

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS PRESS ASSOCIATION.

THE annual meeting of the Eastern Townships Press Association was held at Sherbrooke on Monday, Oct 17th, and, like all the gatherings of the Townships' journalists, was most successful. Amongst those who attended were: C. H. Parmalee, M.P., Waterloo Advertiser; I. A. Belanger, Progres de l'Est, Sherbrooke; Lieut.-Col. Morehouse, Sherbrooke Examiner; W. L. Shurtleff, Coaticook Observer; L. E. Charbonnel, Cookshire Chronicle; A. I. Lance, Richmond Times; E. J. Bedard, Richmond News; J. C. Holland, Stanstead Journal; L. S. Channell, Sherbrooke Record; G. H. Bradford, Sherbrooke Gazette; M. T. Stenson, M.P., Richmond; Rev. C. W. Finch, Magog; S. Fraser, Richmond; E. R. Smith, president, St. Johns News, and E. S. Stevens, secretary-treasurer, Sherbrooke Examiner.

At 10 a.m. the proceedings were opened by a visit to the city hall, where the guests were received by the civic authorities. The public library and reading-room were inspected, and visits were paid to the power stations of the street railway and the gas and water company. Before adjourning for lunch a few of the delegates visited the office of The Sherbrooke Gazette and witnessed the operation of the monoline typesetting machines. In the afternoon, the visiting craftsmen, accompanied by several members of the city council and board of trade, made a round of the local manufactories, including the shops of the Jenkes Machine Co., the woollen mills of the Paton Manufacturing Co., Walter Blue & Co.'s clothing factory, and other prominent industries. A special parade of the entire fire brigade was a feature of the programme.

The business meeting was called for 6 o'clock, in the city council chamber. President Smith presided.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and adopted and several new members had been admitted, the election of officers was proceeded with, resulting as follows: President, L. S. Channell, Record, Sherbrooke; vice-presidents, E. R. Smith, News, St. Johns; J. O. Genest, Progres, Sherbrooke, and L. E. Charbonnel, Chronicle, Cookshire; sec-treas., E. S. Stevens, Examiner, Sherbrooke. Executive committee, G. H. Bradford, Gazette, Sherbrooke; L. S. Corey, Mail, Granby, and J. Wilcox, Enterprise, Magog. An invitation from Mr. A. H. Moore, M.P., to visit Magog was accepted, and

the association will hold its usual midwinter meeting there in January.

The customary banquet took place at the College House, Lennoxville, and was well attended. Besides the local and visiting pressmen, there were present many prominent citizens, including Hon. Mr. Justice White, M. T. Stenson, M.P., and C. H. Parmalee, M.P. After "The Queen" had been drunk, with the usual honors, the toasts of "The Bench" and "The Dominion Parliament" were proposed. Eloquent and appropriate replies were made by Messrs. White, Stenson and Parmalee. Messrs. Smith and Holland responded to the toast of "Visiting Pressmen" with characteristic ability. Other witty speeches concluded a very delightful evening's entertainment.

MR. E. R. SMITH.

No man has done more for the Eastern Townships Press Association than Mr. E. R. Smith, who retired from its presidency at the last annual meeting. His conferees, however, insisted that he should accept the office of vice-president, which he did, no doubt with some reluctance, for he is a busy man, with the cares and worries of a large newspaper upon his shoulders. His paper, The News and Eastern Townships Advocate, was established in 1848 by the late W. W. Smith, father of the present senior proprietor. It was published one year at Philipsburg, in the county of Missisquoi, after which it was removed to St. Johns, where it has since made its headquarters. The News was originally a five-column paper of four pages. It has been enlarged on several occasions since then, and is to-day a seven-column twelve-page publication. The circulation has expanded with its growth in size, and the pub-



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lishers claim that they issue a larger number of copies than any other paper in the Province printed outside the city of Montreal.

The News has six distinct bona fide editions, which are published respectively at St. Johns, Magog, Knowlton, Huntingdon, Lachute and Richmond. The printing is all done at St. Johns, the head office, and the papers are, in many respects, the same. There is an active local agent at all of the outside offices, and the news and local advertisements enable the publishers to furnish the various localities with a bright local paper, having a decidedly metropolitan flavor.

The News has a large staff of contributors, both from city and country. It is a moderate Conservative in principle, but is