

TO THE PUBLIC

The manufacturers of Berlin are justly famed the Dominion over for the excellence of their products, and have secured for this community a high standing among the business centres of the country.

The purchase of the News entailed a heavy investment on the part of the RACONN Company, but the citizens of Berlin welcomed the change, and we now expect them to give us a support that will enable us to give a better daily service of news than has heretofore been attempted or possible.

The News-Racoon will continue to be fair and impartial in local matters, and endeavor to more strongly advocate the principles of Protection for Canadian industries, and oppose every proposal to yoke us to the power to the south of us, even if it comes in the disguise of Reciprocity.

It is too late in the century to require a justification of the publication of a newspaper in any community, for the daily paper has become a necessity to modern society, and the press the most powerful force, either for good or ill, in this wonderful age.

NOTES

Geo. E. Foster is both plucky and able, and just at present appears to be the only Conservative chief on deck.

It was by request of Mr Aldrich's family that a sketch and cut of the deceased did not appear in Saturday's issue.

Both the Toronto and Montreal Board of Trade consider that closer trade relations with Britain would be more desirable and profitable than similar conditions with Uncle Sam.

One of the most handsome newspaper booklets of the year was that issued recently by the Toronto Globe. It gave an illustrated sketch of that modern paper's home and progress, and the printing and illustrations were executed in a style characteristic of the office of the "Scotchman's Bible."

Mr J Robinson, the former proprietor of the News, returned to his home in Cunningham today carrying with him pleasant memories of the citizens of Berlin, and followed by many good wishes for his future success.

Rev. Dr. Scott, of Tokio, Japan, sent us two copies of the Japan Daily Mail, November 23rd and 26th, last week. That journal is published in Yokohama, in the English language, and is sold at the moderate price of \$25.00 a year.

RECOLLECTIONS OF M'COLLAGH

Buffalo Express.

I found him at his desk. As he swung around in his chair at his visitor, I saw a face which I have carried in my mind's vision ever since. I can see him at that desk even now, a short, thick set man, rather portly, a florid, clean-shaven face, a firm-set pair of lips, a nose and eyes with a slight betrayal of Eton about them and a countenance of a state-year-business quiet expression.

Three hours later I stood before him again to hand him the item. As he glanced over the pages, he chewed away at the end of what seemed to be the same cigar he held in the morning.

While wondering if his death yesterday morning was by his own hand, I have collected a train of events that throw some light upon the question that seemingly must remain unanswered. Judge Normile of the St. Louis Criminal Court was his intimate friend.

Father Phelan, the fiery editor of the Western Watchman, who, by the way, has lately been defending Bishop Ireland, entered into the printer's ink fight with the great editor over the death of Normile.

He was a dangerous foe. He fought with weapons that reached the heart with fatal thrust.

The Republic declared that as he had not seen the Eads bridge now the river for years, the excursion would take in a trip to East St. Louis and other suburbs, and a carriage ride through the thoroughfares, showing the editor scenes of new buildings that had arisen since he had traversed those streets.

His definition of journalism was unique. He said it was the "art of guessing where Hell would break loose next, so as to have a reporter on hand to tell the story." He put that definition into continual practice.

He kept his eye on the local force, as few editors do, and time to do. He knew the secrets of each man in his employ. Himself a fearless, undaunted reporter, he admitted the same traits in his men.

He was a fine paragrapher. His terse sentences have been the delight of the editors of the continent.

He was fair in his treatment of political affairs. His paper was Republican, but that did not hinder him from giving his readers the truth, unvarnished by prejudice.

Many a reporter, knowing his chief's weakness, has tried to court favor by spicing his copy with bits of "Hamlet" or "Macbeth," and it must be conceded that any display of a knowledge of the bard made an impression on a heart otherwise not often affected.

Mr J Wiederholt, book keeper for J Fennell & Son, has severed his connection with that firm and accepted a similar position with Mr F Hymmen & Co.

EDITORIAL WISDOM

Hamilton Spectator: John Sullivan, the New Brunswick murderer, is sentenced to be hanged on Friday, March 12. We suppose that it would "burst up" confederation and ensure plague and pestilence if some Canadian judge were to sentence somebody to be hanged on some other day than Friday.

John S McClelland, editor of the St Catharines Star, prints a challenge to all and sundry learned men to meet him on the public platform and defend the modern idea that the earth is round, which doctrine Mr McClelland proposes to attack, he holding to the theory that the earth is flat.

THE SUB-DIVIDING OF THE NORTH WARD Means a Reduction in the Number of Councillors—also an Equalization of Representation by Population.

The sub-dividing of the North Ward is not a new move. It has been spoken of for years, but not until 1895 did any Council propose to take action in the matter.

This shows that as far as the North Ward is concerned, it is not represented according to population. In real estate the North Ward leads with \$913,765, the East \$673,225, while the South and West have \$1,053,040.

EVERLASTINGLY AT IT

This is the season which brings many a retail business almost to a standstill, and trade seems to freeze up as the mercury goes down to zero. But not so here; be it cold or hot, people find their way here all the day long and there are no idle feet dangling over our counters.

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Bargains in SHOES.
Bargains in Dress Goods.
Bargains in Groceries.

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have been set aside, the proceeds thereof to be expended in the development of the Company's properties.

The Company owns two full claims, of 52 acres each, free of encumbrance, on Green Mountain, near Rossland. The one claim partially developed, and from expert's report promises to be as good a property as any of the now famous in nes o the Rossland Camp. A Crown Deed will be applied for at once.

Expert's Report

To the Germania Gold Mining Co., Rossland, B. C., and Berlin, Ont. ROSSLAND, B. C., November 4th, 1895.

GENTLEMEN:—I submit report on the "Electa" and "Chief Seattle" mineral claims, situated on the slope of Green Mountain, a distance of 3 1/2 miles from the town of Rossland, and 2 1/2 miles from the "War Eagle" and "Le Roi" mines.

For a few days more the Treasury stock will be sold at 10 cents per share in blocks of not less than 100 shares.

Either send for a prospectus and blank application for stock, or call at the Company's office, Walper Block, Queen Street, Berlin.

Wm. Roos, President; H. G. Laekner, M. D., Vice-President; John R. Eden, Sec'y & Treas.