

books, and went back to write a whacking good article from his own standpoint. The whole thing was good humored, effective, and enjoyable, and strikes us as one of the cleverest pieces of political work performed in an otherwise dull and lifeless campaign. When The Reformer editor slyly remarked, "Mr. Wallace keeps a large stock of books," presenting his confrere with this handsome free ad. for the purpose of doing him up politically, one feels that Brother Donly knows a thing or two.

#### A TRIBUTE TO THE WITNESS.

THE MONTREAL DAILY STAR published the following notice of The Witness a few days ago: "The Montreal Witness has entered upon the last year of the fourth decade of its publication. As it approaches the half century mark all will rejoice to see it surrounded by so many evidences of public appreciation. No one can say that its position has not been well earned and worthily maintained. The Witness, as a newspaper, is older by fifteen years than its daily edition. It was founded in December, 1845, by that venerable journalist, the late John Dougall, who lived until 1886, but retired in 1870 from the direction of The Witness to found the New York Daily Witness. It was in 1870 that Mr. John Redpath Dougall, the present editor and proprietor, assumed the guidance of the paper, which he has continued with ability. He has maintained for the paper that robustness of character and earnestness of purpose which have ever been among its conspicuous merits.

"The Witness of 1845 was a weekly newspaper, printed in Exchange court, at the corner of St. Paul street, on a Hoe cylinder press turned by hand power. Soon after it became a semi-weekly, next a tri-weekly, and in 1860 the daily edition was launched. In 1864 steam power was first used, and subsequently improved presses were employed to keep pace with the growth of the paper. At present The Witness is printed on a Hoe quadruple perfecting press, and the Linotype typesetting machines are used altogether in the composing room.

"During all these years, and under all circumstances The Witness has battled for what it believed to be the right. Of those who have at times differed with it on public questions, none have doubted the sincerity of its views or the honesty of its purpose. In civic affairs The Witness is a power for good, and can ever be depended upon to battle for what it considers to be in the best interests of the city.

"In political life The Witness has been strongly liberal, and out-and-out free trade, but has never condoned wrongdoing in either party. Its policy has been strongly in direction of British Imperial unity. It has strongly championed the cause of temperance and prohibition."

#### A POINT IN THE TARIFF.

A point of importance to bookbinders has come up in connection with the new tariff. In framing the duties last year, unbound novels or books in sheets were made dutiable at 20 per cent, while bound books come in at 10 per cent. It seems that the Canadian editions of popular novels, now so common, can be bound more cheaply in the United States, if purchased there in sheets, than if bound here, the duty being just half. Apparently it was not intended to have this effect, but some bookbinders are beginning to think that some change might be made.

#### NEWS OF THE MONTH IN BRIEF.

GEORGE P. GRAHAM, editor of The Brockville Recorder, has been selected as Liberal candidate for Brockville in the approaching Ontario election. The Liberal candidate in North Toronto, Rev. Dr. Dewart, was for many years editor of The Christian Guardian.

Percy St. C. Hamilton has assumed control of The Yarmouth Daily News.

Rutledge & Smith, publishers of The Fort William Journal, have dissolved partnership.

Mr. P. Carteret Hill, of The Montreal Star, has gone to a commercial journal in Boston.

The St. Lambert News has been found guilty of libel against Mr. P. W. Wickham, of St. Lambert, Montreal, and condemned to pay \$50.

The old reliable, The Newmarket Era, on entering Vol. 47, enlarged by adding a column to each page. It is now double its former size.

W. A. Myers, formerly of The Stratford Beacon staff, who was reported missing from Rossland, B.C., has arrived safely at Calgary, N.W.T.

Dr. George Stewart, for so many years connected with The Chronicle, has become editor of The Quebec Mercury, one of the oldest newspapers in Canada.

The Western Canada Press Association, in session at Winnipeg a few days ago, passed a resolution protesting against the re-imposition of postage on newspapers.

Mr. Joseph Elliot, of The Kingston Whig editorial staff, has been elected chairman of the board of education for that city. He has represented Rideau ward for five years.

The Ontario county council passed a resolution of goodwill and thanks to S. H. Graham, the retiring editor of The Whitby Chronicle and now with The Hamilton Templar.

PRINTER AND PUBLISHER, on a recent visit to St. Stephen, N.B., found The St. Croix Courier established in their new offices, which are spacious and handsomely fitted up.

A. H. Cotton, of The Vancouver News-Advertiser staff since 1889, has gone to England, and received some handsome presents and a farewell dinner from his confreres before leaving.

M. D. Teetzel has resigned as editor of The Walkerville Herald. J. W. Brady, formerly editor of The Collingwood Enterprise-Messenger, has assumed the editorship of The Herald.

Another editor has captured the mayor's seat in a maritime province town. Mr. A. C. Tertram, of The North Sydney Herald, is now mayor of that town, and he was elected to the office by acclamation.

The Oshawa Vindicator is greatly improved by a new dress of type, and other changes for the better are promised. The Aylmer, Ont., Sun has enlarged the size of its pages and gives more efficient service to its readers and advertisers.

William Willison, formerly reporter of The Toronto Globe, has been appointed crown timber agent for the Yukon. J. W. C. McConnell, reporter on The Montreal Herald staff, has been given a position in the Intercolonial ticket office at Halifax.

Miss Eva Brodlique, a former Canadian newspaper woman, who spent six months in England doing the Jubilee and other