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THE LATE H. S. PIPER.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

OF THE MONITOR'S CAREER,

From its inception, April 10th, 1873, to its Twenty-first Anniversary, April 10th, 1894.

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, the firm being known as Sancton and Piper. Consequently, on April 10th, 1873, the first number of the WEEKLY MONITOR made its appearance. The office of publication was in the building now owned and occupied by Mrs. Georgiana Sancton. The plant consisted of one hand-press and a limited quantity of type and other requisites. The size of the paper was 24x30. The editing and business management of the paper



HECTOR MacLEAN.

HECTOR MacLEAN, Born Feb. 14th, 1843, of purely Highland Scotch stock. Graduated from Richmond County grammar school in 1859. Studied higher mathematics, including navigation and surveying, during 1860 and 1861. Spent 1862, 1863 and part of 1864 at sea. In January, 1865, obtained Master Mariner's certificate in Liverpool, England. In April of that year engaged in practical engineering, and in December of the same year, when Mr. Fleming took over the Pictou branch, took charge of one of its sections as superintendent of construction. Later occupied similar positions on the W. and A. R'y, G. S. R'y, and N. S. C. R'y. Was also contractor on the I. C. R'y for four years. In 1878 went to the United States, and as a member of the firm of Parker & MacLean, had charge of building and operating 1350 miles of railway in the States of Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina and Ohio, and never had a man killed by accident. In 1889, owing to injuries sustained in an accident some time before, had to give up railroading and settle down, but not to a life of idleness, being at the present time, besides running two farms, President of The Middleton Water Supply Co., a Director in the Valley Telephone Co., and Director and Manager of The International Brick and Tile Co. The latter company employ about forty men during the summer season, and about as many during the winter providing fuel, etc. The wares of this Company have given perfect satisfaction wherever introduced, and it is the intention to largely increase the output this year.

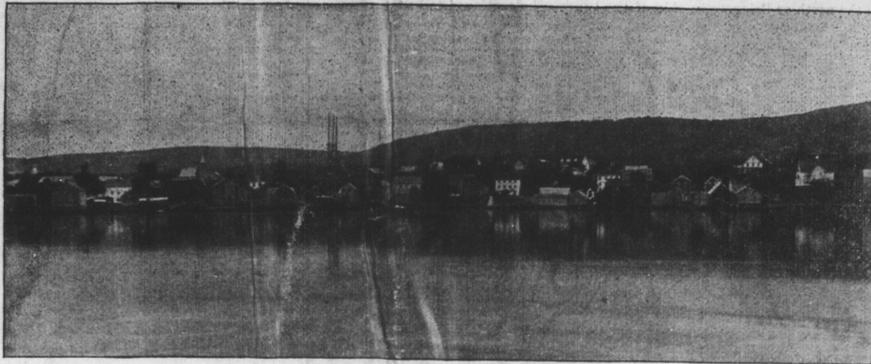
was conducted by Mr. Sancton, while the practised skill of Mr. Piper was employed in the mechanical department. A small temperance paper called the *Alliance Journal* was during a portion of this time also published from this office. This arrangement continued in force until the spring of 1879, when Mr. Sancton sold out his interest in

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 Bonnett 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 its promoter's assiduous and indefatigable exertions, to his



VIEW OF GRANVILLE FERRY FROM ANNAPOLIS SIDE.

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 his infancy.

During the interval preceding the dissolution of partnership, the office of publication had been removed to more commodious quarters, in the building now occupied by our enterprising merchant, Mr. J. W. Beckwith. 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 600 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, the circulation of the paper more than doubled itself; the advertising and jobbing departments 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; the paper was enlarged and embellished 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

T. D. RUGGLES, Barrister, of Bridgetown, was born at Belleisle, in this County, Dec. 21st, 1818. His father Timothy Ruggles, who was a grandson of General Ruggles, represented the township of Granville in the General Assembly of the province for twenty years, dying at the early age of 55 years. He was educated at the old grammar school in the city of St. John, N.B. Studied law in Halifax in the office of the late Timothy Hartshorne, and was admitted to the bar of Nova Scotia in April, 1843. Settled in Bridgetown where he has ever since remained in the active practice of his profession. In 1858 he was elected by acclamation to represent the township of Granville in the General Assembly of the province, on the retirement of his father-in-law, the late S. S. Thorne, who had been appointed to the position of Chairman of the Board of Works. Before the next election



