

NEWS OF THE MONTH IN BRIEF.

ONTARIO.

A. W. MOOTE, who, some years since, was on the staff of The Renfrew Mercury, has recently started The Fordwich Record—a neatly printed eight-page paper, well supplied with local news and advertising.

R. Woolsey has joined The St. Thomas Journal staff.

The Mattawa Tribune has entered upon the fifth year of its publication.

The Leamington News has been enlarged to a seven-column paper and is bright and popular.

H. Gorman, editor and proprietor of The Sarnia Observer, has arrived home after a trip to Rossland, B.C.

The Ottawa Citizen Co., Ltd., is applying to the Lieutenant Governor in Council for power to increase its capital to \$100,000.

It is said that Mr. Edmund E. Sheppard, of The Toronto Star, will shortly proceed south on an important trade mission for the Dominion Government.

Richard Butler, formerly a newspaper publisher at Clinton, Ill., and once in the printing business in Hamilton, is coming back to that city to reside permanently.

Fred. Pyper, formerly of The Toronto News, is going to South Africa with a consignment of Linotype machines, that company intending to push business there.

Miss Eva Brodlique has just been unanimously elected president of the Chicago Press League, which is the press women's club. Miss Brodlique was formerly connected with The London Advertiser, and occupied a seat in the Ottawa press gallery for a season. She is going to London to represent The Chicago Times-Herald during the Jubilee ceremonies.

QUEBEC PROVINCE.

The Montreal Gazette has just put in five new Mergenthaler Linotype machines.

It is understood that Le Signal, a weekly French paper in Montreal, and of Liberal leanings, will shortly appear as a daily. The intention is to issue a morning paper.

MANITOBA, THE WEST, AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Nanaimo, B.C., has a new morning paper. It is called The Review.

A new Liberal paper at Selkirk is The Journal, conducted by Ira Stratton.

The East Kootenay Publishing Co. are going to start a new weekly at Golden.

James McNally, late of The Winnipeg Nor'Wester, has assumed editorial charge of The Fort William Daily Journal.

The Winnipeg labor paper, The Voice, has passed into the hands of three practical typos—Messrs. Cowan, Puttee and Pingle.

Mr. J. R. Lumby, late editor and proprietor of The Glenboro Gazette, has gone to Wabigoon, where he begins the publication of The Wabigoon Star.

The Brandon Mail is now a thing of the past, the good-will and subscription list of the paper having passed into other

hands. C. V. Cliffe, the proprietor, has gone to Sandon, B.C., where he takes the plant of the paper to start a journal in a fresh field. The Brandon Mail has been published by Mr. Cliffe for upwards of 12 years. The Sun and Times are the purchasers of the subscription lists of The Mail.

A daily to be called The Standard will shortly be issued in Kamloops, B.C. It will be Conservative in Federal politics and will support the present B.C. Government.

W. A. Myers, formerly proprietor of The Gladstone Age, who has been living in Rossland, B.C., for many months, and is now associate editor of The Evening Record of that city, is revisiting Manitoba.

MARITIME PROVINCES.

St. John Globe is putting in Linotypes.

The Guysboro Gazette is advertised for sale at auction.

The St. Andrew's, N. B., Beacon has entered on its ninth year.

The Coast Guard is a new paper published by M. H. Nickerson at Clark's Harbor, N. S.

David Gray, a well-known Nova Scotia printer, is dead. He learned his trade in the old Halifax Reporter office. He served in the Northwest Rebellion as a volunteer.

A. E. McGinley is not now editor of Yarmouth Daily News. H. H. McDonald was the first editor. He was succeeded by T. H. Prescott, who remained a couple of days, and Mr. McGinley held the fort for a couple of weeks.

KEEP PRICES UP.

PRICES on printing do not increase with returned prosperity of patrons' business, although quickly dropping with the slightest depression. Coal may go up or down, the same with food-stuffs and other products of the soil and manufacturing industries, but prices on printing when down stay there. So, in case of a greater demand in quantity looked for by most printers, the prices and profits will remain stationary. Conservative houses, who have been inclined to hold aloof, have been forced into the disastrous competition by the reckless, guessing, unthinking methods of others, who, thinking of nothing but to-day, have taken work at almost any price that would help pay current expenses. Keeping the machinery going is very well, but with the past and present style of competition, which has no bottom, it is only a question of time when expenses cannot be paid, and such cases are showing up every day in offices where considerable work is apparently being done. When the time is at hand when work will be more plenty, and customers refuse to pay more than they paid for the same work before, printers will be sorry for the several instances they can recall where they unmercifully slashed the other fellow's figures.

Much-needed action on the part of printers to change conditions cannot be counted on to materialize in the future any more than at present, nor can it be supposed that there is much further chance for closer economy of production unless improvements in machinery, etc., unexpectedly develop. Even such improvements, when clearly practical, printers are slow to adopt through hesitation in making the investment. — Press and Printer.