

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF

THE MONITOR'S CAREER

From its inception, April 10th, 1873, to its Forty-Ninth Anniversary, April 10th, 1922

The Free Press, published by the late A. M. Gidney, ceased publication in the latter part of the year 1872. At this time, having served several years apprenticeship in the above office, Mr. Henry S. Piper had arrived to the position of foreman, and had obtained a practical knowledge of the business, in its various parts. Upon the cessation of the publication of the Press, being thus thrown out of employment, and lacking the capital necessary to establish a new business, he employed his time in getting out small orders for job work, as far as his resources would allow, until, in the following spring, Mr. John E. Sancton, then carrying on a watch-making and jewelry business in this town, bought out the plant of the Free Press and offered Mr. Piper, who then lacked a few months of attaining his majority, a junior partnership in the firm being known as Sancton & Piper. Consequently, on April 10th, 1873, the first number of the "Weekly Monitor" made its appearance. The plant consisted of one hand-press and a limited quantity of type and other requisites. The size of the paper was 2x30. The editing and business management of the paper was conducted by Mr. Sancton, while the practical skill of Mr. Piper was employed in the mechanical department. A small temperance paper called the Alliance Journal was during a portion of this time also published from this office. This arrangement continued in force until the spring of 1879, when Mr. Sancton sold out his interest in the business to Mr. Piper, the former, since his retirement, devoting himself exclusively to his jewelry business, but still retaining a kind and friendly interest in the welfare of the paper with which he was so closely identified in its infancy.

During the interval preceding the dissolution of partnership, the office of publication had been removed to more commodious quarters. During this period of six years, small but inadequate additions had been made to the original plant, the advertising and job work were of limited proportions and the subscription list had been enforced hardly to the number of six hundred names. It was, therefore, a somewhat hazardous venture for a young man to undertake, possessed only of borrowed capital, with untried business capabilities and handicapped by numerous other disadvantages. But, deterred not even by the adverse counsel of many friends, he resolutely faced all difficulties and discouragements, and the remarkable success which the MONITOR achieved under his management, which terminated with his untimely demise, July 28th, 1889, proved how nobly he fought the battle, and attained the reward of his ambition. Under his efficient control, during which he assumed the entire management, including, after the lapse of a few months, all editorial duties as well as the circulation of the paper more than doubled itself; the advertising and jobbing department expanded in a notable degree; the old hand-press was replaced by a first class cylinder power press; the addition of two job presses, also first class machines, and supplementary fonts of job type contributed much to the efficiency of that department; heliographed by an entire new face of type; a paper-cutter and many other requisites were added, and finally when the town was furnished with a system of waterworks, an acquisition which was largely the result of the influence and strong advocacy of the MONITOR, a water motor of seven horse power replaced the hot air engine which had previously furnished the motive power, thus completing one of the best equipped printing establishments in the province.

In December, 1880, the year after assuming proprietorship, Mr. Piper had purchased the so-called Bennett building, then owned by Mrs. Elizabeth Hazen, and having somewhat remodelled it to suit his purpose had removed thereto, this office continuing up to the present day the home of the MONITOR.

The extraordinary success which thus attended the MONITOR'S career, is doubtless attributable, no less than to his promoter's assiduous and indefatigable exertions, to his keen and careful supervision of all matters admitted to its columns, and the high standard he ever aimed to reach, advancing to his utmost all projects tending to forward the interests of his town and county or the well-being of his fellow-men, and vigorously protesting against injustice, partisanship or any form of wrong.

It was at this point in his career, when in the full prime of his manhood, when his journalistic abilities were becoming widely recognized, and the influence of the MONITOR more and more extended, when the goal of his ambition and his most cherished hopes would appear to have reached their fulfillment, that his earthly race was ended, and "Death gave life's work its crown and honor." His labors here were ended, but who shall say his toilsome efforts and his earth-learned skill were futile and of no avail? May they not have contributed to further his advancement toward that higher goal to which our immortal longings are ever directed.

"For, what has heaven finer than the force
That lifts to noble aims noble soul
And holds it to its end with steadfast will?"

