

popular interest, there have come over the wires to each of the morning papers of Toronto as many as twenty thousand, or even thirty thousand, words of one day's debate in the House of Commons. Again, we follow closely on British lines in our system of reporting the speeches of political leaders when campaigning throughout the country; and here also charges that bulk high in a twelvemonth have to be met for telegraph tolls and for travelling representatives of the various papers. Distances are so great and trains so few, 'comparatively, that we have to send a much greater proportion of our despatches by wire than is the case even in England, where probably the great dailies of Manchester and Birmingham are able to use the mails for the bulk of their London reports. In view of all these facts it may fairly be said that the newspapers of Canada are discharging their important functions with exceptional enterprise and admirable public spirit, and we may safely conclude that it is not in journalism that the millionaires of Canada are made, and that it is not by journalists that the income tax is evaded. So far as I can learn, however, the salaries of Canadian journalists, when we consider the sparseness of our population and the very onerous conditions under which newspapers are published in this country, are fair, while the wages paid in the mechanical departments compare very favorably with the wages paid in any other Canadian industry. There are no great financial places in the profession, as in banking or in