

## NEWS OF THE CRAFT.

## LOCAL.

Wm. Kearns is at work in Barnes & Co's.

Messrs. Kane & Co. have put in a new half-medium Liberty press during the past month.

D. G. Smith, of the *St. Lawrence Advance*, Chatham, was in St. John last week, looking after the interests of his paper.

John W. Gay, last from Amherst, N. S., where he had been working on the *Sentinel*, arrived in town a few days ago.

John Seymour, whom we announced last month as having arrived here from Boston, is at work in the *Daily Telegraph* job rooms.

Henry Buchanan, whom we "placed" last month on the *Globe*, in possession of a frame, is back again on the *News*, where he is first "sub."

Sherman Cummin, who has been working on the *Courier-Journal*, Louisville, Kentucky, for some time past, arrived in this city on the 2nd inst.

Geo. Johnston, Esq., editor of the *Halifax Reporter*, passed through the city last week, en route to Halifax, after a holiday trip of five months to Europe.

On the 17th ult., Burton Barnes, an apprentice in Messrs. Barnes & Co.'s printing office, had his left hand slightly jammed between the fly wheel and brake of a Gordon press, on which he was working.

R. A. Payne, of Fredericton, N. B., is on the local staff of the *Daily Telegraph*. He was connected with the *Fredericton Express* during its publication, and reported the Legislative Council proceedings last winter.

Messrs. Willis & Mott have ordered, through Mr. Crossby, of the Dominion Type-Founding Company, a large quantity of job type and a double-royal Wharfedale, similar to the one now in the *Telegraph* job rooms.

The October No. of the *Christian Standard*, a new 8-page religious monthly printed by J. & A. McMillan, Rev. C. B. Woodcock, editor, has been received. The printing is good, but the matter and paper is inferior as compared with the first number.

During the past month we have had the pleasure of receiving a visit from Messrs. P. A. Crossby of the Dominion Type-Founding Company, R. L. Patterson of Millar & Richards, Toronto, and T. H. Taylor of the Riordon Paper Mills, Merriton, Ont.

Matthew Walker, who says he served his apprenticeship on the *Recorder*, Halifax, N. S., and who has been working on the *Amherst Gazette* for the past nine months, passed through this city last month looking for work. He did not succeed in securing it, therefore, he took Greeley's advice, and went West.

George Martin, who belongs to Londonderry, Ireland, having served his time in the office of the *Standard* of that city, and who has been working on the *Daily Telegraph* of this city for the past five years, left rather suddenly for the old country by the ship "Harvest Home." He came here about five years ago in company with John McMullin, who is now foreman of the *St. Lawrence Advance*, Chatham, N. B., and who, as will be seen by reference to the announcement under "the interesting head," is prospering exceedingly well.

The following members of the press of this city have recently returned from a visit to the Centennial:—William Elder, M. P. P., editor and proprietor of the *Daily Telegraph*; P. A. Melville, city editor *Daily Telegraph*; and J. L. Stewart, sub-editor *Daily News*.

Mr. John Coates, who has been suffering for a number of years past from asthma and bronchitis, and who has scarcely done any work for the last three or four years (although able to be out almost every fine day), is, we regret to state, at last confined to his home. No doubt his many friends in the city, as well as those elsewhere, with whom he was a general favorite, will be sorry to learn of his low condition.

PERSONNEL OF THE "DAILY NEWS" ESTABLISHMENT.—The following is a correct list of those regularly connected with the editorial and mechanical departments of the *Daily News* of this city:—Willis & Mott, proprietors; E. Willis, editor and part proprietor; Jas. L. Stewart, sub-editor; M. McDade, city editor; J. A. S. Mott, accountant and part proprietor; D. N. McDonald, mailing clerk, etc. In the composing room is Joseph Wilson, foreman of job and news departments, with R. S. Magee as night foreman. The compositors are J. S. Mitchell, J. P. Bowes, Geo. Day, Wm. Essington, and Henry Buchanan. The "ad." hands are Amos Heatherington and George Thomas. The following are the apprentices, the first two having been about four years at the business: James Calder, Ed. Phillips, Ed. Currie and Wm. Thomas. In the job department will be found Samuel Reid, Wm. H. Coates, with Joseph Rubins and R. Kennedy as apprentices. The press-room is in charge of Samuel McCready, as foreman, who is assisted by T. Donovan, J. Shanahan, P. McIntyre and S. Fitzpatrick.

A TYPOGRAPHICAL FOOT-RACE. - On Saturday, 14th ult., a foot-race came off between William Cummin, compositor on the *Daily Telegraph*, and John B. Jones, who works in McMillan's book and job office. The stakes were \$10 a side, and the distance one hundred and thirty-five yards. An eye witness sums up in detail thus:—

This race which took place.

Was not at the case,

'Tis very plain;

But in the middle of the street,

To test the swiftness of their feet,

In Gilbert's Lane.

Previous to this, about a week,

Our Will, each eve, was seen to streak,

By way of training;

At times with Nic he'd try his best,

Preparing for the great contest,

Each time gaining.

At other times Nic held the watch,

While William came down to the scratch,

Easy and free;

I've heard it said time and again,

"The wisest schemes o' mice and men,

Gang aft aglee."

The time being called, off they went,

Each one on winning strictly bent,

Both "going in" fine:

They passed along with might and main,

And when near the winning post 'twas plain,

Jones first crossed the line.

The parties then met face to face,

The stakes were paid with a good grace,

In accents mild.

Declaring Jones winner of the race:

They then "went for" the nearest place,

And all hands "smiled."