

review of the most important events just transpired?" That is true. The best and only real basis for a newspaper's success is news. This is just as vital to a weekly as to a daily.

In the matter of news and the weekly press, it is only fair to say that our weeklies in Canada cover the local field very well as a rule. Some weeklies are exceedingly enterprising in this respect, and it will generally be found that the paper which gets the firmest hold on its section of country is the one that makes a feature of its district news. This correspondence need not cost much. It can be worked up by judicious methods and fostered till it becomes a valuable feature of the paper.

Lady Aberdeen at Edmonton, N.W.T. "We should remember that the newspapers supply just what the public demand, and if we want good, high toned newspapers, we must show that we appreciate them."

In his charge to the grand jury at the opening of the Court of Queen's Bench in Montreal, Judge Wurtele complained "of the sensational nature of many of the articles published in some of our newspapers in reporting the proceedings before the criminal courts." The Judge commended the style of reporting pursued in this department by The London Times, and in Canada by The Toronto Mail and Empire and The Toronto Globe. It is a pity the Judge did not specify, for the information of publishers, the papers whose reports he does not like. We do not know of any flagrant offenders in Canada. Criminal cases are almost invariably reported with fairness and intelligence in our press; and, farther than that, the Canadian papers never dream of giving the fulness of detail which The London Times does of objectionable and indecent evidence.

An editor usually hesitates before refusing publication to a signed letter on a public question, when it is brief, contains no libel and emanates from a well known man. But The Edinburgh Scotsman, the principal newspaper in Scotland, has no such qualms. It declined to insert the protest of the Duke of Westminster, on behalf of the National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty, against the diversion of the water which flows over the famous Falls of Foyer to supply power for an aluminum manufacturing company.

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Is an editor entitled to alter the language of a signed letter for publication before inserting it? Grant Allen, the well-known Canadian novelist, who lives in London, has just had a quarrel with The London Chronicle on this subject. The editor omitted certain passages in a two thirds of a column communication on the causes of the Liberal defeat. Mr. Allen was very angry at the omissions, and wrote to the editor: "You had a perfect right to alter my letter; you had no right to mutilate it." The editor replies that the omissions did not alter the sense. In Canada the rule, if there is any rule, generally is to insert signed communications as received, or leave them out altogether. If the letter is of immediate interest, and the author not easily accessible for consultation, a change in phraseology, so as to

avoid a libel or some other objectionable reference, is considered advisable. This is certainly the safest method, and probably the fairest.

There appears to be no foundation for the report that The Toronto News, originally the evening edition of The Mail, is to be taken back to the parent building and published from there. There is not, PRINTER AND PUBLISHER is informed, any intention of doing so. The only change of importance is that Mr. W. L. Smith, its experienced chief editor, has severed his connection with the paper and Mr. H. Hockin replaces him as writing editor. Mr. Hockin is a good writer and especially well posted on municipal affairs.

Ald. Fred. Cook, The London Times' Canadian correspondent and Ottawa correspondent of The Toronto World, has returned home after a trip to England and was in Toronto last week. Mr. Cook told PRINTER AND PUBLISHER that The Times people are now well satisfied with their Canadian service. Besides Mr. Cook himself, who is chief correspondent, assistant correspondents have been appointed in four other Canadian cities, namely, John A. Ewan at Toronto, Austin Mosher at Montreal, J. A. Payne at Winnipeg, and J. D. Taylor at Victoria, B.C., while the service will be extended as circumstances may require. The Times is now devoting great attention to all the colonies and its colonial department is in charge of Miss Flora Shaw, who, it will be remembered, visited Canada some time ago.

In connection with the resignation of the editor of The Montreal Herald, it seems probable that Mr. John A. Garvin will be promoted to the vacancy, Mr. John McLean being managing news editor with Mr. McLean, sr., giving more attention to editorial.

The Hamilton police authorities threatened to stop giving information to the press because one city paper published a report of a local housebreaking. Every newspaper man will agree with The Hamilton Herald that: "The newspapers have no desire to protect criminals or defeat the ends of justice, and when the circumstances are of such a nature that publicity would hamper the detectives, they are always willing to stay their hand. But, as a rule, publicity is an aid rather than a hindrance to the detection of crime and the punishment of criminals, as witness the Holmes case in Toronto."

Three of Toronto's newspapers are going extensively into building operations. A handsome block on Adelaide street west, opposite the Grand Opera House, now nearly completed, will contain the offices of Saturday Night, and the new building of The Globe on Yonge street, on the old site, promises to far surpass the burned structure in appearance and solidity. The World has rebuilt in the rear of its present offices a large four-storey structure, which is well lighted, extends the accommodation over an additional area of about 100 by 30, and the whole will be embellished this autumn by a handsome front on Yonge street. The new extension contains the Central Press Agency, and affords ample space for The World's newsroom, which is now fitted up with four typesetting machines, and two more may be added later. The pressroom in the basement will, when