

offenders, and if any Canadian editor wishes to see exactly what ought to be avoided in a well-conducted, self-respecting journal, he should put one on his exchange list.

One or two cases of attempted imposition on railway companies by persons pretending to be newspaper men have lately been brought to the attention of PRINTER AND PUBLISHER. They asked for passes and gave the names of leading newspapers in the employ of which they professed to be. The officials had the good sense to inquire at headquarters and the fraud was exposed. Railway companies should not allow themselves to be put upon by journalistic imposters.

A change has been made in the Hamilton correspondent of The Toronto Mail, Mr. Sydney B. Woods having relinquished the position to take up the study of law in Toronto. Mr. Morrison, city editor of The Spectator, and Mr. C. A. Mitchell are now doing the work.

The paper which Mr. Wrigley, editor and founder of The Canada Farmers' Sun, has started, is called The New Brotherhood Era. It is the same size as The Sun, but contains no advertisements until a circulation large enough to justify enlargement has been attained, so that subscribers can count upon a certain amount of reading matter in every issue. The Era will devote itself chiefly to the larger questions of political and social reform rather than to news of the day. It will appear fortnightly. Mr. Wrigley is a member of the Press Association, and the success which he has made of his first paper is a valuable lesson to any promoter of a new journalistic enterprise. The Farmers' Sun will shortly be enlarged.

Walter J. Wilkinson, the newly appointed city editor of The Toronto News, began his journalistic career in Guelph, when as a youngster twenty-six years ago he set up his first stick of type. He was then employed on The Guelph Advertiser, of which his father, Jonathan Wilkinson, was proprietor, and worked at the same case with Dan McGillicuddy, now of The Goderich Signal. In 1870, his father moved to Hamilton and launched The Standard, a one-cent morning journal, Walter J. accompanying him. Herbert Gardner, now editor of The Hamilton Times, was first editor of The Standard. Mr. Wilkinson again followed his father when the latter moved to St. Thomas and founded The Times. He became city editor of The Times in 1877, and retained the position for thirteen years, except for a period of six months in 1879, when he acted as managing editor of The Stratford Herald. In February, 1890, he became city editor of The Toronto World, and during his six years' work in the city he has certainly made his presence felt, as those who run the local department of rival journals will testify. That indispensable instinct in a newspaper man, which is known as a "nose for news," is unusually well developed in him, and he possesses, besides, an enormous capacity for hard and long-sustained labor.

Some changes in The World staff have followed the departure of Mr. Wilkinson. Mr. Lawton has been made news editor—a good appointment. He is a man of parts and energy, as his career on The Beeton World showed. Mr. N. H. Buchner, the experienced night editor of the late Empire, who has

been out of newspaper work since the "earthquake" last February, becomes telegraph editor. Mr. Passmore joins the local staff.

The Montreal Herald continues to be all alive in local news with John Maclean as managing editor. R. J. Hartley, who was parliamentary correspondent last session, is now night city editor. E. S. Dean has succeeded J. E. Kennedy as advertising manager.

The Montreal Star shows an improvement in the make up and contents of its Saturday edition. Several articles in the issue of a couple of weeks ago, though reprints, hit the popular taste and created a good deal of talk. The one on The London Times proved not only interesting to newspaper men, but in other circles people were greeted with "Did you see that article in The Star on The London Times?" If they did not they bought a Star to read it. The reprint in most Canadian papers is weak, very weak. The men who prepare it are not as a rule in touch with their readers.

NORTHWEST JOURNALISM.

PRINTER & PUBLISHER had a chat with Mr. Willison, of The Globe, after his return from the west. He was questioned about the journalism of the Northwest and British Columbia. "They have good newspapers, bright and intelligent. Winnipeg has as fine papers as any place in Canada. The Free Press is a morning paper of marked excellence, and The Tribune, as an evening journal, will rank with any in the country. In other places further west, like Regina and Calgary, the same thing impresses one. Calgary is exceedingly well served in this respect.

"The western editors are keen and up-to-date. The people are just as much Canadians as we are here, and they and their papers are equally interested in the public questions of the Dominion. In the matter of news you must remember how heavily handicapped the papers are by the expensive telegraph rates. This point was referred to at several places, notably in British Columbia, where the rates are spoken of as very heavy. It is, therefore, much to the credit of the leading dailies, both in Manitoba and at the Pacific Coast, that they maintain special correspondents in the east who wire the latest news in addition to the regular despatches. In British Columbia the leading paper is The Vancouver World, which well deserves the position it has attained. You meet a number of eastern men on the press out there. I visited Seattle, Washington Territory, while at the Coast, and that city's newspapers are splendid. While there I met the editor of The Times, the evening paper of Seattle, who is none other than C. H. Lugrin, formerly editor of The St. John Telegraph, before Mr. McCready had it. Eleven years ago when on a visit to St. John I saw him there. It's a 'far cry' from St. John, N.B., but a number of New Brunswickers are to be found in Washington, drawn thither, perhaps, by a feeling that the Maritime interests and conditions they were accustomed to in the east are reproduced in a certain sense on the Pacific Coast."

"You are looking exceedingly well after your trip," was remarked. "Well, I feel so," was the ready retort, "my weight is 195 pounds—all Grit."