A critical period in the existence of the MONITOR had now arrived. Would its useful career terminate with the decease of its lamented proprietor? Should it be yielded up to partisan enthusiasts who had long gazed upon it with covetous eyes, to surrender up the sterling independence and unwavering loyalty to purpose that characterized it so long had won for it the approval and commendation of its host of supporters? Or, should it still pursue the even tenor of its way, and unimpaired by political jealousies or designing factions continue on in that unbroken line of conduct, which its originator had so zealously and steadfastly adhered to? These questions were unhesitatingly answered by the wife of the late proprietor, who, having shared to some extent the tasks and duties that had occupied her husband, and having enjoyed his fullest confidence and participated in his hopes and aspirations, determined to assume the duties and responsibilities that he had laid down and to continue the publication of the MONITOR upon the same independent basis and free and untrammelled policy which it had so successfully sustained in the past. Without delay, the services of W. A. Calnek, a writer of well-known and esteemed literary repute, were secured as editor; and though he officiated in this capacity but a few months, his connection with the MONITOR was not entirely severed until his death, which occurred about two years later. In addition to Mr. Calnek's valuable assistance, the proprietor had also the good fortune to secure the services of Mr. R. S. McCormick, a man of practical knowledge in all departments of newspaper work, and a wide and varied experience in the printing business, his capacity as manager of the MONITOR. To his zealous and unremitting efforts are chiefly due the unimpeded prosperity and popularity which have attended the MONITOR'S continued growth and progress. On the tenth day of February, 1913, Miss K. Piper sold the present plant, including building, machinery, etc., to a company known later as The Monitor Publishing Co., Ltd., of which O. T. Daniels was President, and B. W. Roscoe Secretary. They continued publishing the paper until 1917, when it was leased to Mr. Oakes S. Dunham who ran the paper up to the time of his death in February, 1922. The paper was enlarged and improved under Mr. Dunham's management, and the circulation was increased considerably. After Mr. Dunham's death the paper was run by his daughter, Mrs. Muriel Innes, and on March 27th was taken over by the present lessees, Frank H. Beattie and Edmund Stratton.

The advertising and jobbing departments are manifestly and rapidly increasing in growth and efficiency, and the frequent commendatory comments and other marks of approval of more substantial nature with which it is our good fortune to be favored are most gratifying and encouraging tokens of our success.

Now must we fall to acknowledge our indebtedness to our local correspondents, whose valued services have contributed so much to the system by which we are enabled to place before our readers a resume of all matters of local interest transpiring weekly in the various portions of the country—a feature which we are convinced has materially advanced the MONITOR'S popularity.

Feeling amply rewarded by the substantial encouragement which has stimulated our endeavors, we desire to extend to our patrons and friends our most cordial thanks and to assure them that it shall be the present lessees' ambition in the future to win their approbation, so far as our efforts shall be in accordance with the highest and best interests of our town and country and the truest welfare of our fellow-beings.

LAKE MURRO

Mrs. Solomon Wentzell is in Victory, called there by the illness of her mother.

Mr. Lester Hewey, of Victory, on his way to Maitland, called on friends here Wednesday.

Mr. Austin Nass and Mrs. Adelbert Fancly made a business trip to Clementsville Thursday.

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MT. HANLEY

Mr. Charles O. Healy, Outram, spent April 2nd at the home of I. J. Fritz's.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Slocomb started for the United States on Tuesday, March 28th.

Mr. Clyde Carter, Halifax, is spending a few days at the home of A. W. Slocomb's.

Mr. Otto Marshall, Outram, spent April 2nd, the guest at the home of S. A. Barteaux.

ROUND HILL

Mr. W. H. Williams is at the Infirmary, Halifax.

Mrs. Wm. Bancroft has returned from a visit at Truro.

Mr. John Holiday left Thursday for the Canadian West.

Mr. Howard Milner has returned from a visit in Halifax.

Mr. C. B. Foster is building a beautiful verandah for Mr. F. Lugar.

Mr. W. H. Whitman spent a few days at Kentville and Halifax last week.

OUTRAM

Dr. Maynard Brown, of Port George, was calling on the people in this place on Monday, 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. Avar L. Slocomb and Mr. Will Marshall left on Tuesday, 28th, for the United States.

We are very sorry to hear of the illness of an old neighbor and friend, Mr. William O'Neal, Hampton. We hope to soon hear that he is better.

