage of the craft and others.

The Maritime Steam Lithographic Company resumed business very promptly and occupy tenoratory quarters on Wentworth near King street east. They intend occupying, as soon as finished, a part of the building in course of erection by Mr. G. A. Knodell.

The total loss to the printing fraternity outside of insurance, will foot up not far short of \$200,000, which, it must be admitted, is a pretty hard blow for one industry. Nevertheless, there is no flagging. All seem imbued with the desire to replace their losses in as prompt a manner as possible. We hope that in building their new offices, the proprietors will bestow some little thought on the comfort and convenience of their employes, for the latter have stood up to their tasks manfully, and deserve well at the hands of their employers. They have made the best of things, and when occasion required worked under the most disadvantageous circumstances without a murmur—every one seeming to be anxious to contribute something for the general good. May they never be called upon to pass through such another season of misfortune.

Condition of the Craft after the Fire.

In this issue of the *Miscellany* it might be well to give a short sketch of the doings of the craft in St. John from the disastrous 20th June to the present time. It was certainly a sad sight to see the "disciples of Faust" perambulating the black and ruined streets of St. John at early dawn on the morning of the 21st, for sixty-three journeymen printers knew not where to go to find a particle of their effects. No home—no place to earn bread for their families or themselves! Ten printing offices, that employed sixty-three journeymen and thirty-one apprentices, were mouldering in the ruins of the fair

city, and the printing craft, were "tacking" round disconsolate although not disheartened. But, hark! what's that? "*Telegraph, 'eroes—all 'bout the fire!*" comes sounding out of Charlotte street, and taken up by a score of urchins who are always on the alert for anything new. Sure enough, the enterprising types of the *Telegraph* had not suspended a single paper. A little sheet of eight columns, 10x14, was issued from the office of Mr. George W. Day, giving a meagre (but good for the time) description of the fire. Printers scarcely credited the truth of the outcry "*my 'eroes,*" sounded so early after the fire on the streets. The knights of the stick and rule were not to be baffled by the conflagration, and showed an enterprise worthy of St. John.

Various sums came from friends of the craft for the relief of those burnt out, and it was suggested that a general meeting of the craft be held to devise ways and means for the disposal of the funds as most needed. Accordingly a meeting was held on the evening of 23rd July, at Victoria Hall, Germain street. Messrs. Perkins and Wilson filled the chair alternately, and Mr. Joseph Seymour acted as Secretary. It was there stated that some \$400 had been received for the benefit of suffering printers by the fire. It was found on enquiry that no such sum had been received. A Relief Committee was appointed, consisting of one from each job and news office, to investigate claims, etc., and disburse the funds where most needed, and the following were appointed an Executive Committee to take the matter in hand:—

Wm. Ferguson, Chairman; J. W. Perkins, F. A. Lugin, J. Shannahan, J. Sullivan, S. Reed, R. Magee, W. Newth, T. Newth, R. Maxwell, B. Appleby and J. Law.

At a meeting of this committee held on July 26th, F. A. Lugin was appointed Treasurer and John Law, Secretary.

Several meetings of the above committee, together with a sub-committee, took place, and after various attempts to disburse the very small amount in the treasury, the following circular was published, and the same has been printed and forwarded throughout the United States and Canada. There has not been a single dollar expended except for current expenses—hall hire, etc. The money has been placed in the Maritime Bank and will be disbursed as speedily as possible. Losses to the extent of \$8,300 are set down by journeyman printers and apprentices