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### The Press and Printers of Pictou, N. S.

The following extract of a letter from Mr. Alex. Lawson (of Yarmouth, N. S.) to Rev. Dr. Patterson gives some interesting information on the above subject:—

“I was born in Scotland, but came to Pictou with my parents when a mere child, so that my earliest recollections are of New Glasgow. I went to the *Patriot* office in the summer of 1828, about six months after its establishment, and left 1st June, 1833. When I entered the *Patriot* office, Jacob Cunnabell was foreman, and, I understood, a joint proprietor, but the following year he left the concern and went to Halifax, leaving his brother William, afterward publisher of Cunnabell's Almanac, in charge of the mechanical department. David Gordon, who began under Jacob Cunnabell, worked on the paper a year or more before going to college. (Mr. Gordon, on completing his medical studies in Edinburgh, commenced the practice of his profession in that city, and is still engaged there in that way.) John Styles began his apprenticeship in 1829, about a year later than myself, and with the exception of a short period, when he was out of health, remained until the discon-

tinuance of the paper. William Cunnabell remained about a year after Jacob left, and was succeeded, as foreman in the *Patriot* office, by James Bowes, the subsequent head of the firm of James Bowes & Sons, Halifax. He filled the position for a year, and then returned to Halifax. When Bowes left I was entrusted with the charge of the mechanical department of the establishment. After Milne's marriage, his brother-in-law, Abram S. Harris, then a boy, began to work on the paper as a compositor, and I think remained until the close of his career. Edward S. Blanchard, Jotham's brother, worked for a short time in the *Patriot* office after leaving college. One son of Milne's, John, who began to work in the *Patriot* office when about ten years of age, is one of the proprietors and editors of the *Fall River Daily News*, and a highly esteemed citizen of that place.”

### The Bliss Family Genealogy.

A limited edition—five hundred copies only—of this large and elegant work, has been issued from the press of Rockwell & Churchill, printers to the City of Boston, Mass. It comprises over eight hundred octavo pages in fine type, and gives a comprehensive genealogical record of the family for over three hundred and twenty-five years, tracing back to about the year 1550, in England, whence the first emigrants of the name came to America. It is carefully and beautifully printed on the best sixty-pound paper, and illustrated with numerous portraits, coats of arms, etc., is elegantly bound in muslin or leather, as may be desired by purchasers, and in point of artistic beauty is probably unexcelled by any book ever issued from the American press.

The records given in this work are connected and continuous, and cover thirteen generations