

## BRITISH AND CANADIAN PRESS.

W. F. MACLEAN, M.P., ON THE CABLE SERVICE AND THE ABSENCE OF A BRITISH EXCHANGE LIST.

W. F. MACLEAN, M.P., of The Toronto World, has an admirable fashion of going straight to the point in discussing questions. That was a feature of his speech at the banquet in the National Club, Toronto, Sept. 15, to Hon. Wm. Mulock. The banquet was given by the British Empire League in recognition of Mr. Mulock's services in securing Imperial penny postage. In the course of his remarks, Mr. Maclean referred to the lesson which reduced postage had for men in his business, that of newspapers.

"He thought the time had come when newspapers, if they believed in the Imperial idea, ought to co-operate in some way so as to get a better cable news service as between the two countries. This was not a matter for state aid; it depended entirely upon the newspapers, and he hoped that at some early day there would be a movement inaugurated in this direction. There was another thing, however, that would go a long way towards building up the Imperial idea and furthering closer relations between the Mother Country and the colonies, and that was for the two Governments to provide for the free transmission of exchanges between newspapers and magazines of the two countries. At the present time, very few English papers were read by Canadian newspapermen and magazine writers. If a freer system of exchange were inaugurated between newspapers it would go a great way towards strengthening the Imperial idea. Penny postage would secure what the Postmaster-General contended it would secure: Freer exchange of ideas between individuals; but the free transmission of newspaper exchanges would give a much wider exchange of public policy, and this was a matter of the highest importance."

Even the Canadian publishers and editors who are not specially enamored of the Imperial idea can indorse this. The larger ideas, the more important world questions, the intensely interesting phases of European, particularly British, civilization, are all feebly and inadequately presented to Canadians by reason of the meagre communication now existing between Canadian and British newspaper offices. The change indicated by Mr. Maclean would eliminate much that is narrow, trivial, and erroneous from our newspapers.

### PRICE LIST OF STATIONERY, ETC.

Buntin, Gillies & Co., Hamilton, have in press their annual price list of wedding stationery, programmes, menu cards, invitations, etc. The new numbers in these lines are very fine. In wedding invitations, the tendency is for quieter designs, paper taking the place of cards to a large extent. The latest in note-paper is a large square sheet, which folds once in an oblong envelope of good dimensions. The advertising folders and greeting cards are more striking than usual; menus are larger and more elaborate; programmes, quiet and tastily decorated. Altogether, this line is well worth showing, and every printer should have in his office, from which to take orders, one of the handsome sample books supplied by this firm.

Katherine Blake Watkins ("Kit" of The Toronto Mail and Empire) was married at Washington last month to Dr. Theo. Coleman, son of the late Dr. Coleman, of Scaforth, Ont.



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