

THE LATE JOHN Y. REID.

MR. JOHN Y. REID, one of the veteran paper men of the country, died at Toronto, Jan. 23. He was born in Scotland, where he learned the stationery business, in 1823. Emigrating to Canada when 23 years old, he joined Buntin Bros. & Co., Hamilton, and became managing partner of the Toronto branch. In 1881 the firm's name was changed to Buntin, Reid & Co., Mr. Reid retiring in 1894, owing to impaired health. His energy and business integrity were proverbial, and he was held in the highest esteem wherever he was known. He was a member of many boards and committees, in religion a staunch Presbyterian, and in politics a Liberal, having been for many years on the directors' board of The Globe newspaper. His sons, John Y. Reid, of the Toronto General Trusts Co., and Geo. B. Reid, of Buntin, Reid & Co., are respected members of Toronto's business community.

MR. WILLISON'S MOVEMENTS.

It hadly required the following paragraph in The Toronto Globe, January 19, to expose the utter inaccuracy of the report concerning Mr. Willison: "Mr. J. S. Willison, editor-in-chief of The Globe, is making a brief stay in North Carolina for the benefit of his health, which, his friends will be glad to hear, is now almost fully restored. He will resume his duties shortly. It is hardly necessary to state that the rumor connecting his name with the Toronto postmastership, which has obtained some circulation through the press of the Province, is absolutely without foundation." To account for the origin of rumours of this

kind would make an interesting study in modern newspaper work. There is, it is well known, no basis whatsoever for the report concerning Mr. Willison. In the Old Country, no newspaper which possessed, and valued, a reputation for accuracy, would dream of printing a rumor of this kind without some foundation and inquiry in the right quarters. But, in this country, one of the greatest difficulties a reporter has is to verify his information and sift the trustworthy from the utterly erroneous. In this particular case there has been floating about a report, whether true or false it is hard to know, that Mr. Patterson, the Toronto postmaster, would accept a superannuation. To mention the name of the editor of The Globe as his successor is probably the ingenious invention of some street gossip.

The Liberal party could not spare Mr. Willison from his present position, and he is the last man to accept a public office.

BRIEF NEWS OF THE MONTH.

WT. R. PRESTON, for long the Liberal party's organizer in Ontario, and formerly editor and publisher of The Port Hope News, has been appointed Canadian emigration officer in Europe by the Dominion Government. Mr. Preston is a man of marked capacity and energy, and is well qualified to fill an executive position of this kind.

W. J. Gallagher, formerly editor of The Vancouver Telegram, who left Vancouver for Honolulu three years ago, is dead. Mr. Gallagher edited The Commercial Journal there, and acted as correspondent for a number of papers. He was writing a book on the Sandwich Islands at the time of his death.

C. H. Artz has opened up a printing office in Halifax.

Leprohon & Leprohon, publishers, Montreal, have assigned.

Robert Raw, of Robert Raw & Co., printers, Hamilton, Ont., is dead.

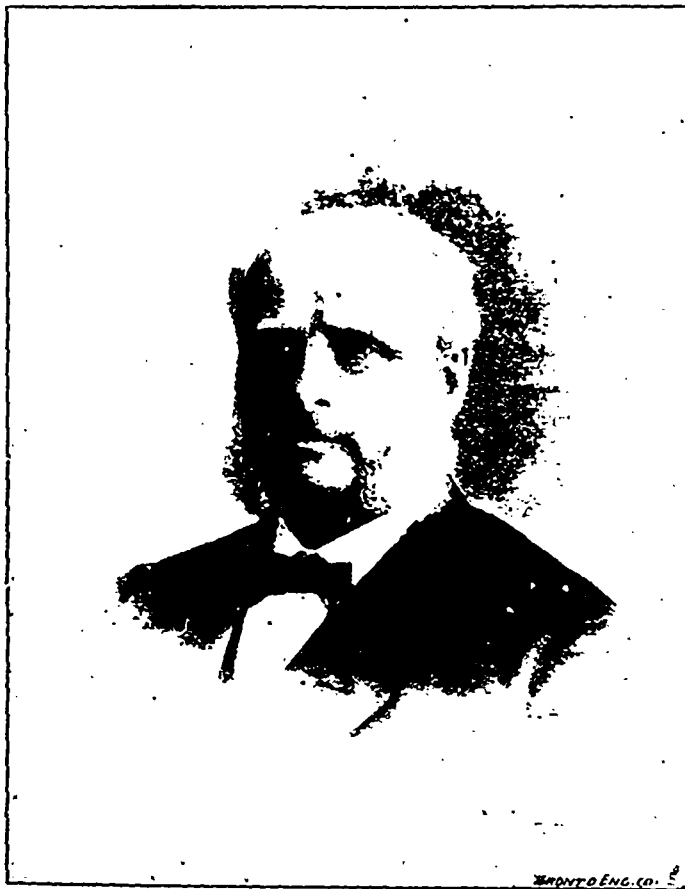
Herman Ruttinger and William Motz have acquired The Berlin Journal.

J. Cornyn has purchased The Portage la Prairie Review from Mr. Halpin.

J. V. Wright, president of The Grip Printing and Publishing Co., Limited, Toronto, is dead.

George Simpson, The Globe's Ottawa correspondent, was married at Winnipeg, Jan. 9, to Miss Dewar.

Mathias H. Keefer, founder of The Weston, Ont., Times, is dead. The paper has, in recent years, been under the control of his son, J. R. Keefer.



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On New Year's night, Mr. James Innes and Mr. John A. Davidson, who recently sold their interest in The Guelph Mercury, were presented with a framed group photograph of The Mercury staff by their old employes, accompanied by addresses expressing the heartiest goodwill of their former associates. In replying, Mr. Innes mentioned that there are members of The Mercury staff who served under him for 30 years. Mr. Davidson alluded to the fact that among the men who had graduated from The Mercury office and achieved great success in other spheres were: D. McGillicuddy, of Goderich; John R. Robinson, editor of The Toronto Telegram; W. M. Dack, ex-M.P.P., of Kincardine, and Thos. McGillicuddy, of the Ontario Civil Service.