

the Quebec Gazette. The result of Mr. Lawson's research bears out the "Dominion Annual Register and Review" for 1882, which gives Nova Scotia the credit of having given birth to the first newspaper published in what is now the Dominion of Canada, the year being fixed at 1753 instead of 1752, a mistake of one year only. Mr. Lawson thus relates his discovery:—

On my passage from Yarmouth, in the 'New Brunswick,' I had the pleasure of an introduction to Mr. Henry J. Morgan, of the Department of State, Ottawa, and editor of the "Dominion Annual Register and Review." Our conversation naturally drifted into the subject of Nova Scotia newspapers. Referring to the early journals of the Province, Mr. Morgan stated that a Halifax gentleman had informed him that he saw in the Legislative Library in the State House, Boston, a copy of a Halifax paper published in 1753, under the title (as Mr. M. understood) of the Mercury. As this date was only four years after the settlement of Halifax, I thought there must be some mistake, and concluded to investigate the matter if possible. Soon after my arrival at Boston I mentioned this intention to my esteemed friend, Mr. Chas. E. Hurd, of the Boston Transcript, and that gentleman kindly furnished me with a letter of introduction to Mr. C. B. Tillinghurst, Librarian of the Legislative Library. I at once proceeded to the State House, where I was most courteously treated by Mr. Tillinghurst, who after a diligent but vain search after ancient Nova Scotia newspapers accompanied me to the office of the Secretary of State (in the same building), who was equally obliging and equally unsuccessful in his search, Mr. Tillinghurst then gave me a note of introduction to the Hon. Samuel Green, of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Tremont street. Mr. Green was absent, but a gentleman to whom I made known the object of my visit in a few seconds brought from an alcove a bound volume of old Nova Scotia papers, dating as far