

NEWS OF THE MONTH IN BRIEF.

BUSINESS CHANGES

THE TORONTO STAR has been secured by a company of which Mr. J. E. Atkinson, editor of The Montreal Herald, is the prime mover. The paper will, it is said, be improved and continued as an independent Liberal journal. Mr. Atkinson's ability and energy afford every promise of a bright, vigorous and clean newspaper. It is said, though not authoritatively, that Hon. Mr. Mulock and other Liberals will join Mr. Atkinson in the new company.

*A company has been formed, with a capital stock of \$35,000, to continue The Sherbrooke Pioneer. The head office of the company will be in Montreal.

Owing to the death of T. A. Bell, publisher of The Fort William, Ont., Daily Journal, the paper has been sold to Messrs. Rutledge & Smith of the Fort William Times.

A company to issue The Alberta Tribune as The Albertan has been formed in Calgary, composed of W. L. Bernard, the editor and publisher, J. G. Templeton, Major Walker and E. H. Rouleau.

The York Leader and Recorder Publishing Co. has been formed, capital stock \$40,000, the provisional directors being A. R. Fawcett, M. Fawcett, J. M. Letsche, A. D. Thurston and J. W. Field.

The Halifax Morning Chronicle, Evening Echo, and Weekly Nova Scotian newspapers, belonging to the late Charles Annand, were sold by the sheriff, December 6, to close the estate. The entire group of papers were sold to Alderman George E. Faulkner, representing the Halifax capitalist, B. C. Pearson, for \$10,500.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

The St. John, N.B., Monitor is a new Catholic weekly started by T. O'Brien.

The Oakville, Ont., New Era has been started by C. R. Orr, formerly of the defunct Independent.

PERSONAL MENTION

W. E. Smallfield, of The Renfrew Mercury, is a candidate for the Renfrew mayoralty.

W. F. Luxton, the veteran Winnipeg editor, has been appointed chief editor of The St. Paul Globe.

Daniel Logan, now of Honolulu, who was formerly on The New Glasgow Chronicle, and The Montreal Witness, has been visiting his native Province of Nova Scotia.

H. Y. Mott, Speaker of the Newfoundland Assembly, and publisher of The St. John's Daily News, has lately been paying a visit to Halifax. He is a native of Dartmouth.

Mr. Richard White, managing-director of The Montreal Gazette, received a handsome presentation, December 16, on the 40th anniversary of his marriage. Mr. G. Kydd, managing-editor, read a congratulatory address.

P. F. Cronin, editor of The Toronto Catholic Register for several years, and an able and experienced journalist,

has joined The Toronto World staff. Thomas Swift, late of Ottawa Events, is the new editor of The Register, which has passed into the hands of a new company.

The election of Mr. T. H. Preston, M.P.P., of The Brantford Expositor, to the vacancy in the Legislature caused by Mr. Hardy's retirement is gratifying to his many friends. It adds a man of energy and capacity to the Legislature. The Liberal party has once more shown its confidence in its journalistic supporters.

SPECIAL ISSUES AND IMPROVEMENTS.

The Mattawa Tribune has moved into more commodious premises.

Owing to greater advertising patronage The Wingham Times has enlarged to 10 pages.

The Sarnia Post, which has entered upon its 14th year, has put in an electric motor to furnish power for the press and job rooms.

So crowded is The Simcoe Reformer with advertisements that an enlargement of the paper is not sufficient, and another is threatened.

Among weeklies that have recently been enlarged and improved are The Owen Sound Times, The Clinton New Era and The Alexandria News.

The Galt Reformer has enlarged to a seven-column page, and reports good patronage. Messrs. Hunt & Son are making a success of it.

The enterprising proprietor of The Yarmouth Light has introduced a Roger's Typograph in his office, which economizes the cost of composition.

The Victoria Colonist has entered upon its 42nd year and issues three cuts of its past and present offices. The Colonist has grown with the city and the Province and is a creditable newspaper.

The Warton Canadian's new quarters are comfortable and handsome. The counting-room is fixed up in thorough city style, with large plate-glass window and all the latest office fixtures, the walls of which have been very handsomely decorated.

The Christmas number of The Montreal Gazette this year is a beauty. The front cover is a full-page lithograph showing in the foreground jovial old Santa Claus receiving from a newspaper boy his number of The Gazette, while Montreal, a section of which is shown in the background, is yet asleep. This, with a full-page and a half-page poem, both illustrated, gives a warm Christmas tinge to the whole issue. The number was the regular issue of Saturday, December 16, and was given, of course, to all subscribers.

The Canadian Wheelman, which has for over 15 years been published in the interests of the wheelmen of Canada, will appear in new form, under a new name, and with a new and enlarged purpose next issue. Its proprietors, the Canadian Wheelman Publishing Co., have put the publishing of this paper in the hands of the J. S. Robertson Co. Henceforth it will be published as The Wheelman; a semi-monthly magazine. As wheeling has extended to include all classes in recent years, the scope of this paper will be enlarged to include the great variety of topics of interest to wheelmen. It will be practically a magazine of Canadian