recent illness and is now in the enjoyment of perfect health. Charley is now sojourning with friends in Paterson, N. J., and will soon resume his stick and rule. He "runs" a frame in Geo. Munro's immense establishment.

Oscar Frazee, who was in the Sun job (2016), is now employed in the job office of the Police Gazette. Robt. McAllister is also in this city.

Wm. Hunter, who, while in St. John, worked on the News, and who, until quite recently, worked in this city, is now in New London, Conn.

John Reed, a graduate of Geo. A. Knodell's, and who also worked on the *News*, was, until recently, employed in this city, but is now in Passaic, N. J.

Thos. Teed is now in the city, having recently arrived, and his many friends in St. John will be glad to know that he is looking the picture of perfect health and is the very pink of fashion.

Recently, through the kindness of a friend, the contingent of the St. John printers who came here on account of the Sun strike were furnished with a copy of the Miscellany containing an editorial in reference to that affair. They say your remarks—that the hands acted conscientiously—are strictly correct, and they still believe that their chairman was discharged for the reasons they gave, as prior to that the chairman and foreman were the best of friends. It seemed to revive the matter to them, as they had entirely forgotten it, being rather pleased than otherwise that it took place, as they are now doing better than they ever expected.

As before stated, prices are advancing, and it is expected that ere long there will be a general advance. The prices paid on morning papers are from 3S to 46 cents; on evening papers, 40 cents; book and law work, from 30 to 43 cents, and time work \$16 a week.

A new system has been adopted in the payment of the new gang on the Werld, the former gang on which struck at 9 o'clock at night, a little while ago. The hands at present employed receive from \$18 to \$23 a week, according to speed—nine hours work.

More anon,

## Lowell, Mass.

LOWELL, MASS., May 17.

There are four daily papers published in this city, the *Times, Mail, Citizen* and *Courier;* the first two being morning and the two latter even-

ing. The Times and Mail pay 25c. per 1,000 ems, the Citizen 21c., and the Courier 20c. There are also two weeklies, the Vox Populi and Sun. The latter pays 23c. and is set in long primer solid, and the former 20c. Each of the papers run a job office.

John Gunn, of your city, holds cases on the *Times*. [He is now here and is working on the Directory in Day's.—Ed. P. M.]

Andrew Turnbull, who served his apprenticeship in the *Reporter* office, Fredericton, has a frame on the *Citizen*, and Hec. Turnbull works in the job office of the same paper.

Work is brisk at present, most of the job offices running extra time.

Dave Reed, who worked for some time on the Freeman, of your city, held cases several months on the Morning Times, but has lately sleft for other fields.

Tom Teed, well known to the typos of your city, passed through here a short time ago on his way west. He is sailing under the name of "Benson."

## A Letter from London, Ont.

LONDON, ONT., April 22.

Business is booming in all the offices here, and not an idle printer is to be seen loitering about.

John Jennings, for a number of years employed on the *Free Press*, has given up the stick and rule, and has gone into the hotel business in Ilderton. May success attend him.

Your correspondent, while doing the city of Detroit for a few days recently, visited several of the printing offices and found business good.

Forming the acquaintance of the foremen of the news and jobbing rooms of the Free Press, found them ready and willing to make me acquainted with the ins and outs of their respective departments.

Mr. Harmon, foreman of the news-room, is possessed of a high development of the bump of order, as any one must come to the conclusion after having been shown through the room. The systematic manner in which the work is done is so perfect that from the commencement of composition until the time the paper is ready for the press, very little talking need be indulged in by the compositors. Though rather on the small side, the room presents at all times a neat appearance, and one is not stifled with the tobacco stench (the weed is used, of course,) which,