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## The Kingston Daily News.

THE IMPRINT has much pleasure in presenting in this number a portrait of L. W. Shannon, vice-president of the Canadian Press Association and principal proprietor of The Kingston Daily News. The history of The News is a very interesting one, inasmuch as it practically dates back to the beginning of the century when, besides its then forerunner there were only two other papers published in what is now Canada, namely one in Montreal and another at Newark—now Niagara. This latter paper was killed off by the war of 1812, which rendered publication irregular, the publisher being obliged to carry arms in defence of his adopted country.

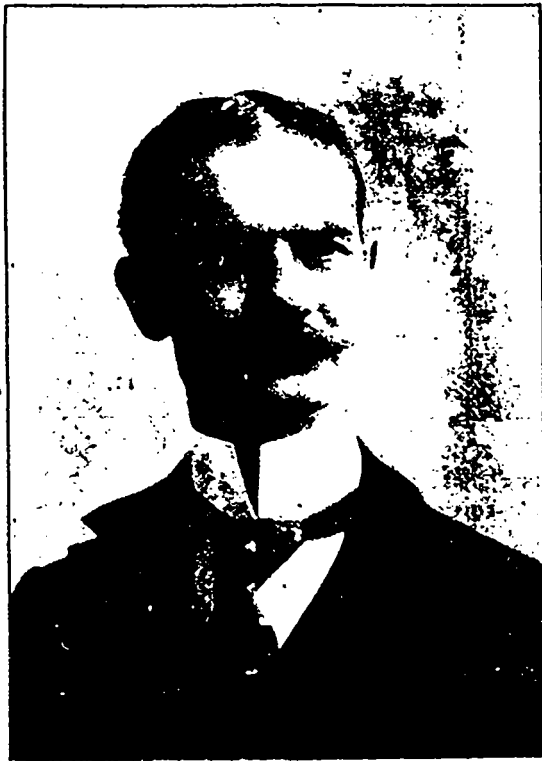
The Kingston Gazette was the earliest progenitor of The News, being established in 1810 by a Vermont printer named Stephen Miles who had been working in Montreal. The presses and material for The Gazette were brought from Montreal to Kingston by batteaux, then the only means of transport, the voyage occupying thirteen weeks. In December, 1818, Mr. Miles sold his type and presses to Allan Pringle and Hon. Robert Macaulay, and became a local preacher in the Methodist church. Pringle & Macaulay discontinued The Gazette and published in its place The Kingston Chronicle, the first number of which bears date of Friday (afternoon), January 1, 1819. This firm was succeeded by James MacFarlane, who, in the year 1832, took into partnership Francis Manning Hill, a distinguished lawyer, afterwards mayor of

the city, and changed the name of the paper to The Chronicle and Gazette. Mr. Hill only remained in the business about three years. About this time The Chronicle and Gazette got into difficulties and was seized by the Montreal firm of Tait & Ferguson, the latter the father of Rev. Professor Ferguson of Queen's University, who put it in chancery from which it passed again into the hands of Mr. MacFarlane.

On October 29, 1840, The News was started by Samuel Rowlands, a lawyer, and his brother John, a printer, who in 1847 purchased The Chronicle and Gazette and on September 23 of the same year issued the first number of The Chronicle and News, an amalgamation of the Chronicle and Gazette and the News under which name it was published continually until April, 1892, when the name Chronicle was dropped and it became the Weekly News.

In October, 1851, the first copy of The Daily News was issued and it is still doing business under the same name.

Both The Daily News and The Chronicle and News were published by John Rowlands until July 4, 1866, when he took into partnership James Neish, who became sole proprietor on July 11, 1867. While publishing The News Mr. Neish was also studying medicine, and having obtained the degree of M.D. he, on October 1, 1871, sold out to Mr. James Shannon, the present postmaster of Kingston, who in October, 1876, sold a half interest in the business to Mr. Wm. Meek, a practical printer and pressman, who is now employed by To-



L. W. SHANNON, KINGSTON NEWS.