Pleased to see Mr. John Graves, Frank Graves and Mr. Albert Marshall, Port Lorne, and Mrs. G. B. Hines, Mt. Hanley, in our audience on Sunday morning, 28th.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Healy spent Friday the 24th, guests of the former's sister, Mrs. Eliza Risterson, Hampton. Risterson, of Hampton, were the overnight guests at Alf Healy's on the 27th.

Mr. Ralph O'Neal and Mr. Fred Weir were shocked on Tuesday, 25th, to learn of the almost fatal accident that happened to Archie Pierce, of Mt. Hanley, who was working on a hay press at Clarence. Our hearts were saddened, but we are glad to hear that he is a little better and hope to soon hear that he is recovering. Great sympathy is felt for the family.

BELLEISLE

The best remedy known for Asthma is RAYBACH, for Rheumatism, etc., is T.R.C.S. Both are sold and guaranteed by reliable druggists everywhere. Ask S. N. Weare.

Mr. B. C. Goodwin went to Yarmouth last week on a business trip.

Mrs. W. E. Bam and Miss Genie Troop spent Friday with friends in Bridgetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bent spent Sunday at Tupperville with Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Inglis.

Quite a number from here attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Charles Troop, of Granville Ferry.

Major Stahllein, of Church Point, Digby County, spent a few days last week with Ch. A. C. Willett.

Mrs. Will Young, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. Walter Troop, Granville Ferry, called on friends here on Friday.

Mrs. Archie F. Troop and little daughter, Helen, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Anthony, Goat Island.

Miss Flossie Kearns, principal of Victoria Beach school, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Kearns.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Fraser and Mrs. Borden Fraser spent Sunday at Granville Ferry, the guests of Capt. and Mrs. Clayton Collins.

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Mrs. Austin Weir visited her aunt, Mrs. Judson Longmire, in Hillsburn, very recently.

Mrs. Willard Anderson visited her sister, Mrs. Lewis Hudson, of Lake Brook, the 28th.

Quite a large number of our people attended the B.Y.P.U. in Hillsburn Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hudson are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, the 26th.

Mrs. Clifford Rice and baby, of Granville Ferry, were the guests of her mother last week.

Mr. Harry Longmire, of Hillsburn, was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Milner very recently.

Mrs. Alvin William and baby were the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Manasseh Weir, this week. They returned to their home in Annapolis Royal Thursday.

It begins to look like spring and the men folk have their wood piles all sawed for the coming season, and several of them are getting lobster traps ready for fishing.

Preaching service were held last Sunday in the Methodist Church on Sunday at 2:45 o'clock by the Rev. H. Patterson, also in the Baptist Church at seven o'clock by the Rev. Percy Hamilton.

Mrs. Sarah Gregory, a resident of Young's Cove, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Amberman, of Littlefield, Mrs. Gregory being an invalid of late, went to the home of her daughter to be cared for and on the 22nd she passed away. She was the widow of the late Joseph Gregory. The remains were interred in Parker's Cove cemetery. She leaves a grown up family to mourn their loss. The services were conducted by the Rev. Percy Hamilton, Baptist.

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Mrs. William Oelkic is visiting friends in Greenland.

We understand Mr. Lester Hewey has purchased a fine colt.

Mr. Lemuel Hewey has returned home from working at Round Lake.

Mr. Cleveland Jefferson was the Sunday guest of Mr. Stannage Currell, March 26th.

We are glad to report that Miss Ruby Waterman has recovered from a recent illness.

Mr. Walter Gehue was the Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Rosenkrantz, March 26th.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Kaulback have moved in their new home which they recently purchased.

Miss Eva Darres has returned home from her visit in Bear River, being the guest of her sister.

Miss Carrie Milner has gone to St. Stephen, where she is now employed in the candy factory.

Mr. John Simpson was the Tuesday (March 25th) guest of her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Potter, Clementsville.

We are glad to report that Mr. Geo. Rosenkrantz has recovered from a recent illness caused by falling on the ice.

We are very sorry to report Mrs. Jubal Kaulback on the sick list, suffering from a severe attack of paralysis.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Geo. Darves has been sick. He is employed at present in the clothespin factory, Carleton.

The thunderstorm of Tuesday evening (March 25th) brought us a "flea" cold "snap", which makes us think that spring is not quite here.

