

About "Combines."

THE LONDON FREE PRESS considers that "there are proper and improper combines. Every school section, township or county is a combine; so is every joint stock or other company; so is the Patrons of Industry order; so are boards of trade. Sugar or cotton or binder twine or agricultural implement companies who unite and by saving expenses of travellers and clerks, and by centralizing their efforts, reduce the price of sugar to that of moulding sand, of cotton to that of straw, binder twine to a minimum, and of agricultural implements to a mere trifle, even while they do themselves good, are also doing the country good. There is one Agricultural Implement Industry in Canada, that alone directly and indirectly gives support to thirty-five thousand people in employing seven thousand souls. Yet agricultural implements are cheaper in Canada than in any land on the face of this world."

A good deal of nonsense is talked and written these days about type and press manufacturers supplying printers with goods upon the lien principle. Most of the firms now in successful business in Canada started in a small way and could not have obtained the necessary credit to make a beginning, had it not been for that principle. At the same time even a good thing can be overdone, and when dealers supply outfits to those who have absolutely no capital they are encouraging competition that is an injury to their own best customers. The remedy is simple and rests with the printers themselves if they will but apply it.

ALFRED W. WOOD, lately with the Victoria (B.C.) Printing Company, has returned to Toronto and cast his lot in with the Times which he has re-modelled and very much improved.

In last number it was stated that the Streetsville Review was printed upon a hand press. This was incorrect, and our contemporary has set us right—the work is done upon a power press. The Review adds: "At the same time we are free to admit that some of the brightest and best exchanges received at this office are printed upon Washington hand presses." The possibilities of the hand press are not to be despised as it is capable of turning out the very best kind of work in skilful hands. The only drawbacks are that it is laborious and slow.

Personal Paragraphs.

M. McBEATH has bought out the Millbrook Messenger.

THE American Bookbinder is published at Buffalo; fifty cents a year.

B. McGUIRE, Orangeville, reports that the Banner is making good progress.

R. MATHISON has commenced the publication of the Mining Review at Okanagan Falls, B.C.

D. ENGLISH, job printer, Montreal, was burned out last month; loss \$7,000, insurance \$1,000.

H. MCCUTCHEON has been succeeded by the Inland Sentinel Printing Company at Kamloops, B.C.

M. W. WILLIAMS has bought his partners out, and now conducts the Cobourg World in his own behalf.

R. D. WARREN has a good property in the Georgetown Herald, which has just completed its 28th year of publication.

JAS. THOS. PATTISON, Pontiac (Q.) Advertiser, has bought out the Alymer (Q.) Gazette, and will consolidate the two offices.

MRS. WILLIAM E. CROSSBY, mother of P. A. Crossby, manager of the Dominion Type Foundry, recently celebrated her 82nd birthday.

DOUGLAS REVILLE, of the Brantford Courier, was recently married to Miss Jean Morton, daughter of Andrew Morton, of Hamilton.

MRS. MARGARET L. SHEPHERD is producing a neatly printed and well-edited weekly paper called the British Canadian, whose motto is "One language, one school, one flag, one nation."

The Imprint.

A monthly journal published by the Toronto Type Foundry Company, fills a long felt want among the craft. The September number now before us is printed on toned paper, and the make up is simply perfect. The first page contains an excellent cut of Jno. A. Macdonald of the Arnprior Chronicle and President of the E. O. Press Association with a short sketch of that gentleman's journalistic career. The News welcomes THE IMPRINT among its exchanges, and wishes the Toronto Type Foundry Company every success. Smiths Falls News.