

of this session. The labors before you are arduous, if properly attended to; but I hope I give you, one and all, no more credit than your due when I say you came here to *work*. And in order that you may don the harness as soon as possible, I now declare the Twenty-Fifth Annual Session of the International Typographical Union duly open and ready to proceed to the transaction of business.

And now to a slight idea of the business transacted: First, are appointed the necessary committees; then the hours of meeting are attended to; then we find presentations, reports of committees (including the Greeley Monument Committee); and after various other business has been attended to, we come to President McVicar's Annual Report. To do this full justice would be to publish it entire, but when we mention that the report occupies fourteen pages of the Report of Proceedings, it will be readily understood that it would be rather impracticable. However, at some future time, an opportunity may present itself for the reproduction of the most salient points. After a few well-chosen opening words, Mr. McVicar goes on to speak of "Organization and Discipline," "Condition of Trade," "The Apprentice Question," "Digest of the Laws," "The Montreal Difficulties," "Why Numerous Strikes are Unsuccessful," "Jurisdiction," "Subordinate Unions' Circulars," and various other matters of moment, the whole forming a subject for the study of every printer. It will not be amiss to say that the Report is an excellent one—well worthy of the lips that gave it utterance—as all who have perused the work must assent to.

Then comes the Report of the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. J. H. O'Donnell. This gentleman's very onerous duties have not been in any manner slighted.

The Corresponding Secretary, Mr. Armstrong, then submitted his Report, which is well worthy of attention. The duties of this office, apparently, are of no trifling nature, and require good judgment and wide experience.

After reading the reports, the various standing committees are appointed, and then follows the real business of the Union. We cannot take up any one part of it without the whole; therefore we content ourselves with remarking that a digest of the business transacted, among which are the reports of committees, etc., occupy some forty pages of the Annual Report.

Our object in penning this article was to show that the workings of the International Union

were not a mere form, but a sound and healthy organization, and necessary to the well-being of the craft; and if we have failed in that endeavor it is not for the want of a basis to work upon, but that we have not the "ready quill" or the space to do justice to the subject before us.

It might be as well to give some facts and figures here, in connection with the International Union, of interest to the craft:—

The I. T. U. has a membership of...	1,095
The roll of death amounts to.....	76
Withdrawn by card.....	4
Expelled.....	40

National Union formally organized in May, 1852, at Cincinnati, from which date there have been annual sessions, with the exception of 1861. In 1869, at Albany, the name was changed to International Union.

Newfoundland Newspapers and Printers.

We are indebted to our rambling correspondent, Mr. Wm. Walker, for the following particulars respecting the newspapers and printing offices of Newfoundland:

Public Ledger, St. Johns, semi-weekly, 22x29, independent, Frederick William Bowden, proprietor and publisher. The *Ledger* was started by Henry Winton (father of Francis Winton, proprietor of the *Chronicle and Commercial Journal*, and Robert Winton, proprietor of the weekly *North Star*), about the year 1820. He conducted it continuously until 1854, the time of his death. It was royal size, conservative in politics. It was continued by his son, Henry, until April, 1866, the time of his death. His widow conducted it two years after her husband's death. F. W. Bowden, the present proprietor being her foreman. It was bought out from the original owners January, 1874. Geo. Osborne, foreman, Richard Sage, Geo. Webber, Wm. Christopher and Wm. McNamara, journeymen; John Crawford, Richd. Hodder, Eben. Hook, Wm. Goodland, James Nicholas, John Flynn and Thomas Daniels, apprentices.

Free Press and Semi-Weekly Advertiser, St. Johns, semi-weekly, royal, independent, John Aloyous Rochfort, editor and proprietor, James P. Rahal and James Johnson Hay, publishers. This paper was commenced as a daily April 9th, 1877; it ran as such for about six weeks, demy size; it was afterwards continued as a semi-weekly. Thomas Naugle and John Ryan, journeymen; James Keough, apprentice.

North Star, St. Johns, weekly, double demy,