

At the last meeting of our Union, it being the regular time for the election of officers for the next twelve months, the same list was re-elected as reported in the October *Miscellany*, with the exception of corresponding secretary and sergeant-at-arms. W. H. Mullen was elected to the former position, and C. A. J. Hill to the latter.

The *Dispatch* of to-day, in its review of city matters for the past year, reports that there are in the city 11 book and job printing offices, employing 102 hands, (including pressmen, apprentices, etc.,) with machinery valued at \$37,900; real estate at \$61,000; and sales amounting to \$167,000.50. Bookbinders, lithographers and paper-box makers' establishments, 8; hands, 150; value of machinery, \$48,900; real estate, \$85,000; amount of sales, \$256,765. Paper mill, 1; hands, 65; machinery, \$50,000; real estate, \$30,000; sales, \$120,000. Type foundry, 1; hands, 15; machinery, \$10,000; real estate, \$4,000; sales, \$35,000.

I will close by wishing you and your correspondents a "Happy New Year," and expressing the hope that the *Miscellany*, during the year just opening, may grow and flourish "like a green bay tree." TEMPLE.

"The Agile Type-Lifter" Again.

SARNIA, Jan. 9, 1878.

In a late number of your favorite journal appeared a record of some fast type-setting, perpetrated by Mr. F. Morrison, of the Walkerton *Telescope* office, who is quoted as having picked up 12,247 ems bourgeois in nine hours and fifty-five minutes, appended to which was an enquiry for somebody who could beat it. James W. Harvey, of the *Canadian* office, read the item, and became impressed with the idea that he represented the desired typo. The *Canadian* is set in brevier, twenty ems to the line and seventeen lines to the stick. Mr. Harvey figured that if he could get up thirty-seven sticks in ten hours he would be somewhat ahead of Mr. Morrison's time. On Thursday morning, Dec. 14, he began sharp at seven o'clock on a solid "take" of story. No headings or dashes! By noon he had emptied twenty sticks. At one o'clock he began again, but during the afternoon took a "recess" of fifteen minutes, and at the stroke of six was on the eighth line of his thirty-ninth stick; making a total of 13,080 ems for nine hours and forty-five minutes—or 833 ems ahead

of the Walkerton typo's count in ten minutes less time. Mr. H. says it wasn't one of his good days for setting either; but still he is curious to learn if anybody knows anybody who can adjust more type in shorter order. R.

[Sarnia is ahead now, with plenty places to hear from. Next!—Ed.]

From the Queen City of the West.

TORONTO, ONT., Jan. 21, 1878.

I regret very much to hear of the low state of Cambridge Union from your correspondent, "Lead-Cutter." It is the duty of all true union men to use every honest endeavor to build up their union to a high state of prosperity, and not to blazon its depressed condition, with a tinge of hilarity, to the world. Last year Cambridge was well and ably represented at the International Convention at Louisville in the person of Mr. Holland, a gentleman who was highly respected, and whose opinions, on matters pertaining to the welfare of the craft, weighed well in the estimation of his fellow-delegates. In fact, Mr. Holland was looked upon as one of the "solid men." The idea is quite foreign to the belief of those who knew him at Louisville that he would be guilty, in his own subordinate union, of gathering a "large number of voters" for the purpose of conferring upon him "the high honor of being sent on a tour." I cannot agree with your correspondent when he says that the majority of our unions in the United States and Canada are in a deplorable condition. I am in a position to state, truthfully, that since last June our unions have had less difficulty with proprietors than for the same period since the organization of the I. T. U. This, with other pleasing intelligence which I hear officially from various quarters, goes to prove that our unions are gathering strength.

I have read with pleasure the letter of your Mitchell, Ont., correspondent, and am glad to hear of his anxiety for the formation of unions in large country towns. Such would be of vast benefit both to employer and employee—a clear, readable, and well-displayed advertisement paper, on the one side, and a knowledge of social and beneficial intercourse with one's fellow-craftsmen on the other. Stratford, Guelph, Brantford and St. Catharines are places in Ontario where unions, under the auspices of the International, could and should exist. If the printers of these cities and towns contemplate the forma-