

while the matter is being set up away off. The machine having been started, the tape of copy rolls off the contact apparatus, which, as mentioned just now, is connected with the machine by an electric current, and the perforations effected by the typewriter now serve to operate the current, which in its turn influences a system of electro-magnetos arranged in the composing room in such a way that the characters indicated in the copy are ejected by it upon a revolving disc, which carries them to the composing galley. In a parallel manner the distribution is performed by means of the perforated copy.

The other construction, called the Plectrotype, permits the operation of the key board direct by hand, without the means of prepared copy. Here, also, the key-board may be situated at any distance from the machine itself. The electric current is directed

by the keys to electro-magnetos responding to each key and rejecting the respective character. The operation of the keys is, therefore, extremely easy. The operator of the Plectrotype pays no attention to the spacing at all, as the justifying apparatus automatically sees to it after the completion of each line, and supplies the proper spaces. In the Plectrotype, too, the distribution goes on automatically at the same time with the operation, but, to secure this, special nicks are necessary. These nicks are rather flat, so as not to affect the body of the type materially, and may easily be cut into any desired font of type. A founder's nick is not necessary at all. The change from one font to another is done by the touch of a key in either machine.

For the information concerning these German machines we are indebted to Mr. R. L. Patterson, of Miller & Richard.



THE EXECUTIVE OF THE C.P.A. MEETS.



AT THE meeting of the Executive of the Canadian Press Association, which was held on June 7, in the Queen's Hotel, Toronto, there were present: Messrs. L. W. Shannon, Kingston, in the chair; J. S. Brierly, St. Thomas; Andrew Laidlaw, Galt; T. H. Preston, Brantford, and J. A. Cooper, secretary, Toronto. Letters were received from Messrs.

Dingman, MacLean and Young, stating reasons for their absence.

The following persons were admitted to membership:—

R. R. Cromarty, Docket, Toronto.

Malcolm MacBeth, Sun, Milverton.

George Wrigley, Farmers' Sun, Toronto.

Acton Burroughs, Western World, Winnipeg.

Some accounts were passed and small business transacted.

A project for engaging a permanent counsel in cases of libel suits was talked over, and it was resolved, on motion of Messrs. Brierly and Laidlaw, "That the Executive Committee endorse the proposal that a solicitor be employed to defend actions for libel brought against members of the association; but, believing that the agreement for his services should be made between the solicitor and individual members, it recommends Mr. John King, Q.C., who is hereby nominated as such solicitor, to communicate with members, with a view to making contracts direct with them."

A resolution was also passed, on motion of Messrs. Preston

and Brierly: "That the Canadian Press Association views with alarm the decision recently given by the Quebec courts in the case of Pelland v. Graham, in which the principle is laid down that newspaper publishers are legally responsible for libellous matter that may be contained even in admittedly fair reports of public meetings; that it regards such a decision as a serious menace to the liberties of the press and to the public interests, and as a check upon the exposure of wrong-doing, and that it heartily endorses the decision of the defendant in this case, the publisher of The Montreal Star, to carry an appeal if necessary to the highest court in the realm."

A long discussion then followed on the details of the proposed excursion to the Maritime Provinces. President Shannon and Vice-President MacLean had interviewed the railways several times, and had also visited the Minister of Railways and Canals at Ottawa. On the latter occasion they were assisted by P. D. Ross. The result of much hard work was presented to the meeting by the president, and it was seen that the journey proposed would occupy about twelve days. The transportation would cost from \$12 to \$15, the Intercolonial being free, while sleepers, meals, hotels, etc., would cost, perhaps, \$30. The total cost would thus be under \$50. On motion of Mr. Laidlaw and Mr. Brierly, the following resolution was adopted: "That the secretary of the association prepare and send out a circular to the members outlining the proposed trip to the Lower Provinces, and urging as many as possible, with their ladies, to accompany the party. It is desirable that the excursion party should be thoroughly representative, and should number not less than forty members of the association."

The meeting then adjourned.



COLLECTIONS AND REMARKS.

THE Morning Guardian, of Charlottetown, is now printed on a very fine grade of news. This improvement is in addition to some new type that has arrived. The Guardian looks much improved in every way, and is now a morning journal of which any city might be proud.

The Goderich Signal is now published as a daily. Goderich

has but 4,000 inhabitants, but if a success can be made of a daily in this size of a town, there is no doubt Dan McGillicuddy can do it.

The new designs in folders, weddings, ball programmes, etc., of which Buntin, Gillies & Co., Hamilton, have secured control for Canada for the coming season, are the finest ever shown