

## MR. CREIGHTON'S VALEDICTORY.

WITH the beginning of the year Mr. David Creighton, now Assistant Receiver-General at Toronto, finally severed all connection with newspaper life. He has sold The Owen Sound Times to James H. Rutherford, who has managed the paper since Mr. Creighton removed to Toronto in December, 1887, to start The Empire. The Times was founded in 1853 by P. G. Laurie. After some years it was purchased by Edward Todd, who, in 1863, sold it to W. W. Smith. The following year, 1864, it passed into the hands of Rutherford & Creighton. Under this arrangement Mr. Creighton was editor and Mr. Rutherford managed the printing office. They dissolved in 1869, Mr. Creighton taking The Times and Mr. Rutherford the book and job department. Mr. Creighton continued during the ensuing eighteen years to be the life and soul of The Times. He was thoroughly posted on public questions, full of vigor, and of inflexible integrity. He entered the Ontario Legislature in 1875 at a bye-election, and represented North Grey continuously for fifteen years. His interest in politics did not interfere with The Times, which, under his influence, became a staunch and vigorous exponent of the Conservative party. The people in the northern district knew and trusted him, and he enjoyed a deservedly high measure of respect from all classes in the community for his kindly disposition, irreproachable life and character, and public spirit. In 1887 he was entrusted by Sir John Macdonald with the task of forming a stock company to publish The Empire. This, at pecuniary loss to himself, he succeeded in doing, and continued its manager until its absorption by The Mail in February, 1895.

In his valedictory to The Times readers Mr. Creighton says: "Although no mere change of business relations can make any difference in the feelings toward what I shall ever continue to regard as my own town and county, or alter the ties of old personal friendship which bind me to thousands of the inhabitants, yet in finally severing a connection with The Times which has now existed for over thirty-five years, as working printer or as editor and proprietor, I feel that I cannot do so without thanking its patrons and readers for the many acts of kindness I have during that period experienced at their hands. Especially since the time when, in 1864, with my old partner, John Rutherford, whose son now succeeds me, I first assumed control as editor and proprietor, and during the twenty-three years in which I actively continued the duties of those positions, was I met with a consideration and encouraged with a cordial support which will ever live in my memory, and which sustained me in many an ardent struggle to make the paper worthy the confidence which its friends reposed in it." Mr. Creighton's journalistic career is entirely creditable to him, and, as he is now on the retired list, PRINTER AND PUBLISHER knows that it expresses the feelings of the Canadian Press Association in hoping that he will not lose his interest in the association, but will continue to follow its proceedings and assist its deliberations whenever possible.

Editor's Wife (reading engineering exchange): Do you know, my dear, I think I should have been an engineer had I been a man. Editor (pensively). I don't doubt it, you know how to engineer men now.

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