

even better things for him and his paper. The Herald, however, with the good men it has already, recruited by others, will, it is said, be made financially sound; issue an evening edition either under the present or a new name; and retain the Liberal constituency which sprang into existence at the late election.

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This is what The Herald itself has to say: "A petition for a winding-up order against the Montreal Herald Company was presented to Mr. Justice Doherty in the Superior Court yesterday, Aug. 7th. His Honor granted the petition, and appointed Mr. Alfred C. Tucker, the company's accountant, provisional liquidator, at the same time authorizing him to continue the publication of the paper. The company's unsecured liabilities, apart from those due to its directors, are comparatively small. The object of the proceedings is the reorganization of the business by an equitable distribution of its present assets, and the formation of a stronger company, with ample capital and resources to carry on the paper in a manner worthy of its position as a leading metropolitan journal."

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Mr. Robert Jaffray, president of The Globe Co., is now in Europe, but will return shortly. Mr. John A. Ewan, editorial writer of The Globe, has been in Chicago studying the silver and other political issues of the Republic. Mr. P. F. Cronin, editor of The Catholic Register, leaves next week for Ireland to attend the great Nationalist meeting in Dublin. Mr. Cronin will go with the other Canadian delegates, who include some of the leading Irishmen of the Dominion, and will be the only journalist in the party from this country.

THE CANADIAN PRESS ASSOCIATION.

ON Tuesday, September 8th, at 11 o'clock, in the Queen's Hotel, Toronto, there will be a meeting of the Executive of the Canadian Press Association. The business of the meeting will be to consider applications for membership, the cases of members in arrears, some small accounts, and the arrangements necessary for the next annual meeting. The latter subject, of course, will be the most important one. Usual Executive meeting is held in June, but this year, on account of the smoothness with which the affairs of the association have run, it has been found unnecessary to hold one before September.

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Any person who desires to read a paper or introduce a subject at the next annual meeting (February, 1897) should communicate at once with the secretary or the president. Members are sometimes heard complaining that certain subjects, on which they have desired to hear discussions, have been omitted from the programme. This would be obviated if every member would co-operate with the Executive in suggesting and arranging papers. Volunteer papers are usually numerous, but they should be even more numerous. It does not take a long paper or a long address to introduce a subject, and almost any vital topic introduced at the sessions at once arouses the full interest of the members, all of whom are willing to state their views and their experience.

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No member of the association should expect to come to the association and spend all his time listening. He must not be a sponge. He must be prepared to exchange his own ideas for

those of others. He must be prepared, at least, to swap some of his old, musty information for the bright new brain-products of his superiors in the craft. The selfish man is a confounded nuisance anywhere, and the selfish newspaper man at a gathering of the profession, such as an annual meeting of an association, is—well, perhaps, a burglar would be too strong, but some milder word which means something the same.

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There seems to be an idea abroad somewhere that the next meeting of the association will be held at Ottawa. No ground for this statement can be found. The information is certainly not official.

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There has also been some talk of reducing the initiation fee of the association from \$5 to \$3. There are some who claim that the present figure is too high. Others again claim that if it were not so high old members who drop in arrears for two years would prefer to come in as new members if the initiation fee were low. There seems, however, to be room for improvement. Perhaps it would be wise to lower the initiation fee from \$5 to \$3 in the case of country weeklies having less than 1,000 circulation, all others to pay the \$5 now assessed. By amending the constitution to prevent a member once in arrears being again proposed for membership, the danger of a low initiation fee would be obviated.

INACCURACIES IN THE DAILY PRESS.

ACCURACY ought to be a reporter's first aim. A news paper exists to record passing events, and if it doesn't record them correctly it fails in its principal duty. The reporter should avoid fine writing, and instead of making a god of style devote his talents to simple, direct narration and literal accuracy. Charles A. Dana, the veteran editor of The New York Sun, who is a good authority, places correctness as a reporter's chief qualification. Yet it does appear sometimes as if the reporter, in hustling for news, is satisfied with getting the essential facts, and letting details take care of themselves.

The other day a case which illustrates what I mean occurred in Toronto. The whole subject was of no special importance, but what is worth reporting is worth reporting right. There was a meeting of Tory politicians in Toronto July 30, and several of the papers had errors in statements of easily ascertained facts. For instance, The Mail said Sir Charles Tupper dined at Government House, while The World gave him to Senator Allan for the same function. The Globe said Dr. Montague arrived in town too late to attend the meeting, while The Mail declared him to have been present. The World said Sir Charles went east to Montreal by Grand Trunk train, while The Globe recorded his departure by the 9.20 train. Both statements were errors, because the ex-Premier left by the 9 o'clock Canadian Pacific train. But these are trifles, it will be said. So they are. But anything of sufficient interest to print should be printed correctly.

THE DOCTOR IS WISE.

We have received a copy of The Coldwater Planet, Mr. French's new paper at that place. It is well printed and plentifully supplied with news. A good sign in the advertising columns is the card of a local physician. There is no reason why doctors should not all advertise to this extent.