

back upon agencies to pay our printing bills, because we have already refused a great many good offers. It will be to the advantage of the subscriber as well as the advertiser, that we be left free to speak of every article brought to the notice of the craft, through the advertising columns of the *Miscellany*, in an independent manner and just as the article merits. This course, in our opinion, should commend itself to the judgment of all. However, let that be as it may, the *Miscellany* has nearly completed the first year of its existence, without the aid of any influence except whatever of merit it may have contained. It has, it is true, received a large measure of support, but not nearly so large as might with reason be expected, considering the number of printers in Canada and the United States.

It is to be hoped that the craft generally in the Dominion and the neighboring Republic will come forward with their support to the *Miscellany*, and make it to the interest of its projector and conductor to represent them *only*. Should they not see fit to do so, then, we submit, they would have no just grounds of complaint if it should digress somewhat from the course mapped out in the salutatory.

Another Canadian Printer Abroad.

Scarcely a month elapses without our being called upon to place on record, in these pages, the name and whereabouts of some long-lost or almost-forgotten disciple of Faust who has wandered away from his native land. It is with extreme pleasure that we are enabled to bring them once more to memory, and our attentive, intelligent, and energetic correspondents will, no doubt, receive the hearty thanks of our numerous readers, as well as our own, for their valuable and interesting contributions.

This month we have the pleasure of introducing to our readers another Canadian printer; one who occupies, among his fellow-workmen of both Canada and the United States, the highest and most honorable position that can be attained in connection with the craft. We refer to Mr. John McVicar, of Detroit, Mich., President of the International Typographical Union of North America.

Mr. McVicar is a native of Kingston, Ontario, and served the major portion of his apprenticeship in the office of the *Daily News*, of that city, then published by John Rowlands, and which was the John A. Macdonald organ

of the place. The balance of his term was served under instructions in New York State. For his age (34 years) he is probably one of the best known printers in the United States or Canada, having been prominently identified with the Typographical Union cause almost ever since he was entitled to admission to the Union as a journeyman. He served for a short time during the war of the rebellion in the Sixth New York Cavalry (second regiment "Ira Harris Guards"), of which regiment his father was Lieutenant-Colonel.

After leaving the army he worked at the case in Rochester, N. Y., Chicago and Peoria, Ill., New York City, Troy, N. Y., Lansing, Mich., and other points, but for several years past has been a resident of Detroit, Mich., where he has worked as journeyman, foreman, proof-reader, and is now editor of the *Commercial Advertiser*, a position he has held since August, 1872.

In former years he was rather slight, but now he is a solid built man. His height is five feet seven and three-quarter inches, and he weighs about one hundred and seventy-five pounds; has darkish brown hair, with reddish moustache and goatee; has a full face with a very pleasing cast of countenance, but which, at the same time, shows unmistakable signs of a strong, determined character, together with a well-balanced mind and an untiring energy. In speaking, he is deliberate and self-possessed, and carries the conviction to his hearers that he fully understands his subject. In ordinary conversation he has a pleasing yet impressive manner, and takes in and comprehends an idea even before it is half expressed, his mind seeming to be ever on the alert for some new problem to solve. It might also be added to his credit that he is a staunch temperance man.

He has been four times elected a delegate to represent Typographical Union, No. 18, Detroit, Mich., at the International Typographical Union, and was a member of that body during the sessions held at Memphis, Tenn., 1867; Albany, N. Y., 1869; Boston, Mass., 1875, and Philadelphia, Pa., 1876. At the latter session he was elected President, and will preside over the deliberations of the coming session, to be held at Louisville, Ky., commencing Monday, June 4th, 1877.

TOBACCO is not, strictly speaking, a necessary adjunct to the outfit of a printing office, but, as a rule, the weed is highly appreciated by a majority of the craft. Mr. McLeod, 65 Charlotte st., keeps the very best tobacco, cigars, pipes, etc. See advt. on page 175.