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## SALUTATORY

We ask the indulgence of the craft while we try to explain, as briefly as possible, the reasons and motives which have moved us to undertake the issue of this little sheet—THE PRINTER'S MISCELLANY. We will, at the same time, say a few words in reference to our objects and intentions.

At the present time there is nothing in the shape of an independent printers' paper published, with any degree of regularity, in the Dominion of Canada. There is no place where can be found the record of events daily transpiring in the printing business. There is no way in which those connected with the craft can readily find one another's whereabouts without considerable cost. There is no regular channel through which the printer can find employment, or the employer help when needed. The printers of the Dominion should have a medium through which they could communicate with each other, and interchange ideas about their work, etc. They feel the want of such a medium, and we believe that if the disciples of Faust, in the Dominion, will aid us to supply this want, a great good must result.

A strong motive urging us to undertake this duty, has been a conviction that some one should be trying to gather up the little threads of history in connection with printing in order that they may not be entirely lost, but be placed on record, and, at some future day, be gathered

together and woven into one grand whole by some master hand. Each year that passes makes it more difficult to collect information respecting the printing business in the early days of the colonies, therefore, we deem it almost an absolute necessity that some one should undertake this task; and while we do not feel much confidence in our own ability to carry the work forward to a successful issue, still we are willing and determined to do what we can toward so desirable a consummation.

We place our columns at the service of any one who may possess reminiscences or notes in connection with the early days of printing in this country, and would ask them to place their contributions within easy reach of the future historian.

It is our intention to place before our readers the latest and most reliable news in relation to the craft, together with such articles and items of interest and useful information as we may from time to time have at our disposal. It will be an especial pleasure to us to lay before the craft the views and experiences of practical printers, and we invite the co-operation of all connected in any way (no matter how remote) with the printing business, who may have anything to offer (either practically or morally) for the general good.

With the good will and assistance of our friends, we have no fears of our efforts being misdirected, but, at the same time, would earnestly ask them to pass lightly over anything rough or immature they may detect in us.

John V. Ellis, Esq., who has been connected with the editorial management of the *Globe* of this city for the past fifteen years, retired from that connection on the 1st July, owing to his appointment to the position of Postmaster of St. John, in the room of John Howe, Esq., who has been superannuated.

Mr. Ellis was born in Halifax, N. S., in 1835, and served his apprenticeship to the printing business in the *British North American* office of that city, with the late John H. Crosskill, Esq., who was at one time Queen's Printer of Nova Scotia, and in which office the Hon. Edward Willis also served his time, commencing about two years after Mr. Ellis. In 1854 he went to Montreal, where he remained for about two years, working in the *Herald* office, when he returned to Halifax. He shortly afterwards went to Boston, where he worked for a while on the *Advertiser*, when he again visited Mon-