

CANADIAN PRESS ASSOCIATION



IN the adjoining page will be found portraits of the officers and executive of the Canadian Press Association. Its name is just a trifle misleading, in that it is not the only press association in Canada—but it is the oldest. It was organized Sept. 27, 1859, in the city of Kingston, and its first

officers were:—W. Gillespy, president; J. G. Brown, 1st vice-president; Josiah Blackburn, 2nd vice-president; Thos. Sellar, secretary-treasurer; D. McDougall, honorary secretary; George Sheppard, James Seymour, James Somerville, Thos. McIntosh and John Jacques, executive committee. In 1863 it was decided to add an excursion to the attractions of the yearly meeting, a practice which has only very recently been discontinued. In 1888 it was decided to hold a winter session in Toronto, and this was done in February 1889 and again in 1890, the annual meetings still occurring in summer. At the last, however, it was decided that the annual meeting be held hereafter in February. The association has steadily progressed since its formation, and is a most valuable factor in the development of bright and successful journalism. Many men who have since attained great prominence in public life have at one time or another ranked among its members. These yearly meetings have both a business and a social aspect, and have done much not only to give the public more energetic newspapers, but newspapers of a purer and healthier tone.

The members of what may be termed the provincial press, in contra-distinction to that of the large cities, have most to gain from an organization of this character. Left to himself, the proprietor of a country newspaper might be in some danger of falling a victim to monotony, and his readers complain that he was falling behind the times. But if once or twice a year he meets his brethren of the press and they exchange confidences and experiences and debate together regarding the best means and methods of making a paper popular and prosperous and fully up to the times, the result is seen in a greater zeal and a consequently better paper when the editor returns to his sanctum. These meetings do much, too, in the matter of toning down the bitterness of party warfare and giving to the public journals that avoid the abusive style of writing, because the writers know each other and have learned through friendship that there are pleasanter occupations than calling hard names. It does not follow that men will sink their convictions or be less vigorous in pressing their own views; but they will do it in a kindlier spirit, that will make it all the more effective. In this respect, therefore, the press association deserves well of those who are the patrons of the various journals represented on the roll of membership. The following brief biographical notices will be found interesting in connection with the gentlemen whose portraits appear.

Mr. Andrew Patullo, of the Woodstock *Sentinel-Review*, was born in the township of Caledon, Peel County, Ontario, but when a child moved with his parents to Oxford County. He was educated in the public school and at the Dundas and St. Catharines grammar schools, and was the winner of the Gilchrist Scholarship in 1873, which gave him the option of attending Edinburgh or London University for three years, with £100 a year. He went to London, but owing to ill-health remained only a year. On his return he entered upon journalism in the office of the Woodstock *Sentinel*, in connection with his brother, now registrar of Oxford. The *Sentinel* and *Review* having amalgamated, Mr. Patullo became joint owner, and for the last ten years has been sole proprietor. The *Sentinel-Review* has attained a high rank among provincial journals, and its progress has been marked by a spirit of sturdy independence at such times as its proprietor did not find himself in hearty accord with his party in any particular. It is a progressive journal with a growing patronage and influence, owing to the ability and zeal with which its genial proprietor has laboured in his chosen field.

Mr. H. P. Moore of the Acton *Free Press*, is a native of Acton, where he was born in 1858. After leaving the public schools he attended Rockwood Academy, and subsequently Albert College, Belleville. His newspaper career began in connection with his brother, now the Rev. T. Albert Moore, of Hamilton, as successors to Mr. J. H. Hacking, now of Winnipeg, and who had founded the *Free Press* in 1878. In the second year the partnership between the

brothers was dissolved, and the subject of our sketch has alone conducted the paper since that time. He has made the *Free Press* a popular newspaper throughout his district, and is himself highly esteemed as a man and citizen. He has been for many years on the board of examiners of Albert College, Belleville, and is now on its board of management. For ten years he has been a member of the Canadian Press Association and in 1886 was first elected a member of its executive committee.

Mr. Alex. F. Pirie, of the Dundas *Banner*, is the son of a newspaper man, and has had a wide journalistic experience. He was born in Guelph, Ont., in 1849. In 1874 he went to Toronto and was for some time connected with the Toronto *Sun*, introducing a semi-humorous column of paragraphs that was novel and won wide popularity. He was the first writer engaged on the Toronto *Telegram*, which he edited for 12 years. Both from the press gallery of the Ontario Legislature and of the House of Commons at Ottawa, where he represented the Montreal *Star*, of which for a year and a half he was also editor, his correspondence was a bright feature of the journals represented. He has contributed to numerous periodicals, grave and gay, and has the reputation of a versatile and charming writer. Mr. Pirie was chairman of the press committee of the last Montreal carnival. He purchased the Dundas *Banner* in 1889. A good speaker as well as an able writer, he has taken some considerable part in political campaigns in recent years.

J. B. McLean, of *The Empire*, is one of the best known newspaper men in Canada. He joined the staff of the *World* after leaving school, and afterwards went on the *Mail*, becoming assistant on its commercial staff. When *The Empire* was established he accepted the position of commercial editor, and has in that capacity done splendid work for his paper. But Mr. McLean is identified with another important branch of journalism. The *Canadian Grocer*, the first weekly trade paper published in Canada was established by him in 1887; and since that two others,—*Hardware*, and the *Dry Goods Review*. He owns *Books and Notions*, the organ of the book and stationery trade, and is interested in several other papers. The trade journal business in Canada owes its success to his ability and enterprise. As a commercial editor he has probably no superior in Canada, his various enterprises making him familiar with every branch of trade and commerce. He understands printing and electrotyping, and is in the fullest sense an all round newspaper man. Mr. McLean is also a military man, holding the rank of captain and adjutant in the Royal Grenadiers. He was treasurer of the Toronto Press club for some years and is now secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Press Association. Being still under thirty, Mr. McLean may well be regarded as one of the most promising members of his profession in the Dominion.

