

MR. W. A. SHEPARD

PRESIDENT UNITED TYPOTHETÆ OF AMERICA

ON this page appears a life-like portrait of William Allan Shepard, President of the United Typothetæ of America, and ex-President of the Employing Printers' Association of Toronto. Mr. Shepard was born in Brownville, N.Y., on July 6, 1830, whence he removed at six months of age with his parents to Canada. He received his education in the public and grammar schools at Brockville, Ont., and subsequently taught school for some time near the city of Belleville. In the latter part of 1847 he "went west" to the city of Hamilton and apprenticed himself to the printing business in the office of the *Canada Christian Advocate*, of which his father, the Rev. Gideon Shepard, was afterward editor for eight years. His readiness for business and skill at his trade secured him the position of foreman before his apprenticeship was half served, and he discharged the duties of that position for a number of years, till opportunities for work more congenial to his literary abilities called him elsewhere.

In 1858, when his father took the position of President of Albert College, Belleville, Mr. Shepard removed to that town and became connected with the *Belleville Intelligencer*, of which the present Minister of Customs of Canada, Hon. M. Bowell, was then proprietor. Here he was man of all work—compositor, local editor, compiler of directories, etc. In 1867, when the gold fever broke out in the townships north of Belleville, the *Daily Intelligencer* was started, and under the guiding hand of Mr. Shepard became a success from the start. Mr. Bowell meanwhile became a member of Parliament, and the whole business, editorial and office, devolved upon Mr. Shepard. He was an able and ready political writer, and when

occasional excursions fell to his lot his descriptive and entertaining letters were a pleasing and profitable feature in the *Daily*. Subsequently he organized the *Intelligencer Printing and Publishing Company*, of which he was managing director until a short time previous to his removal to Toronto. He was identified with all of the public enterprises in the city of Belleville and grew up with it as it advanced from a small town to a city of upward of 10,000. The community showed their appreciation of his integrity by electing him a member of the school board for sixteen years in succession.

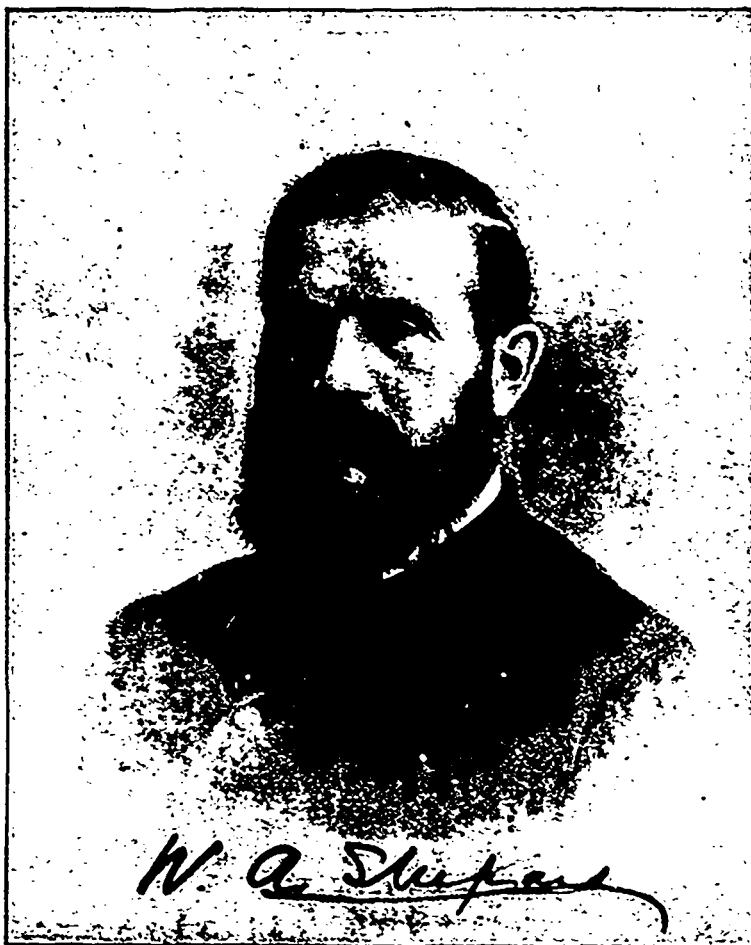
For the last five years of his residence in Belleville he was chairman of the Board of Education, a body composed of the public and high school trustees, to which position he had been elected un-animously on each occasion. On leaving Belleville, as an evidence of his popularity and the esteem in which he was held, he received numerous addresses and substantial presentations from public bodies, religious and secular, as well as from the citizens.

In 1881 he became connected with the Mail Job Department, now the Mail Job Printing Co., and since that time has built up one of the finest businesses in Canada. He knows well his art, and be-

sides an intimate and practical knowledge of printing, has excellent taste and judgment.

In religion, Mr. Shepard is a Presbyterian. He is in robust health, well-developed physically, and, although beyond the much dreaded "dead line of fifty," gives every promise of many years' of practical and efficient service in his profession and a ripe old age among the children of his household.

The unanimous selection of Mr. Shepard as President of the United Typothetæ shows the high regard in which he is held by his fellow-craftsmen.



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