

Free Lance at Westville, Pictou Co., died at his home, Piedmont, recently, aged 25 years. A wife and two children survive him.

The Gold Hunter, published at Caledonia, Queen's Co., N.S., celebrated its 8th anniversary on Sept. 26.

#### MANITOBA AND THE WEST.

The Virden Banner has ceased publication.

Mr. J. C. McLagan, proprietor of The Vancouver World, is en route home after a two weeks' stay in Ontario.

It is said that J. D. McAra, of The Moosomin Spectator, formerly of Calgary, is going to buy a paper in the west.

D. B. Bogle and A. R. McDonald, the proprietors of the new Mining Review at Rossland, gave a midnight supper to a number of friends and representatives of the press in the International Hotel.

A new weekly paper has been started in Douglas, Alaska, called The Douglas Miner. It may be here stated that Douglas is the place where the famous Treadwell mines are located, the largest gold-producing mines in Alaska.

#### NOVA SCOTIA JOURNALISTS IN PUBLIC LIFE.

SINCE the days of Joseph Howe, Nova Scotia journalism has given some good men to the public service of the country. This is particularly so at the present time. Finance Minister Fielding was formerly editor of The Halifax Morning Chronicle. He grew up in that office, filling almost every position, from shipping reporter to chief editorial writer, and when he entered the Local Legislature was editor-in-chief of that paper.

Ben. Russell, M.P., Q.C., is a newspaper man. When he was elected to Parliament he held the position of reporter of the Legislative Council, and for many years has been identified with the Halifax press.

W. D. Dimock, M.P., is the editor of The Truro News.

Firman McClure, defeated Liberal candidate for Colchester in the Federal contest and a successful candidate for the provincial House a few weeks later, was editor of The Truro Guardian.

Hon. George H. Murray, who ran against Sir Charles Tupper in Cape Breton county, but who afterwards became Premier of Nova Scotia, has been more or less identified with journalism in Cape Breton.

Thomas B. Flint, M.P., is the editorial writer of The Yarmouth Herald.

J. J. Stewart, editor of The Halifax Herald, has been an unsuccessful candidate for Parliament.

C. H. Cohan, while editor of The Halifax Mail, became a member of the Local Legislature and leader of the Opposition, but when he renounced journalism and took to law he lost his grip on Shelburne county and was defeated.

Mr. Farrell, editor of The Liverpool Advance, was recently elected by acclamation to the Local Legislature.

E. M. McDonald, who gave Sir C. H. Tupper such a close call in Pictou County, is a newspaper man, being editor of The Pictou Advocate, printed by his brother.

W. B. Wallace, one of the most brilliant writers on the Halifax press, was recently elected to the Local Legislature for Halifax city and county by acclamation. During the last Federal contest Mr. Wallace inaugurated a new scheme of newspaper political work which did great service to the Liberal party.

He started in interviewing people who had been Conservatives, but who were going to vote Liberal, and the interviews gave the impression that there was a general stampede from the Conservative ranks.

#### NOW IT IS ROOFING SLATES.

Something novel in the line of building material is produced at the mill in Christiania, Norway. This mill began operations two years ago, making roofing tiles, and is now shipping to different parts of the globe an article which is of acknowledged superiority in the way of "slates." Norway tiles, as they are termed, are made from wood pulp, which, under very high pressure, is formed into thin cakes of sizes like the ordinary roofing slates. After a chemical treatment, which is the inventor's secret, the tiles become hard like brick, and acquire a deep black appearance, which gives a soft tone to houses with prominent roofs and gables. It is claimed for these tiles that they possess every advantage of the best slates now in use; their composition makes them light, durable and not so liable to breakage as are the ordinary slates; they are not subject to any expansion or contraction, and, when a roof is once covered with this material, it will serve for a good many years without any repairs whatever. The price also of these tiles is very low, admitting of a saving of some 35 per cent. as compared with the cost of other roofing.

#### CANADIAN PRESS ASSOCIATION.

The programme for the 1897 meeting of the association is well under way. Already Mr. Cooper, the secretary, has received from several members promises to contribute. Mr. Andrew Pattullo, M.P.P., will contribute a paper. Mr. A. J. Jeffry, Arnprior Chronicle, will deal with advertising; Mr. A. R. Fawcett, Junction Leader, with country correspondence; Mr. M. Y. McLean, M.P.P., with small local ads. in weeklies, Mr. John Cameron, with the early history of the association, Mr. P. D. Ross, Ottawa, with machine work. An excellent programme is assured.

The removal of Messrs. Brierley, president, and J. E. Atkinson, assistant secretary, to Montreal, does not sever their connection with the association, which has several members in Montreal. Mr. Brierley's residence in the sister province might lead to a union between the two provincial associations. Ottawa would make a good meeting place, in that event.

A number of new members are applying for entrance, under the recent rule reducing the entrance fee between now and January, 1897, to \$3.

#### A TRIUMPH FOR THE SCOTT.

Another success has just been scored for the Scott press. Mr. Arthur R. Byles, of The Bradford, Eng., Observer, has just made a tour of the world, and spent a full month in the United States inspecting printing machinery, etc. On his return to England lately The Observer ordered a \$25,000 press from Walter Scott & Co., Plainfield, N.J., to be delivered in January next. This is certainly a triumph for the Scott rotary web perfecting press, because it was evidently selected after other makes had been inspected carefully. The Montreal Star, The Toronto Mail and Empire, and other leading papers in Canada are printed from Scott presses, and they give unbounded satisfaction.