T. D. RUGGLES, Q. C.

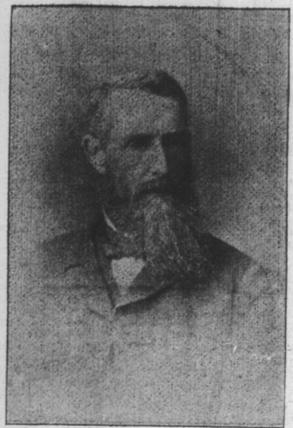
township representation was changed to that of the entire county, three members being allowed to the county. He was again nominated to come to the county with the late Hon. J. W. Johnston and Hon. George Whitman as colleagues, but declined, owing to the pressing nature of his professional engagements which required his whole time and attention. The late Avaril Loxley was nominated in his place, and all three were elected by large majorities. In 1867 he was appointed a Q. C. For many years Mr. Ruggles has enjoyed a large and very lucrative practice, being now the wealthiest and one of the most prominent citizens of the county and the Nestor of the legal profession in western Nova Scotia. His two sons, Edwin and Harry, are now joined with him in the firm of T. D. Ruggles & Sons.

keen and careful supervision of all matter 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 fulfilment, that the angel of death came. His death gave his work a crown and price. 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 conduced 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 a 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 characterizing 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 unmolested by political zealots 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 respon-



JOHN E. SANCTON.

sibilities 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 Mr. 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. McCornick, a man of practical knowledge in all departments of newspaper work, and a wide and varied experience in the printing business, which has proved of the greatest utility in his capacity as manager of the MONITOR. To date the MONITOR's circulation has increased to 5000 copies, a result which has been attained by the continued growth and progress of nearly ten years, have elapsed since the proprietor assumed control, a period amply sufficient to test the feasibility of the undertaking, and now have to-day the proud satisfaction of stating that at no former period in its history has the MONITOR stood upon so solid a basis, nor viewed the future with greater promise of success than upon this the 21st year of its existence. A constituency

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L. S. MORSE, M. A.

L. S. MORSE, Inspector of Schools, was born at Nictaux, Annapolis County, Nov. 25th, 1843, of United Empire Loyalist stock. He was educated at Horton Academy and Acadia College, graduating from the latter institution in 1869 at the head of his class, and in addition receiving diplomas for honors in classics. Studied law in the office of T. D. Ruggles, Q. C., Bridgetown, and the late Hon. J. W. Ritchie, Halifax, and was admitted to the bar in 1870, having obtained a first-class certificate at his final examination. He practised at Bridgetown for a time in partnership with the late Hon. J. C. Troop, Speaker of the House of Assembly. On the death of Mr. Troop he entered into partnership with J. G. H. Parker under the name, style and firm of Morse & Parker, which partnership continued until Dec. 31st, 1879. In March 1871, he was appointed Inspector of schools for the County of Annapolis, and in 1872 was appointed a Master of the Supreme Court. In 1877, Mr. Morse went to Great Britain as a delegate to investigate the claims of the descendants of Annie and Lydia Church to the "Church estate," so-called, said to have been left by Samuel Church, of Brecon, Wales. In Jan. 1880, he was reappointed Inspector of Annapolis and Digby counties on the readjustment of the Inspectorial districts during the time of the Holmes-Thompson administration. As an Inspector Mr. Morse has always been prompt and painstaking in the discharge of his duties, and he enjoys the confidence of the educational department at Halifax and the respect both of the teachers of his division and of the general public. He is the only Inspector in the province who has never been a teacher, and he has held the office of Inspector longer than any other similar official in the province with one possible exception.



A VIEW OF GRANVILLE STREET, BRIDGETOWN, (Looking West.)