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President of the Canadian Press Association.

THE IMPRINT has a great deal of pleasure in making its readers acquainted with the good-looking features of Alexander F. Pirie, President of the Canadian Press Association. The portrait does not do justice to its subject :

to do so it would require to be a "speaking likeness," for our friend is just as handy with his tongue as he is with his pen—he is a born orator as well as journalist. He first saw the light of publication day in his father's office, the Guelph Herald, in 1819, and was brought up to the sound of the mallet and planer, the hammering of wooden quoins in the chases and the incessant cry of "Color!" on the part of the man who pulled the lever of the Washington press. The principal event of his early life was stirring the glue and molasses over a hot fire when the foreman decided to cast a new roller, the making of a new roller being at that time regarded as an epoch in the history of all well-regulated country printing offices.

Having stirred the glue and molasses successfully he came to Toronto in 1871 to report on the Sun, the proprietor of which paper, either concluding that he was of no earthly use as a reporter or discovering the hidden

germs of journalistic genius in his composition, set him to work writing editorial matter, and he has been writing it ever since. In 1876 he was asked to go on the Telegram, which was about to be started, and after a year spent under John Charles Dent, the historian, became editor, a position which he filled with judgment and ability until 1888.

After a year or two on the Montreal Star as chief editorial writer, and a session in the press gallery at Ottawa, he bought the Dundas Banner, and this year was elected president of the Canadian Press Association. He was a delegate to the World's Press Congress in Chicago in May, when he delivered the eloquent address which was reprinted in last number of THE IMPRINT. He also presides with affability and grace at all the church tea meetings and social gatherings held within reach



A. F. PIRIE, DUNDAS BANNER.

of his home in the Valley City. Mr. Pirie is a writer of great versatility, a capital speaker, one of the best-natured men in the profession, and publishes a model country weekly, the subscription to which, he has been heard to say, is a dollar a year in advance or a dollar and a half in turnips. He is one of the most popular of our Canadian journalists, a believer in his country and its future, and is a good representative of the men who make Canadian newspapers.