James S. Brierley, editor and proprietor of *The Journal*, St. Thomas; assistant secretary and member executive committee Canadian Press Association was born in London, Ont., 1858. After a two year's residence in Hamilton, from 1877 to 1879, he purchased the plant of the defunct *Daily Standard* of London, and established a job printing business in that city in 1879. In 1881 in company with the late W. E. Westlake and E. E. Sheppard of Toronto *Saturday Night*, he purchased the St. Thomas *Journal* from the late Mr. Archibald McLachlin, and assumed the business management of it. In 1883 he purchased Mr. Sheppard's interest, becoming editor of the paper and in 1889 buying the entire property. He is a Liberal in politics, and his paper is one of the leading representatives of the Liberal party in the West. The *Journal*, under its present management, has become one of the best newspaper properties in the smaller cities of the Dominion. Mr. Brierley is now erecting a three and a half storey printing office, which is said to be a model of architectural beauty and of completeness for its destined purpose.

Mr. L. G. Jackson, of the Newmarket *Era*, is the son of the present mayor of Newmarket, who conducted the *Era* for 30 years, during 13 of which he was on the executive of the Canadian Press Association, three years as secretary-treasurer without compensation, and one year as president. It was perhaps but natural that his son, when his education at the local institutions of the town had been completed, should turn his thoughts definitely towards journalistic pursuits. The *Era* is now in its 40th year, and is therefore far from being an infant in journalism. During the last seven

years Mr. L. G. Jackson has had sole control and his paper maintains its high position as a well conducted and enterprising newspaper. Mr. Jackson was first elected to the executive of the Canadian Press Association three years ago. His paper has established for itself a reputation for independence that goes far to extend and strengthen its influence throughout the constituency it serves so well.

James C. Jamieson, managing director and president of the *Intelligencer* Printing and Publishing Co., was born in Belleville in 1844. He was educated at Victoria University, and for a number of years was engaged in mercantile pursuits. He entered newspaper life as a reporter for the *Intelligencer* when Mr. Mackenzie Bowell, M.P. (now the Hon. M. Bowell, Minister of Customs) was proprietor of it. On Mr. Bowell's entering the Cabinet of the Dominion, he sold the *Intelligencer* to a joint stock company, and Mr. Jamieson then became treasurer, and afterwards was appointed president and manager, a position he has held for ten years. In the conduct of the paper he has left his impress, of a kind and genial nature, and has thereby done much to soften the acrimony of party political warfare. The best side of his nature is easily reached, and every appeal made to him for aiding charitable and benevolent objects finds a quick and ready response, not only with his means but through the columns of the *Intelligencer*. The latest illustration of this was the extinction of the debt on the City Hospital, which desired result was largely owing to his advocacy of it. Mr. Jamieson is married to the eldest daughter of the Hon. M. Bowell, M.P.

Mr. John Brooke Traves, of *The Times*, Port Hope, is a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, where he was born on July 31st, 1842. Ten years later he came to Canada with his parents, who settled in Montreal; and at the age of 11 years he entered the office of the Montreal *Pilot* as an apprentice under the seven year system. The result was that he mastered every branch of the trade. In 1862 he went to Port Hope to accept the foremanship in the office of the *British Canadian*, established in that year. Five years later he purchased the paper and changed its name to that it now holds. The *Times* is a clean, well edited and well conducted paper, with a wide and growing influence in its district. Its enterprise is shown in the fact that it was the first of the papers in its district to send its own reporter to the meetings of municipal bodies instead of waiting for the formal minutes of the same. It circulates largely through Durham county and the western part of Northumberland. Mr. Traves has been connected with the Canadian Press Association many years. He was elected a member of the executive committee in 1887, and on through the offices of vice-president (2nd and 1st) to that of president in 1880. He has since been on the executive committee and was for several years assistant secretary. An active worker, he shared in the agitation which resulted in the removal of the postage on newspapers, and was a member of the deputation to whom is due the amendment of the Ontario libel law by the legislature a few years ago. Liberal-Conservative in politics he has done his party excellent service.

Mr. W. R. Climie, of the Bowmanville *Sun*, is a newspaper man of long experience, and enthusiastically devoted to the best interests of honest journalism. He has been connected with the Canadian Press Association for many years, having been elected second vice-president as long ago as 1872, and a member of the executive two years later. In 1876 he accepted the secretary-treasurership, an office he held for fourteen years, a most significant proof of his devotion and of the high esteem in which he has always been held by his fellow journalists. Mr. Climie is editor and proprietor of the Bowmanville *Sun*, a bright journal that fills an important place and enjoys a large patronage in its chosen field.

Mr. T. H. Preston, of the Brantford *Expositor*, has enjoyed a varied and successful career. He served his apprenticeship on the Woodstock *Sentinel* and Stratford *Beacon*, and was a printer in Toronto at the time of the great strike in 1871, but went in that year to the United States, where he remained till 1874, being part of the time on the Springfield (Mass.) *Republican*. Returning to Canada he joined the reportorial staff of the Ottawa *Free Press*, remaining there till 1881, and being also connected as parliamentary correspondent with various Canadian and American papers. In 1881 he bought the Walkerton *Telescope*, but sold it to accept the night editorship of the Toronto *Globe* and afterwards to be its Ottawa correspondent for the session of 1882, when he became connected with the Winnipeg *Sun*, and thereafter spent eight years in Manitoba as managing director of the *Sun*. He and his associates then sold out the *Sun* and Mr. Preston purchased the Brantford *Expositor*, which he has since greatly improved.