

The *Canadian Statesman* and the *Merchant*, published at Bowmanville, Ont., the former by William R. Climie, Esq., and the latter by the Rev. C. Barker, have been amalgamated and will in future be published under the title of the *Canadian Statesman and Merchant*. The first number has been received and bears evidence of having been much improved, a great deal more space being devoted to reading matter.

Mr. J. Fletcher Brennan, formerly editor of the *Prince Edward Islander*, (which paper, by the way, was remarkable among the P. E. I. newspapers of that day, for its typographical excellence as well as editorial management), has been appointed general agent for the maritime provinces by Scribner, Armstrong & Co., of New York city, for the sale of "Bryant's History of the United States," which is profusely illustrated.

The Canadian press has been represented at the Centennial Exposition by the following gentlemen: James Robb, Esq., proprietor of the *Stratford, Ont., Herald*; Samuel Watts, Esq., of the *Woodstock, N. B., Sentinel*; Wm. A. F. Graves, senior partner of the *Summerside, P. E. I., Journal*; Geo. E. Fenety, Esq., Queen's Printer for New Brunswick; J. Albert Black, Esq., editor and publisher of the *Amherst, N. S., Gazette*.

Messrs. Belford Bros., publishers, of Toronto, purpose in the course of a month or two, issuing a new monthly magazine, to be called *Belford's Monthly Magazine*. It will contain more matter than any periodical ever published in Canada, and will open with an entirely new story by the celebrated English author, Mr. Blackmore, writer of *Lorna Doone*, and other popular serials. It will be composed of select and original compositions.

Mr. Master Lipsett, 71st Battalion, who is a practical printer and the manager of the *Reporter*, and also Chief of the Fire Department in Fredericton, N. B., has been very successful at the annual matches of the York County Rifle Association, which took place at Fredericton on the 18th ult. He carried off the first prizes in both competitions, which consists of a medal and \$8.00, and a cup and \$8.00. He was the winner of the medal last year.

The following members of the press have been enjoying a trip over the Intercolonial railway: Messrs. R. P. Vallie and Legar Brousseau, of the Quebec *Courier du Canada*; Albert Smallfield, Esq., editor of the *Rensfrew, Ont., Mercury*; William Templeman, jr., editor of the *Almonte, Ont., Gazette*; M. Le Vasseur, of *L'Evenement*, of Quebec; Robert McConnell, Esq., editor and proprietor of the *Eastern Chronicle*, New Glasgow, N. S.

J. R. Robertson, Esq., editor of the *Toronto Telegram* has been assaulted by the Hon. John Beverley Robinson, M. P., for a libellous article in his paper. The belligerent M. P. was brought before the police court, and though the assault was fully proved, the magistrate let the defendant off with the paltry fine of \$5. Mr. Robinson, instead of regretting what he had done, gloried in the act, and stated it as his opinion that five hundred more editors should be similarly served.

The death of Mr. George Larmine is announced, and his funeral took place on the 14th ult., from the residence of Mr. Lowe, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. Mr. Larmine was related by marriage to Col. Chamberlain and Mr. Lowe. In early life he was secretary to Prof. Fowler, of New York, and afterwards became interested in the *Montreal Trade Review*, and for some time was employed as commercial writer on the

*Gazette*. During the last three years he was commercial editor of the *Toronto Globe*, and was on a visit to his relatives when death closed his career. The disease which carried him off at the early age of thirty-eight, was cancer of the stomach. He leaves a widow and three children to mourn his loss.

The Canadian Press Association have elected the following officers for 1876-7:—Mr. Charles D. Barr, *Lindsay Post*, President; Mr. D. McCullough, *Hamilton Spectator*, 1st Vice; Mr. J. G. Buchanan, *Hamilton Times*, 2d Vice; Mr. W. R. Climie, *Bowmanville Statesman*, Sec.-Treas.; Mr. F. J. Gissing, *Woodstock Review*, Asst. do.; and Messrs. H. Hough, *Cobourg World*; E. Jackson, *Newmarket Era*; R. Matheson, *Stratford Beacon*; Jas. Shannon, *Kingston News*, and D. Creighton, M. P., *Owen Sound Times*, Executive Committee.

A fracas took place in the St. Lawrence Hall, Montreal, between Mr. Hart, the complainant in the *Miner's* libel suit, and Hon. Mr. Malhot, Railway Commissioner for the Province of Quebec. Slight blows were exchanged, but the interference of friends prevented anything serious occurring. It is supposed the affair arose out of the controversy connected with the libel suit now pending. The attack on Mr. Hart in the *Miner*, a reporter of the *Star* at Three Rivers, was caused by his having made certain allegations against Mr. Malhot in his public capacity.—*Ex.*

STRATFORD, ONT., ITEM.—The *Beacon*, it is said, purposes starting a daily, to be called the *News*, about the first of January. . . . The *Times* continues its patent outside and seems to be degenerating into a lazy-looking paper. . . . The *Herald* has appeared enlarged to forty columns and is otherwise much improved. The Dominion Type Founding Company having imported and put in a Wharfedale press possessing all the very latest improvements. . . . Job work is fair considering the hard times. . . . Lots of tramps—most of them professionals. They are told to move on.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., has three principal job offices and two smaller ones. That of Messrs. Bremner Bros. is conducted by Benjamin Bremner, with Archibald Cole in the mechanical department. This office has an excellent bookbindery in connection, and turns out work in printing, ruling and binding, that will compare favorably with any done in St. John. Then there is Coombs & Worth's—a live office—conducted by two enterprising young printers, John Coombs and Henry Worth. H. J. Cooper's is a snug office of long standing, and is the only one on the Island using steam. Besides these, there are two other offices that do job work, that of Mr. Haszard and that of Mr. P. Rotchford.

The *Dunville, Ont., Gazette* says:—Great complaints are being constantly made of the manner in which the Editor of the *Monck Reform Press* discharges his duty of bridge tender. Parties requiring the bridge swung are either compelled to hunt him up all over the town and then assist in swinging it or else do it themselves. The travelling public, too, are seriously inconvenienced by the fact that his deputy, the office devil, is not able to handle the heavy bridge, once it is opened, remains open until assistance can be drummed up close it, thus causing a jam of teams on both sides of the canal. The editor had better earn his salary a little better or else not even his friends will be able to save him.