

### Eastern Ontario Journalists.

THAT part of the Province of Ontario lying between Belleville and Cornwall, and from the St. Lawrence to Mattawa, is an extensive one, and within its boundaries are located some of the most progressive and best equipped newspaper offices in Canada. Two years ago the only organization among the editors of this section was the Ottawa Valley Press Association, which, as its name implies, was comparatively local in its nature. In that year, however, the members thought it would be to the advantage of all concerned to extend the boundaries of the association, and the result was the formation of the Eastern Ontario Press Association, embracing all the newspapers within the territory above named, and including the influential dailies of Belleville, Kingston and Ottawa. It was to the annual meeting of this association, held this year at Arnprior, a thriving town on the Upper Ottawa, that the representative of THE IMPRINT hid himself on August 11th and there had the pleasure of meeting between twenty and thirty of the "moulders of public opinion" in Eastern Ontario. The attendance was not so large as had been expected, but as many of the members of the association are particularly busy at this time of the year, coupled with the fact that railway facilities in the Ottawa Valley are exceptionally bad, this is easily accounted for. Before the next meeting, to be held at Renfrew, the latter difficulty will have been obviated by the completion of the Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound Railway, which will do away with the long and tedious delays (from three to six hours each way) now experienced at Carleton Junction. Those who did attend, however, will remember this as one of the most enjoyable, as well as one of the most beneficial, meetings from a business point of view, of any of the gatherings held in recent years.

The visitors were welcomed by the mayor on behalf of the corporation, and during their stay were guests of the Arnprior Board of Trade, who, with the assistance of the local pressmen, Messrs. Macdonald and Johnston, provided ample entertainment to while away the hours between the business sessions of the convention.

At 7 p.m. Friday, the association was called to order in the council chamber, J. C. Jamieson of the Belleville Intelligencer, President, in the chair, whose opening address was listened to with the close attention and

interest which it deserved. The remainder of the session was occupied by the reading of a paper entitled "Forty Years as a Practical Printer," by John Pollard of the Napanee Express. Anyone who knows Mr. Pollard will not need to be told that he handled his subject as only a good master printer can, and that his points were all well taken and his reminiscences thoroughly interesting. Messrs. McLeod of the Almonte Gazette, Bone of the Pembroke Standard, and Miller of the Pembroke Observer, also delivered short addresses of a pithy and practical nature. The next order of business was the election of officers, which resulted as follows:—President, John A. Macdonald, Arnprior Chronicle; Vice-President, R. C. Miller, Pembroke Observer; Secretary-Treasurer, James McLeod, Almonte Gazette; Executive Committee, Messrs. W. F. Walker, Perth Courier; G. F. McKimm, Smith's Falls Record; J. C. Jamieson, Belleville Intelligencer; T. Southworth, Brockville Recorder; E. K. Johnston, Arnprior Watchman.

Renfrew was selected as the next place of meeting, on the second Friday in August, 1891. The meeting then adjourned to attend a banquet given in honor of the visiting journalists in the town hall. The Board of Trade were the entertainers and the menu provided showed that they were adepts in that line. Mayor Harvey filled the office of chairman and Town Clerk Neilson occupied the vice-chair, both performing their duties in a very acceptable manner, while the guests enjoyed themselves only as printers can on such occasions, all of them vying with each other in praise of Arnprior and its people. The speeches were replete with sound common sense, some of them, notably that of Mr. Jamieson of Belleville, breathing a spirit of loyalty to Canada and her institutions, and eliciting a round of applause which showed that there were no annexationists in that gathering. At midnight a very pleasant evening was terminated by the singing of Auld Lang Syne and the national anthem.

Saturday morning the members of the association were treated to an excursion on Chat's Lake, an expansion of the Ottawa River, and for two hours enjoyed the delightful scenery only to be witnessed in the upper reaches of this magnificent river. The guide on this occasion was Mr. Archie Campbell, who pointed out the scenes of many a conflict between the Indians and early white settlers of the district. Another