

the 7th of October, 1851, the Messrs. Rowlands issued the first number of the *Daily News*, which they published successfully with the *Chronicle and News* until July 1867, when Mr. James Neish, one of the staff, became proprietor, although Mr. John Rowlands continued to have a large interest in it. Mr. Neish afterwards studied medicine and graduated as M. D. at the Royal College of Surgeons, Kingston; he afterwards held the Professorships of Botany, Chemistry, Philosophy and Anatomy. He is now Surgeon to a large plantation in Jamaica. In 1871, Mr. James Shannon became sole proprietor, and continued as such until October, 1876, when Mr. William Meek, lately of the Ontario Publishing Company, Belleville, purchased a share in the business, which is now carried on under the style of Shannon & Meek. After the change of proprietors in 1871, the *News* made great progress, the increase of business in the first year being fully twenty-five per cent. over the preceding year, and every year's business since that time showing a steady increase. The *News* is the medium by which the official business of the Synod of Ontario reaches the clergy of the Diocese—a district extending from Trenton on the west to the boundary line of the province of Ontario on the east. Owing to this and other circumstances, the daily circulation of the *News* is larger than that of any other paper between Ottawa and Toronto; consequently advertisements to its columns are brought under the notice of a class of readers not often reached by a mere secular journal. Mr. Shannon (one of the proprietors) has been a member of the Synod of Ontario since its amalgamation in 1861, and is a member of several of its most important Committees, including the Mission Board. He is also one of the delegates to the Provincial Synod.

Mr. Miles, the originator of the *Kingston Gazette*, died in 1870 at the advanced age of eighty-one, having for many years previously been a much respected minister of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. He took a warm interest in his old paper to the last.

Among gentlemen who have been connected with the *News* are several who have become well known, not only in Kingston, but throughout Canada. About the year 1837, Mr. Ferguson, a merchant of Montreal, acquired the paper by means of having a mortgage on it. Mr. Ferguson had no knowledge of newspaper work

himself, but he was a highly educated gentleman, and we believe he has left behind him an interesting account of the war of 1812. His son, the Rev. George D. Ferguson, B. A., a Professor in Queen's University, has, we believe, thus in his possession. Mr. Ferguson had to trust too much to others in the management of his paper, and he relinquished it about 1844, having found that he lost money by it.

Mr. John Creighton, the present Warden of the Kingston Penitentiary, served his apprenticeship in the office, and for several years acted as foreman. He afterwards became a bookseller in the city, served as Mayor, and was for a long period Police Magistrate, in which office he performed his duties to the satisfaction of the citizens. His appointment to the Wardenship of the Penitentiary as successor to another printer, the late J. Moir Ferris, gave much pleasure to the craft and the citizens generally.

Another printer, connected with the *News* office, was the Rev. Charles Lavell, M. A., a distinguished member of the Toronto Conference of the Methodist church.

Another of the typos was Mr. David Gibson, now a merchant of some standing in the city, who has served his fellow citizens for several years as an Alderman. Notwithstanding his retirement from the business, Mr. Gibson still delights to talk of "the art preservative," and keeps up a kindly connection with the newspapers on which he worked so long.

Many other names which have become prominent might be mentioned, but the limits of this article will not allow of it. In closing, we may say that the office on Princess street, Kingston, has recently been re-arranged, and is now, without exception, the best printing office in central Canada. \*

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SIR JOHN ARNOTT, proprietor of the *Irish Times*, has determined to erect, in a healthy portion of Dublin, for the use of the printers connected with his journal, cottages which he will provide for them at a merely nominal rent. They will be fitted with all modern appliances necessary for the comfort and health of the occupants. It is to be hoped that many others will imitate him in this matter.

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Mr. William Walker, traveller for the Napanee Paper Manufacturing Company, lost part of his effects in the late fire in this city, at the Victoria Hotel.