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Ontario Queen's Printer.

LUD. K. CAMERON, Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, as he is called officially, is a well known newspaper man, and we doubt not but his face will be familiar to many of our readers - both in Ontario and Manitoba. His connection with the printing business dates back to the time his brother, John Cameron, late general manager of the *Globe*, and now proprietor of the *London Advertiser* was an apprentice at the Free Press office in the Forest City. As a boy he loved to wander among the cases and listen to the musical click-click of the types, as they were dropped into the sticks by the nimble-fingered compositors, or like one of Helen's Babies, see the "wheels go round." Later on, after his brother started the *Advertiser*, he, too, learned to set type, going through all the various grades from devil to journeyman; then a reporter, in the days when reporters had to have plenty of "leg talent," and telephones were unknown; later on he was city editor, when he fell from grace and became an advertising fiend. He reformed, however, before he became utterly lost, and in due time became manager and president of the *Advertiser Printing and Publishing Company*, (Limited).

Previous to assuming this latter position, Mr. Cameron took a trip to Winnipeg, being so much impressed with that country that he determined to cast in his lot with the people there. He founded the *Nor' West Farmer*, and would, no doubt, have been successfully conducting that journal to this day, had not the death of his brother William necessitated his return to London—his brother John being

at that time engaged with the *Globe*, and unable to assume the management himself.

Lud. as the Q. P. is familiarly called, made a host of friends in the Northwest, many of whom have endeavored time and again, to persuade him to return. One thing is certain, and that is, that the Q. P. never loses an opportunity of extolling the merits of Manitoba, and in contending that Winnipeg will one day be if not the largest one of the

largest cities in Canada. He still adheres to his love for Winnipeggers, and delights in nothing more than to come across some of his old friends, and talk of "Old times down in Kildonan," or of his many trips away out west on the C. P. R. It is now nearly four years since his brother returned to London, and the subject of our sketch was made Queen's Printer by the Ontario Government. A better appointment could not have been made, as he is a thorough master of his profession, besides being a moderate man in his political views, though a staunch Liberal. As accountant of the House during the Session, Mr. Cameron is

brought in contact with every member of the House, and it is safe to say that there is not a more popular official in the service. The Queen's Printer is still identified in a financial way with the *Advertiser*, besides being a shareholder in several publications in Toronto and elsewhere. He is a well known figure at the Victoria Club, and takes an active part in both curling and bowling competitions, and being of a jovial temperament, has many friends wherever he goes. The accompanying portrait is a very good one, and we have much pleasure in presenting it to our readers.



LUD. K. CAMERON, QUEEN'S PRINTER.