

their sons, their own flesh and blood. Two of the pioneer publishers of the country, both in Saskatchewan, editors Laurie and Maveety, had sons in Strathcona's Horse, and a member present, editor Cannon, of Minnedosa, had a son, gone from Edinburgh, and now at the front.

The president made a number of recommendations for association action, relating to questions of newspaper postage, the problem created by the great advance in the cost of paper, etc., the publishers' raw material, foreign advertising, etc., and went on to point out the importance of conducting the press in a manner to compel respect. He read two criticisms on the Western press by recent visitors, the president and secretary respectively of the Canadian Association. President Dingman's comment was very appreciative, while the secretary was more critical, and in some measure condemned the too partisan conduct of the Western newspapers. President Scott thought that fair judgment would be that Western newspapers were no more guilty in this respect than those of the East. He gave instances in proof of his belief that most Western papers are honestly conducted, according to the convictions of the editors, but said the criticisms merited consideration. Were our papers too political? They could not be too political, but they might be too narrow and partisan in their politics. Nothing was lost, much was gained, by treating political questions and opponents fairly, with consideration, with an absence of bitterness or personal feeling. The Western Canadian press ought to be broad, because our country is broad, and we are confronting great problems which should not be approached in any small or narrow spirit. By living up to its opportunities, the press of the West could not fail to become a great influence for good, and a potent factor in the development of this magnificent heritage.

The following were the papers and discussions: "The Importance of the Local Columns in a Country Paper," Mr. Ridington; "How Much Editorial is needed in a Country Weekly," J. F. Galbraith; "Can Country Weeklies Put their Subscription Lists on a Cash-in-Advance Basis?" general discussion.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On the second day of the convention the following officers were elected:

President—G. D. Wilson, Brandon Sun.

First Vice-president—E. A. Chapman, Rat Portage News.

Second Vice-president—J. J. Young, Calgary Herald.

Third Vice-president—H. C. Clay, Rapid City Reporter

Secretary—Geo. H. Saults, Free Press, Winnipeg.

Treasurer—John Stovel.

Executive Committee—F. B. Allan, Port Arthur Herald; John Ridington, Carberry News; J. C. Crome, Mirror, Winnipeg.

The association decided to have an excursion during the coming Summer to the East. J. C. Crome will be in charge of arrangements with Messrs. J. J. Young, Calgary, John Ridington, Carberry, H. C. Clay, Rapid City, and D. L. McIntyre to assist him. The trip contemplated is from Winnipeg to St. Paul, Chicago, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Toronto, North Bay and lake route home.

Mr. A. J. Magurn drew the attention of the convention to the libel law of the Province and suggested remedial legislation. The matter was referred to the committee on legislation.

Messrs. J. R. Lumby, Wahigoon Star; Ira Stratton, Stonewall Argus; E. J. McMillan, Treherne Times; H. L. d'Heliencourt, of L'Echo, Winnipeg, were elected members.

The following papers were read and discussed; "How to Figure on Job Work," John Stovel; "Should the Weekly Subscription Rate be Raised to \$1.50," G. D. Wilson.

The following standing committees were elected:

Price List—Messrs. Cornyn, Stovel and Saults.

Printers' Supplies and Ready Prints—Messrs. Cannon, Galbraith and Wilson.

Subscriptions and Circulation—Messrs. Clay, Scott and Graham.

Legislation—Messrs. Magurn, Scott, Clay, McIntyre and Turnock.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED.

The following resolutions, in addition to several motions of thanks, were passed:

Resolved, that this association act in conjunction with the Canadian Press Association in bringing pressure to bear upon the Postmaster-General to adopt a flat rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ cent. per pound for newspaper postage, and to abolish the zone system.

Moved by A. J. Magurn, seconded by J. J. Young, "That the W. C. P. Association, in annual meeting assembled, in the city of Winnipeg, desires to place on record its gratification at the recent splendid successes which have attended British arms in South Africa, where the soldiers of the Empire are engaged in repelling the invasion of British territory, and fighting for the same rights and liberties which all self-governing communities enjoy under the British flag wherever it floats the world over."

Resolutions were also passed by the association expressing its deep sense of regret at the death of Mr. T. A. Bell, the first president of the reorganized W. C. P. Association, and also at the death of Mr. F. W. Huckell, of The Carberry Express. The secretary was also instructed to convey to the relatives and families of the deceased members the sympathy of the association.

"That the members of this association agitate, through their respective papers, for the purpose of obtaining legislation requiring the advertising of animals lost or strayed. For legislation making provision for the speedy collection of small debts. For the publication in the newspapers by the Government of a summary of all new legislation, for the information of the general public."

"Resolved, that each member of the association present publishing a paper with a circulation not exceeding 2,000, binds himself to take no advertising at a lower rate than that agreed upon by the executive of the association and that the practice of accepting goods from advertisers for part payment of space be discontinued."

THE CLOSING FESTIVITIES.

The convention spent its last evening in town at the theatre, winding up with a banquet tendered by the Winnipeg branch of the Toronto Type Foundry Company, the