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AFTER FIFTY YEARS

The Daily Ontario is celebrating its semi-centennial today. On Saturday, March 26, 1870, the first number of The Daily Ontario appeared from the press to seek a place in the estimation and favor of the public of Belleville and the Belleville neighborhood.

It was a modest appearing sheet of four pages, of seven columns each. It was beautifully printed upon an excellent quality of paper. At the end of fifty years, every word and letter of the first numbers that we have now on the desk before us, appear as distinct in outline as though printed yesterday.

Fifty years is a long time, whether in the life of an individual, a business, an institution or a nation. It is worth while, at times, to do as we are doing today—stop and look back over the past and carefully question ourselves.

In what have we made progress? In what have we failed? Have we realized what we set out to do? Taking it all in all, have we succeeded? Or, better still, have we deserved to succeed?

These and associated questions insistently come up today and they cannot be answered off-hand. In those ten years, the circulation of The Daily Ontario has increased nearly three hundred per cent. Our advertising and job returns have increased in almost equal volume.

Life knows no greater pleasure than a congenial task well done. We take to ourselves no especial credit but attribute our success, as far as we have been enabled to succeed, to the constant loyalty, support and encouragement we have received from our many friends.

From those friends we feel certain The Ontario will receive abundant wishes for at least another half-century of happy, useful and prosperous life.

ODE NO. 2 TO WOMEN A woman is queer, there's no doubt about that. She hates to be thin, and she hates to be fat. One minute it's laughter, the next it's a cry. You can't understand her, however you try.

But this you can bet on, wherever she goes; She'll find some occasion to powder her nose. I've studied the sex for a number of years, I've watched her in laughter and seen her in tears; On her ways and her whims I have pondered a lot, To find what will please her and just what will not.

Have we novelists who compare with Thackeray or Dickens? Have we essayists and prose writers equal to Thomas Carlyle, Walter Pater, John Ruskin or Goldwin Smith? Have we preachers of the type of Charles Spurgeon or Henry Ward Beecher?

These are just foolish, commonplace questions, but this being our fiftieth anniversary we may be permitted to take a few liberties. Anyway, what is the answer?

Aside from political issues, upon which there may be honest differences of opinion, it is reasonable to ask today how far The Ontario has lived up to the principles announced in its first issue to speak "with no uncertain sound" upon all subjects that aspired for the betterment of the community.

Has The Ontario kept itself free from sinister influences and has it spoken sanely and courageously and honestly upon public questions and moral issues as they have arisen? Has it given a wholesome leadership to public opinion and exerted a beneficial influence upon its environment?

Those are the standards by which a public journal must be judged, rather than by the number of pages or the amount of advertising it contains. In a few days, it will be ten years since the present publishers took over The Ontario.

Today The Ontario is equipped with new material throughout. Two large presses, made by the Miehle Company of Chicago, the finest press-builders on earth, give us excellent facilities to turn out the most satisfactory press-work, in the least time. Our Linotype machines are of the latest model.

These and other features enable us to produce our work, promptly on time, and with all the attractiveness that skilled workmen and superior equipment can produce. It is highly gratifying to the publishers to know that all this expenditure of money and effort has not passed unnoticed on the part of the public.

In those ten years, the circulation of The Daily Ontario has increased nearly three hundred per cent. Our advertising and job returns have increased in almost equal volume. Friends have not been slow to express their appreciation in kind words as well as in extensive patronage.

The work has been hard. The fighting has been up-hill. But there have been many compensations and many experiences of the most pleasant nature. Life knows no greater pleasure than a congenial task well done.

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Arrival of the Intelligence In 1834, George Benjamin founded The Weekly Intelligencer. Thirteen years later, Mr. Mackenzie Bowell, who had served an apprenticeship with Mr. Benjamin, became a partner in the business.

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MESSRS. J. W. AND T. S. CARMAN The Men Who Established and Continued the Ontario

No history of journalism in Belleville and the Bay of Quinte district will ever be complete without mention of the names of two remarkable brothers, who have to their joint credit the founding and establishment of five newspapers. James Walmley Carman and Thomas S. Carman were sons of the Ontario farmer, Samuel Carman, sr., who was a U. E. Loyalist.

The British American Along in 1862, the two daily papers of Kingston, The Whig and The Patriot, both having become infected with virus of Toryism, merged with that of limestone content to form a new paper.

Mr. J. W. Carman has two sons, both of whom reside in St. Paul, Minn. The older son, Dr. Chas. Carman, is a physician of national reputation. The other son, Mr. Samuel Carman, conducts a large job printing business in the same city.

JOURNALISM IN BELLEVILLE THE STORY IN BRIEF Many Have Ventured But Only Two Survive

While Belleville has two of the oldest established newspapers in the Dominion of Canada, our town also has been the scene of many other journalistic ventures and many failures. The story is a most interesting one and is worthy of more extended notice than was ever accorded it.

The first newspaper to be established in Belleville was entitled The Anglo-Canadian. This was 39 years ago, or in February, 1823. Belleville was then a lusty village, boasting 1,000 inhabitants. The editor, the Anglo-Canadian was Alexander T. W. Williams, and associated with him as publisher was W. A. Welles.

The Phoenix was the second journalistic venture. It began publication a few months before the Anglo-Canadian. It passed away July 3, 1832, aged one year. Mr. T. S. Carman was editor and proprietor. The Phoenix Times succeeded the Phoenix with Mr. C. Bennett as proprietor. It also died at the end of a few months.

The Exciting Days of Thirty-Seven After the establishment of The Weekly Intelligencer in 1834, the next claimant for popular favor was The Sun, published by Mr. Green. It began life in 1835 but lasted only a brief period.

Other Journalistic Ventures In 1841, The Victoria Magazine was placed on the market by Joseph Wilson, who is well known as the author of the "rebel" cause of William Lyon Mackenzie. Those were exciting days, to take charge of the first number of The British American appeared. The paper was an ambitious periodical for those days and consisted of four well-printed pages with an extensive telegraph service.

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The publishers of the Ontario are greatly indebted to the former editor of The Ontario, Mr. Richard S. Bell, for the editorial staff of the Standard, for the comprehensive history of journalism in Belleville extending back of more than a century.

Mr. Bell was succeeded by Mr. J. W. Carman, who was succeeded by Mr. T. S. Carman, who was succeeded by Mr. J. W. Carman, who was succeeded by Mr. T. S. Carman.

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OBITUARY

MRS. W. H. KETCHESON Mrs. W. H. Ketcheson passed away this morning at Canifiton after an illness of some months duration. Deceased was the daughter of the late Andrew Snider and was born in the Township of Huntingdon.

Mr. J. E. Rathbun, Trenton, called on his brother on Thursday. Mr. Morley and Henry Ayrhart attended the shower given in honor of Miss C. Weese.

Mr. and Mrs. Morley Carrington, also Miss E. Keachie took dinner with H. Rathbun on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. George Ayles took dinner with his brother, Wm. Ayles on Sunday.

POLICE COURT

In police court at noon today, Thos. Hill and Nelson Maracle were found guilty from the evidence submitted of having been found in an intoxicated condition on Sunday last at Point Anne. The men did not show up in court. They were fined \$10 and costs each or 30 days in jail. Inspector R. C. Arnold prosecuted.

One of the commonest complaints of infants is worms, and the most effective application for them is Mother Graves' Worm Expeller.

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