We are glad to report that Mr. Willard Rosenkrantz has recovered from a recent illness which confined him to the house for several days.

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NOTICE OF PARTNERSHIP

We beg to advise the public that Paul W. Longmire will become a partner of the firm of J. H. Longmire & Son from this date.

J. H. Longmire & Sons
BRIDGETOWN
March 18th 1922

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AUCTION SALES

Public Auction Public Auction

THURSDAY, APRIL 20th.

Sale to commence at 12:30 p.m.

—AT—

The farm owned by the late Edward A. Merry,

NORTH ALBANY, N. S.

The following articles:—

1 Deering mowing machine.
1 horse rake.
1 side hill plough, two other ploughs.
1 spring tooth harrow.
1 cultivator.
1 top buggy (nearly new).
1 express wagon.
1 light driving wagon.
1 set sleds.
1 set double working harnesses.
1 light driving harness.
1 pulper.
1 hay cutter, hoes, rakes, forks.
Some carpenter tools.
1 pair bush clippers.
1 back saw.
1 cross cut saw.
1 Faultless stove.
1 parlor stove.
1 parlor table, parlor chairs.
1 wicker rockers, stands and pictures.
1 tapestry carpet, 1 stair carpet, kitchen chairs, pantry articles and dishes.
2 bedroom suits, 2 springs, 2 mattresses, 2 pairs pillows, 1 toilet set.
1 box stove.
1 dining table and chairs.
3 couches.
1 hanging lamp and other lamps.
1 barrel churn, 1 butter worker, 1 butter press.

And other articles too numerous to mention. Also 40 gallons vinegar, will sell in lots to suit purchaser.

TERMS:—All sums under \$5.00, cash; over that amount, twelve months credit, with approved joint notes, interest at 7%.

JOHN HALL,
Auctioneer.

Public Auction

THURSDAY, April 20th, 1922.

Sale commencing at 1 o'clock sharp.

The following:—

1 pair oxen (Ayrshire) six years old, gilt 7 ft., in good order.
1 cow, eleven years old, due to freshen April 25th.
1 cow, seven years old (farrow).
1 cow, six years old (farrow).
1 cow, three years old, due to freshen November 15th (Hereford).
1 heifer, two years old (Hereford).
2 heifers, one year old (Hereford).
3 yearling steers (Hereford).
3 steer calves (Hereford).
1 flock of hens.
1 light driving wagon.
1 wooden axle ox wagon, in good repair.
1 rubber tired buggy, good as new.
1 two-seated express wagon.
1 set of double bob sleds.
1 single trail sled.
1 single mower (Deering).
1 nine ft. hay rake, in good repair.
1 Syracuse plow, medium size.
1 single horse spring tooth harrow.
1 drag harrow.
1 horse hoe, good as new.
1 cultivator.
1 apple barrel press.
1 manure spreader (Massey-Harris) good as new.
1 single horse work harness, in good repair.
1 single driving harness.
Quantity of loose hay and hay cutter.
1 single rubber mounted harness, good as new.
1 Massey-Harris cream separator.
1 Chimax range, good as new.
2 sheet iron air tight stoves.
A few other small tools. Farm sold and sale positive.

TERMS:—\$10.00 and under, cash; above that amount six months' credit, joint note with interest at six per cent.
L. D. BROOKS,
Auctioneer.

Public Auction

THURSDAY, APRIL 13th,
at 12 o'clock noon, sharp.

1 Jersey cow, ten years old, due to freshen in November.
1 Jersey and Ayrshire cow, six years old, due to freshen in June.
1 Jersey cow, four years old, due to freshen in April.
1 Jersey and Ayrshire cow, six years old, due to freshen in July.

1 truck wagon.
1 horse mower.
1 disc harrow.
1 set double harness, ploughs, harrow, chains, cream separator.

Also household furniture, including parlor suite, sofas, wardrobe, hat rack, dining table, side board, china closet, bedroom furniture, chairs, dishes and other articles too numerous to mention.

Sale positive as farm has been sold. If date of sale should prove stormy, sale will take place on Saturday, April 15th.

TERMS OF SALE—All sums under \$5.00, cash; over that amount, twelve months' credit on approved joint notes.

G. D. COVERT,
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1 set double harness, ploughs, harrow, chains, cream separator.

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