

THE EDITOR'S TABLE.

The Boston Type Foundry, John K. Rogers, agent, has our warmest thanks for a copy of their new specimen book—September, 1876. Considering the amount of business formerly done in the provinces and the excellent reputation for good material and fair dealing borne by this foundry, we would naturally suppose there would be quite a demand for this book. No printing office can be complete without it, for what cannot be found in it, is hardly worth looking for anywhere else. It is printed in the usual style of all the work done at this establishment—which seems to believe in the maxim, that “what is worth doing at all, is worth doing well.” Besides all the usual variety of Roman faces, ornamental and unique designs in letters, borders, cuts, etc., we would direct special attention to their “combination labor-saving rule,” by the aid of which almost any shape—rectangular and octagonal—can be made up easily, quickly, and with precision. Another novelty worthy of attention is their “map type,” of which mention was made in the *Miscellany* some months ago. It is intended especially for the “use of newspapers and job printers, to show maps and diagrams of public buildings, street betterments, configurations, rivers, railroads, scenes of all kinds of accidents and murders, parks, exhibition buildings, etc. A small font will cost only about \$10.00, and a single column map can be set in twenty minutes, when the compositor has once learned the case, which contains only eleven characters. A map can also be divided among several compositors, if necessary. This type has been proved entirely practical, and is indispensable to every newspaper.” The above foundry have acquired the sole right to manufacture this type and a patent has been applied for. However, we would advise all to procure this specimen book before it is out of print, for it is really astonishing how much practical information can be gleaned from a careful study of the different specimens of type foundries, and particularly of this one, which is the oldest establishment east of New York.

The *Annapolis Weekly Journal* is the title of a new twenty-four column paper published at Annapolis, N. S., by an old shopmate of ours, Mr. William H. Banks, and which, through a pressure of duties and incident hurry, we omitted to notice in our last issue. Mr. Banks is a native of Nova Scotia, but came to St. John when quite young, and was apprenticed to the printing trade in the office of H. Chubb & Co. Sometime after the expiration of his apprenticeship he, with several others, including the writer, worked in the office of Mr. G. W. Day, who then handled more printing than all the other offices in the city put together. No doubt, Mr. Banks and all the other printers employed in the office at that time, often calls back to memory the pleasant days (and nights too) spent in the old office at the corner of Market and German streets. After this Mr. B. went to the United States and has worked for the most of the time in some of the best book and job offices in New York city. He has now settled down in his native province and intends to throw in his labor (mental and physical) to benefit his country, a course, which, if pursued by two-thirds of the provincialists now abroad, would soon place Canada in the van of the civilized nations of the earth. The *Journal* of which he is editor and proprietor bears evidence of being produced by a practical hand, and the editorial articles prove that the knowledge to be gained in a printing office, was not passed over unobserving by him.

“History of Islands and Islets in the Bay of Fundy, Charlotte County, New Brunswick, from their earliest settlement to the present time, including Sketches of Shipwrecks and other Events of Exciting Interest,” is the title of a book of about one hundred and twenty-five pages, written by J. G. Lorimer, Esq., and printed at the office of the *St. Croix Courier*. Mr. Lorimer, in his unpretending little volume, has made a really valuable contribution to Canadian history. Besides containing facts, figures and names which could scarcely be found in any other work, it is written in a happy strain, and the dry historical facts have thrown around them almost the charm of romance, for it must be remembered that there is much of the romantic connected with the Islands of the St. Croix and Passamaquoddy Bay, their history furnishing us with the earliest records of the settlement of New Brunswick. We trust this little work will have a large sale as it deserves. Every one at all interested in the history of Canada should secure a copy before it passes out of print, as it will constitute no unimportant leaf in the history of the rise and progress of one of the greatest Anglo-American nations of the future. Messrs. R. A. H. Morrow & Co. have it on sale at their bookstore, No. 284 Prince William street, St. John. Price 50 cents.

The *American Bookseller* for Christmas, 1876, has been received. This is a remarkably neat and excellently printed semi-monthly, published by the American News Company, New York, and is devoted to the interests of the book, stationery, news, and music trades. It is the official organ of the American Book Trade Association, and must prove an excellent advertising medium for any of the above lines of goods. The subscription price is only \$1 per annum, and each number contains information for those at all interested in books (and who is not) worth more than double the amount of subscription. Sample copies free.

The first number of *Our Home Companion and Canadian Teacher* has been received. This is a monthly of about thirty-two pages, issued by the Companion Publishing Company, London, Ont., at \$1.50 per annum. It covers a very large and prolific field, and if patronized as it should be, cannot but be an excellent advertising medium.

SPECIMENS.—A number of specimens have been laid upon our table the past month, but owing to a pressure of business incident to the holiday season, etc., we find it impossible to devote time to a review of their merits and demerits. We must content ourselves with merely the briefest mention of them.

A neatly designed carrier's card from the St. John *Globe* office.

A card, blank receipt, blank promissory note, and a bill head, from Messrs. Stovel Bros., *Confederate* office, Mount Forest, Ont., all displaying taste and ability on the part of the workman.

A variety of letter heads, circulars and cards, from the Port Hope *Times* office, J. B. Trayes, editor and proprietor. These specimens show skill in arrangement as well as care in the presswork.

EVERY apprentice, as well as journeyman at the printing business, should subscribe for and preserve the *Miscellany*, and in order to place it within the reach of all, we will mail it for one year to the address of any apprentice for fifty cents.