

Contrary to usual custom in making important Government announcements, it was given out first to the afternoon papers. This, so people say, was to let The Winnipeg Tribune have it before The Winnipeg Free Press. The former is Mr. R. L. Richardson, M.P.'s, paper, and as he is a strong supporter of Government, and The Free Press is independent, the privilege, like kissing, went by favor. The Montreal Herald, however, then a morning paper got over the difficulty neatly. The newspapers had advance typewritten copies of the terms. An extra was issued at noon on the day authorized for publication.

Mr. Beckles Wilson, of The London, Eng., Daily Mail, is now on his way to the Pacific Coast, having visited all central points in the Eastern Provinces for material for his letters to his paper. His labors entitle him to the consideration of his newspaper confreres in this country, and personally he is bright, clever and agreeable. He is of opinion that a regular Canadian cable service is practicable if twenty-five dailies from Halifax to Victoria will go in for it. At the outset it might be supplementary to the present service which is via the United States. Ten dollars per week, he thinks, would meet the cost.

The death of Mr. Henry Lawson removes a veteran editor, who was known to most newspaper men in Canada and was the personal friend of a great many. Mr. Lawson spent his earlier and middle life on the Maritime press. He came west and was attached to the staffs of The Toronto Globe, The Montreal Herald and Montreal Star; conducted The Cornwall Freeholder for a time, before Mr. C. W. Young purchased it, and about 1888 went out to be editor of The Victoria Colonist, which position he retained to the last. He was a man of ability and possessed a kindly nature.

#### THE CANADIAN PRESS ASSOCIATION.

##### THE APPROACHING ANNUAL MEETING.

NOTIFICATIONS have already been sent out by Mr. Cooper to the members containing the programme for the annual meeting, which opens in the Board of Trade Building, Toronto, Thursday, February 4th. In preparing a programme some difficulty was experienced in getting contributors. To make requests personally of over 160 members was impossible, and it is expected that members generally will come prepared to participate in the discussions; to think over the subjects and suggestions they would like to bring before the association, and thus ensure practical debates. Members intending to come to Toronto will make note of the following arrangement with the railways:

The railways have made the same liberal arrangements as in 1895 and 1896. Members will buy full-fare tickets to Toronto, getting at the same time a certificate from the local ticket agent. This, when signed by the secretary of the association and presented at the Union Station, will enable them to secure a ticket back free of charge.

##### THE DINNER.

The social side of the annual meeting is one of its most important features. The committee discussed many different plans. It was finally decided that the position of the association and the wishes of all its members would be best served by a dinner. The National Club, to which several members belong, is the place where the dinner will be held. Recently fitted up in fine style, this club is now one of the best appointed in

Canada. It is non-political in character. The toast list will be short. Besides representative members of the daily and weekly press, several public men will speak. These include: Hon. William Mulock, Postmaster-General; Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Hon. J. I. Tarte, Minister of Public Works; Principal Parkin, of Upper Canada College; Lieut.-Col. G. T. Denison, president British Empire League. Hon. Mr. Fielding, Minister of Finance, will be present if the sittings of the Tariff Commission permit. Mr. Mulock, Sir M. Bowell, and Mr. Tarte have definitely accepted. Among newspaper men who are also Parliamentarians the following will speak at the banquet: John Ross Robertson, M.P., Andrew Pattullo, M.P.P., W. F. Maclean, M.P., E. F. Clarke, M.P. The programme for the business meetings is as follows:

##### PROGRAMME.

Thursday morning—Opens at 11 o'clock.

Reports of executive and secretary-treasurer; president's address, appointment of Committee on Resolutions, nomination of officers, discussion of label matters.

Thursday afternoon—Opens at 2 o'clock

Advertising Matters—A. J. Jeffry, Chronicle, Annprior, Hal B. Donk, Reformer, Simcoe; F. H. Dobbin, Review, Peterboro; A. McKim, Montreal.

Postage on Newspapers—Hon. Wm. Mulock, Postmaster-General; J. S. Brierley, Herald, Montreal; W. J. Douglas, Mail and Empire, Toronto; S. Stephenson, Planet, Chatham, and others.

Small Local Ads. in Weeklies—M. Y. McLean, Expositor, Seaforth

Size and the Daily Press—A. H. U. Colquhoun, Printer and Publisher

Insurance Report—T. H. Preston, Expositor, Brantford

Excursion Report—L. W. Shannon, Citizen, Ottawa

Friday morning—Meet at 9.30 o'clock

Illustrated Editions for Weeklies—W. Ireland, North Star, Parry Sound.

Early History of our Association—John Cameron, Advertiser, London.

Country Correspondence—A. R. Fawcett, Leader, Toronto Junction.

The Outlook for Canadian Journalism—Andrew Pattullo, Sentinel-Review, Woodstock.

Estimating—R. G. McLean, Employing Printers' Association, Toronto.

Machine Work—P. D. Ross, Journal, Ottawa, H. W. Laird, Sentinel-Star, Cobourg; and others.

Election of officers.

N.B.—Members are particularly requested to come prepared to engage in as many of the discussions as possible.

##### THE POSTAGE QUESTION.

Not in many years has a question of more importance to newspaper publishers come up than that of postage, and every member should endeavor to be present. As the notification sent out to members says: "From an interview recently had by the president of the association with the Postmaster-General, it is evident that the Department contemplates speedy action in regard to the transmission of newspapers through the mail. It is felt that the present system has been subjected to grave abuse and that a remedy must be sought. Mr. Mulock is anxious, however, to pay every consideration to the desire of newspaper publishers. In view of this it is extremely important that the association at its coming meeting should take such action as will indicate to the Postmaster-General what is the opinion of newspaper publishers on the subject. No doubt if the meeting be a large one and thoroughly representative and there is practical concurrence in the conclusions arrived at, the course of the Postmaster-General may be distinctly influenced by the representations of the association."

A new weekly has been started in Stayner. The name is The Stayner Watchman. In politics it is independent. Mr. James Peattie is the publisher and proprietor.