

THE type-setting match which recently took place at Montreal, and which is fully described in this issue, suggests the feasibility of the printers of the Dominion organizing an association similar in principle to the rifle associations now so much in vogue in this country as well as in Great Britain, only substituting the "stick and rule" for the rifle. Let a team of the best compositors be selected from each province, under proper rules, to compete at some central place—say Montreal to begin with—for medals, etc., and the championship of the Dominion. No doubt almost every employing printer—seeing that they would be the greatest gainers—would aid the project in the way of offering suitable prizes, etc., to be competed for at the Provincial and Dominion matches. The *Miscellany* will be most happy to receive for publication any suggestions regarding the same, and will undertake to furnish at least one prize to be competed for. Now, don't let us talk over it too long, but make a start immediately. What city in the Dominion will open the ball?

IN the case of *Smiles vs. Belford*, Vice-Chancellor Proudfoot, of Ontario, has decided that the Canadian copyright act does not extinguish the copyright of a British author who does not choose to obtain a Canadian copyright. Therefore, a British author may prevent the re-printing of his book in Canada, and may mulct any Canadian publisher in damages who attempts to re-print his book, even after the time had passed when the author himself could have it copyrighted in Canada. This decision, if sustained, will in a large measure destroy the usefulness of the present Canadian copyright act.

CHARLES LAWSON, Esq., of Fredericton, N. B., will please accept our thanks for specimens—an illustrated price list, 10 p.p., in red and black, with cover in gold, and also a few druggists' labels. Both specimens show great care, good judgment and taste, which, combined, have produced excellent effects, and the work will compare very favorably with any of a similar nature done anywhere, this being particularly applicable to the price list.

LETTERS from a large number of correspondents were received too late for this issue of the *Miscellany*. Correspondents sending news will please forward their favors before the last week in each month, at latest.

HISTORY OF THE PRESS IN CANADA.

CITY OF ST. JOHN.—CONTINUED.

1842.—The *Temperance Telegraph* was started in 1842 by Christopher Smiler. This paper was edited by W. R. M. Burtis, Esq., for several years. At the death of C. Smiler, in 1860, its management was continued by his brothers, D. and S. Smiler. In 1859, Dr. Alward purchased the establishment and continued its publication until 1860, when it ceased.

The *St. John Mirror* was published in 1842 by Francis Collins, Esq. It was a tri-weekly, edited by J. R. Fitzgerald. This paper was got up by a joint stock company, of which Mr. Collins was the representative. It was printed by Mr. Alpin Grant (now of Halifax), and for nearly two years was very successfully conducted, but in 1844 its publication ceased.

1843.—The *Liberator and Irish Advocate* made its appearance in 1843, published by the Free Press Association, of which John Gallivan was secretary. This paper lived about two years.

The *Mediator* was started in 1843 by J. R. Fitzgerald, but only continued a few months.

1846.—The *Phoenix Advertiser*, an advertising sheet, with a gratuitous circulation, was started by J. & A. McMillan in 1846. It was published one year.

The *Colonial Advocate*, an agricultural and political paper was issued in 1846 by John Gillies, Esq. It was the organ of the Protectionist party. This paper lived about five years.

1847.—The *Albion* was started by Geo. W. Day and W. S. Bailey in 1847. It was edited by the late Peter Stubbs, Esq. This paper was continued nearly two years, when its publication was suspended. In 1858 it was again issued by Geo. W. Day, by whom it was published until 1860.

The *St. John Mail* was also started in 1847, by Bailey & Day, in connection with the *Albion*. W. H. Venning, Esq., conducted the editorial department of this paper during its existence, which was something over one year.

The *Christian Visitor*, a paper devoted to the interests of the Baptist denomination, was started in 1847 by Geo. W. Day and W. S. Bailey, and was edited by the Rev. E. D. Very. In 1848, Mr. Day sold the paper to the Baptist Association, by whom it was published under the management of Rev. E. D. Very until the death of that gentleman, after which it came into the hands of the Rev. I. E. Bill. In 1875,