



YARMOUTH NEWSPAPERS.

Before perusing the pages of this volume the reader must carry himself back in fancy to the time when Yarmouth was a mere village — before the days of railways, steamers, electric cars, telegraphs, telephones, or any of the discoveries and inventions of a sort for which the nineteenth century has become famous, and which have completely revolutionized the methods and operations of business and social life.

As no extracts from Yarmouth journalism, or chronology of events that have taken place in Yarmouth, would be complete without some account of the journals themselves from which the extracts are compiled, the writer thinks it proper, and that he would be cheerfully pardoned by the reader, should he first allude to the origin of newspaperdom in Yarmouth, and especially to the YARMOUTH HERALD, the complete files of which are in his possession, and from which the extracts are largely taken.

The first attempt towards establishing a newspaper in Yarmouth was made by Mr. Younghusband, of St. John, N. B., in 1827, but it died in the bud.

Messrs. Jackson & L'Estrange produced the first newspaper in Yarmouth, and indeed in the portion of Nova Scotia west of Halifax. It was called the YARMOUTH TELEGRAPH, and made its first appearance on Friday, November 25, 1831. The office of the paper was on Butler's Hill, one door north of the residence of the late Mr. James Forster, in the second flat. The first item under its editorial heading is as follows:

"It was originally intended to call this PAPER '*Herald*,' — 'Telegraph' is preferred, for reasons of no importance to the Reader."

The next article is somewhat lengthy, and alludes to the course