

## NEWS OF THE CRAFT.

## LOCAL.

Printing in this city is fair, having improved but very slightly since our last. Very few hands are idle.

Mr. Stratford Bell, who for some years past has been working in Boston, arrived in the city on the 1st inst.

Mr. William McDonald, late of Bremner Bros., Charlottetown, P. E. I., is to work in J. & A. McMillan's.

The editor of the *Christian Visitor*, Rev. George Armstrong, has been on a visit to Woodstock, N. B.

Mr. John Seymour, of this city, is in Cambridge, Mass., and reports printing dull there.

Mr. Alexander Robertson, formerly night foreman on the *News* of this city, is now working in the *Herald* office, Philadelphia, Pa. He has got a steady "sit."

Mr. James Hannay, of the *Telegraph*, has now in press his long promised "History of Acadia." It will be a volume of 500 pages, illustrated by maps, plans and views, and a large edition is to be printed.

McAlpine's Directory for St. John, Portland, Carleton and Fairville, which is now going through the press of Messrs. J. & A. McMillan, will be ready for delivery about the middle of this month. It will be a volume of between 500 and 600 pages. They have in press also a Business Directory of the Maritime Provinces, which will be issued shortly.

The Corporation printing which was put up to tender on the 21st ultimo, was awarded to H. Chubb & Co. There were seven tenders, as follows:—Messrs. H. Chubb & Co., J. & A. McMillan, Wm. Elder, G. W. Day, Barnes & Co., G. A. Knodell and Roger Hunter. It is about six years since tenders were asked for this work, at which time Messrs. Barnes & Co. secured it.

J. Riordon, Esq., proprietor of the Merriton (Ont.) paper mills, made a flying visit to the lower provinces in July. He was in St. John on the 26th and in Halifax on the 27th. We understand that Mr. R. did a considerable amount of business in his line in this city, which is not surprising when the business tact and ability, together with the pleasant and agreeable manner he brings into all his transactions, is taken into consideration.

The first No. of the *Christian Standard*, a Congregational Monthly, of 8 pages, has been issued from the press of Messrs. J. & A. McMillan. Rev. Charles B. Woodcock is editor-in-chief. The paper is 32x22½ and is of extra good quality for a newspaper. The type looks new and the composition and presswork are well done. In fact, it is just such a paper as might be expected from a first class establishment like McMillan's. Mr. C. H. Flewelling, artist and engraver on the staff of the *Telegraph*, has succeeded in "putting a head on it" that for neatness and beauty and faultless engraving will compare favorably with anything in that line we have ever seen.

On the 22d ult., the *Watchman* announced a reduction in price. It is now sold at two cents a copy, \$1.00 a year by mail and \$1.50 delivered by carriers in the city. Mr. Livingston has certainly succeeded in making the *Watchman* one of the most readable papers in the Dominion, and under the change above noted its circulation will be sure to run up to an unprecedented figure for a weekly paper in this city. In making the announcement the editor says:—"We propose to give buyers and readers

of the paper the best value for their money that they have ever received in the shape of newspaper literature. To advertisers we guarantee a circulation of 3,000 copies every Saturday, and a Sunday is the best day of the week for publishing advertisements, we have little doubt that the *Watchman* will be freely patronized on that day, and that we shall more than make up in advertising what profit we may lose on the sales of the paper."

## PROVINCIAL.

The Otterville (Ont.) *Argus* office was burned on the 18th ult.

The Meaford (Ont.) *Monitor* has put on a new suit and has also been enlarged.

Mr. Watts, editor of the Woodstock, N. B., *Scotline*, was in the city on the 28th ult.

Rev. Dr. Quinby, of Augusta, Maine, editor of the *Gospel Banner*, is on a visit to Halifax.

The *Free Press* is the name of a new weekly paper, published at Port Colborne, Ont., by E. G. Hart.

H. A. Cropley, Esq., of Fredericton, accompanied by his family, is spending a brief vacation in Prince Edward Island.

The managing editor of the New York *World*, Mr. T. J. Shaubs, has been spending his holidays near Kingston, Ont.

Mr. John Carlisle has been taken as a partner in the Peterboro' (Ont.) *Times*. The firm is now "W. H. Robertson & Co."

Mr. W. B. Macdougall, son of the Hon. Wm. Macdougall, is on the editorial staff of the *Saturday Sun*, of Evansville, Indiana.

Mr. Charles Halleck, editor of *Forest and Stream*, of New York, is in the northern part of this Province on his customary salmon cruise.

Hamilton Typographic Union, No. 129, according to the last annual circular, is in a very flourishing condition. It has a membership of 47.

Mr. E. H. S. Hughes, for several years on the staff of the Quebec *Chronicle*, has gone on a trip to Glasgow, Scotland, for the benefit of his health.

The Montreal *Witness* has another libel suit on hand. This time it is a Mr. Stephen J. Meany, who is bringing the action for libel on his personal character.

Mr. T. P. Thompson, for some years one of the proprietors of the Toronto *National*, has been appointed to a position on the staff of the Boston *Traveler*.

Printing was done in Canada before the separation of the American Colonies from the mother country. Halifax had a press in 1751 and Quebec boasted of a printing office in 1764.

Politics must be quiet and news scarce when the editors of two northern county papers condescend to quarrel over the spelling of the word winches, which one happened to print "wenches."

Mr. F. Hamilton, formerly of the St. John *Daily Telegraph*, but now on the staff of the Montreal *Gazette*, left the latter city on the 24th ult., for a three weeks' trip to the lower provinces.

J. C. Withers, Esq., Queen's Printer of Newfoundland, is visiting his numerous friends in Prince Edward Island. He has filled the above office for 44 years, and has become venerable in the service.