

The *St. Thomas Home Journal*, for many years conducted by Mr. A. McLachlin, will, on and after the first of January, be published by a company, which will assume all the obligations and responsibilities which are a part of a newspaper. The principal shareholders of the company will be Messrs. A. Blue, James and Robert McLachlin, the last two being sons of the present proprietor.

The press of Napanee, Ont., is well represented in temperance circles. A. Henry, publisher of the *Standard* and *Canada Casket* is W. C. T. of the local lodge I. O. G. T.; R. Matheson, B. A., editor of the *Canada Casket*, is L. D.; Geo. M. Elliott, editor of the *Standard*, is Sec'y; A. Benson, "local" on the *Express*, is Assistant Sec'y, and T. W. Casey, editor of the *Express*, is Sec'y of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

In the recent Dominion election held in Prince Edward Island, the use of printing ink was more than ever needed on account of the voting being done by ballot. The *Express* was issued three times a week for a couple of weeks prior to the contest. Other papers also made an extra effort, and the side that used the most ink gained the victory. This speaks well for the ballot system and also for the power of printer's ink.

The *Stratford Herald* makes the announcement that double column ads. and job type are banished from its columns, which is a move in the right direction. It says: "Parties desiring ads. in job type will have to apply to offices where they are short of filling up material." It also announces an increase in its advertising rates after the 1st January. We like to see such prosperity, and sincerely hope it may long continue.

CORRECTION.—The *Printer's Miscellany* of St. John, N. B., announces that the publisher of the *Whig* has taken a gentleman of well-known practical professional abilities into partnership. If the name of the *Daily News* and that of its publisher had been substituted the article would have appeared correctly, all but some of the best compliments, of course. The *Whig* has not yet been considered in the light of a partnership.—*British Whig, Kingston.*

That popular and enterprising weekly paper printed at Chatham, N. B., now known as the *St. Lawrence Advance*, D. G. Smith, editor and proprietor, will, after the first of January, 1877, be called the *Miramichi Advance*. Mr. Smith has found it necessary, through a very large increase of business, to add a No. 2 Campbell newspaper, book and job printing press to his already well-stocked office. This speaks well for the energy and business tact of Mr. Smith, and it is our earnest wish that he may be abundantly blessed with the good things of this world.

A correspondent writing from Montreal under date of Nov. 28th, says:—"In all likelihood there will be a strike among the printers of this city to-morrow, as the proprietors of the morning papers (Graham, of the *Star*, being the only exception) and the *Illustrated Canadian News* have given notice of a reduction in the price of composition to thirty cents per thousand. The proprietors also claim the right to put in as many apprentices as they choose. All are anxious to hold out against these terms and a special meeting of the Union has been called for to-morrow, to decide what is to be done. Should the proprietors gain their point, no doubt the price of composition on the evening papers will also be reduced to twenty-eight cents."

Toronto has another newspaper called the *Observer*. It is independent in politics and opposed to the temperance movement as will be seen by the following snarl extract from its opening article:—"With but one side of the question represented, many suppose that there is but one side to it. We are here to show that it has two, and that the anti-prohibitionists have a large amount of right on theirs." It is about the size of the *National*, and the publishers are Messrs. Barrett, Smallpiece and Pirie, all of whom have been previously connected with newspapers in Toronto.

ACCIDENT IN A PAPER MILL.—A very sad and fatal accident occurred at the Napanee Paper Mills, by which a young man, familiarly known as Willie Kelly, aged about 17 years, lost his life. It appears that the deceased, the foreman, J. Thompson, and a man named H. Dunn, were engaged cleaning out the "tub" or chests. These are huge vats in which the pulp is put to be worked by the agitator, one arm of which is near the top. A floor or platform partly covers the "tub," and the upper arm of the agitator works within a few inches of this floor. One "tub" had been cleaned and the foreman and deceased were getting into the other, when the latter got upon the upper arm of the agitator, which was at rest near the outer edge of the floor before mentioned. His weight caused it to move toward the floor where his head was caught and jammed. Death was instantaneous as the pressure broke his neck. It is supposed that the engine had stopped just past the centre, and the agitator acted as a lever which moved the engine enough to cause the distressing result which followed. The foreman was in the "tub" at the same time, but did not see the accident as his back was turned toward the poor victim.—*Standard.*

A MISTAKEN RAT.—The *Montreal Witness* of the 13th, is responsible for the following story:—"Yesterday evening a reporter for a morning contemporary was engaged writing up his items, when he suddenly and quite unintentionally furnished an item himself. He was so engrossed in describing the mysteries of the Police Court that he did not notice an ancient and wise-looking rat who was out on a prospective tour, and was examining minutely the mud about the bottom of the reporter's pantaloons. The mud seemed of good quality and the rat began to nibble it; the reporter became conscious of something unusual going on about his pedal extremity, and gave a kick, then the trouble began. The rat made a spring and commenced a voyage of discovery up the leg of the reporter's pantaloons. The reporter gave a jump and a howl of astonishment, upset his chair, nearly overturned the table, and yelled 'thieves,' while the rat squealed 'murder' as plainly as a rat can. The rat continued his explorations until the pantaloons got too tight for him to go higher. Then he took a good hold of the reporter's thigh, and the reporter a good grip on him and began to dance. The reporter is an exemplary young man, and not given to Terpsichorean exercises, but when the compositors and clerks from the business office attracted by his cries, entered the room, they found him cutting such fantastic capers that they thought he was either crazy, or was practising a new 'fling' for the St. Andrew's Society Ball. Still the rat held on, and the reporter kept his grip. The situation was becoming serious. How was the rat to be got out? At last a brilliant idea struck the reporter. He began to take of his pants, still holding the rat, and when he had removed them, a general onslaught was made on the unfortunate