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## CURRENT NOTES.

IN the political turn-over at Ottawa at least four newspaper workers come to the front. The new Secretary of State, Hon. R. W. Scott, has chosen for private secretary Wm. Kehoe, of The Ottawa Free Press staff; Mr. Edgar, the new Speaker, will have E. A. Magurn, of the Toronto press, for secretary, and it is understood that the Minister of Customs' secretary will be John Bain, the Paris correspondent of the Brantford Expositor for some years. Sir Richard Carwright's secretary, F. C. T. O'Hara, formerly of Chatham, Ont., is also a newspaper man, having been on the staff of The Baltimore Herald. And there may be others.

The promoters of copyright are fortunate in the new Parliament, as one of the most active and able of their number is a member of the new House—Mr. John Ross Robertson. Mr. Robertson, who has been in Europe for some weeks, will be back before the opening of Parliament on the 19th inst. It is fortunate for the cause of Canadian copyright that Mr. Robertson is in the House, as the erstwhile chief parliamentary champion of the reform, Mr. Edgar, will be Speaker, and thus to a certain extent debarred from active debate on the question. But Mr. Robertson will worthily wear the mantle that descends to him.

There was, of course, no truth in the rumor that Hon. W. H. Montague was to be chief editorial writer for The Mail. The present holder of that office, Mr. Arthur F. Wallis, is competent to hold his own with any writer for the press in Canada, and well deserves the kindly tribute paid him a few days ago by Mr. W. C. Nichol in The London Daily News. Hon. W. H. Montague is an orator and also a physician, and no doubt good at both trades, but he is not a newspaper man, and lays no

claim to be a writer. The idea that any one may run a newspaper, regardless of all previous training, seems to be at the basis of rumors of this kind.

Those who take an interest in the condensed standard for newspapers might examine The Globe and Mail of Friday, August 7. Each was only eight pages, and yet they covered all the news of the day admirably. No doubt ads. are low in a daily office on Friday, and there was that day a slight lull in politics. But, at the same time, this particular issue shows what can be done when there is a determination to do it.

The sudden interest in the mining boom in British Columbia has caused the big dailies to send commissioners out to write up the Kootenay district. The Mail has despatched J. A. Currie, who has already begun work, and it is probable that The Globe's representative will be Mr. F. Acland, the news editor of the paper, who is thoroughly competent to do first-class work in the line proposed.

A bright Manitoba journalist, Mr. J. J. Moncrieff, managing editor of The Winnipeg Tribune, has been taking his holidays in the east, and put in several days in Toronto.

A good many rumors concerning The Montreal Herald are heard. This venerable newspaper has been in crippled financial condition for some years, due chiefly to the narrow scope for a Liberal English morning paper in Montreal. Now that the Liberal party is in power, and needs a well-equipped journal in the commercial capital, The Herald's time seems to have arrived at last. Several names have been connected by rumor with the contemplated changes. The principal persons mentioned include Mr. P. D. Ross, of Ottawa; Mr. J. W. Dafee, of The Montreal Star; Mr. Brierley, of The St. Thomas Journal; Mr. Alex. Maclean, of Ottawa, and also, and in this case very persistently, Mr. Andrew Pattullo, of Woodstock. The latter's abilities, political standing and extensive experience would be, it is felt, a tower of strength to any paper. **PRINTER AND PUBLISHER** does not know what authority there is for using Mr. Pattullo's name in this connection. It is even said that Mr. J. S. Willison, of The Globe, is in demand to do for Liberal journalism in Quebec what he has done for it in Ontario. But there is little doubt that Mr. Willison and The Globe are inseparable. The owners of the paper and the Liberal party would never consent to his leaving Toronto. Marked as his success has been so far, it is generally felt that the future holds