

Notes from the Capital.

OTTAWA, April 9.

In the *Miscellany* of March there appeared an item which stated: "The Ottawa Typographical Union has decided that the employers can have as many apprentices as they please." This item, I am happy to state, is untrue, as no motion to that effect was ever made in our society. I know such a report was circulated throughout the country, but it was also officially denied by our President, which denial was not so thoroughly circulated; and further, to prove that that report was not correct, on Monday, 22d March, our men were to strike if our rules in respect to apprentices were not complied with, and the surplus boys in all the offices were discharged. By giving this publicity you will confer a favor, and set us in our proper place before your readers.

Work in this city has been very good this session, and good men were not to be had, even by *advertising*. But when the *boys* in the country offices saw the *ads.* they *rushed in* and filled the vacancies, thus adding a goodly number more to the already over-stocked list of *jours*. But, as usual, in all probability, there will be considerable *skipping out* as soon as the session is over.

Mr. Thos. Kinsella, a comp. in the Parliamentary, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to a young lady named Miss O'Brien, on the 6th April, he being the third typo who has joined the benedicts in this city since the New Year.

The Grand Duke is in town once more, and laboring on the Parliamentary. STET.

Advertising Canvassers.

OTTAWA, April 20.

How is it that the proprietors of newspapers in Canada have seemingly but one single aim, and that is to work for the sole interest of the manufacturers of paper, presses, ink, type, etc. If the proprietor of each newspaper had efficient advertising and subscription canvassers, they would stand better financially and otherwise. The canvasser is an acquisition more valuable than proprietors think of. They are the educators of a class of business men who never advertise, but have to be educated up to it. What would the Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, and London daily papers be at the present time, if it had not been for the efforts of such advertising canvassers or contractors as Messrs. Griswold,

Martin, Walker, and others. If such valuable men were more numerous, advertising rates would be paying ones, and would result in better wages and salaries to the employés of newspaper offices.

It is an undeniable fact that daily newspapers which have no canvassers have ruinously low rates for advertising; those that have paying rates have canvassers, and valuable ones at that. This is a matter that newspaper proprietors should seriously think of and ventilate among themselves before it is too late. There has been too much depending on political subsidies, instead of real commercial value, for the use of the advertising columns.

Trusting to hear from some other correspondent on the same subject,

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Napanee District Notes.

NAPANEE, April 20.

From our own correspondent.

A new paper has been started at Picton, called the *Sun*. It is non-political and shines for all. Melbanks & Davis, both practical printers, are the publishers.

Mr. Robert Henry, of the *Standard*, has dropped the stick, and is editing "ye local" of that journal.

Mr. G. M. Ackerman, late foreman of the *Picton Times*, has severed his connection with that paper, and secured a situation on the *Express* staff.

Mr. M. Richardson, a typo turned out under *Standard* auspices, has secured a more lucrative position, at Mill Point, in the telegraph and post offices of H. B. Rathbun, and commenced his new duties on Monday last. He is a rapid and clean copyist, and his place will not easily be filled.

Mr. Foster Howe has recently added appliances for book printing, in addition to his job office, and, we understand, is doing some very creditable work in that line.

Quebec Advertising Rates.

ST. JOHN, N. B., May 1.

The following is a copy of a quotation sent to St. John for advertising, from the office of the leading newspaper in that city:

	1 mo.	3 mos.	6 mos.
2 inches.....	\$10	\$20	\$30

The rates for the leading paper in St. John are:

	1 mo.	3 mos.	6 mos.
2 inches.....	\$12	\$30	\$50

How do you account for the wide difference, and how are wages in Quebec?

Yours, etc.,

COMPOSITOR.