

# Winterburn begins his editorship

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indeed been the publisher from 1880 on.

## THE WINTERBURN YEARS

J.S. Winterburn became publisher of the Gazette in November of 1908. He was born in Milverton Ont. and began his career in the newspaper industry as a young boy with the Milverton Sun. He had become foreman of the Sun printing

plant before leaving there to work for a weekly paper in Kincardine and then on to Berlin (Kitchener) News Record. For a couple of years before coming to Norwich he ran a job printingshop in Berlin.

The following testimonials appeared in the Gazette on November 12, 1908:

Berlin News Record—"Mr. John S. Winterburn of this town

has gone to Norwich having purchased the newspaper at that place. The Record wishes him abundant success as a member of the Fourth Estate."

Milverton Sun—"Mr. John S. Winterburn, who at one time was foreman of The Sun office, but for the past two or three years has been running a job office in Berlin, has purchased the Norwich Gazette. The

Gazette has been in existence for thirty years and has a splendid advertising patronage, which should yield Mr. Winterburn good returns for his labours. We wish Mr. Winterburn success in his new adventure, and have no hesitation in stating that the people of Norwich will find his four square."

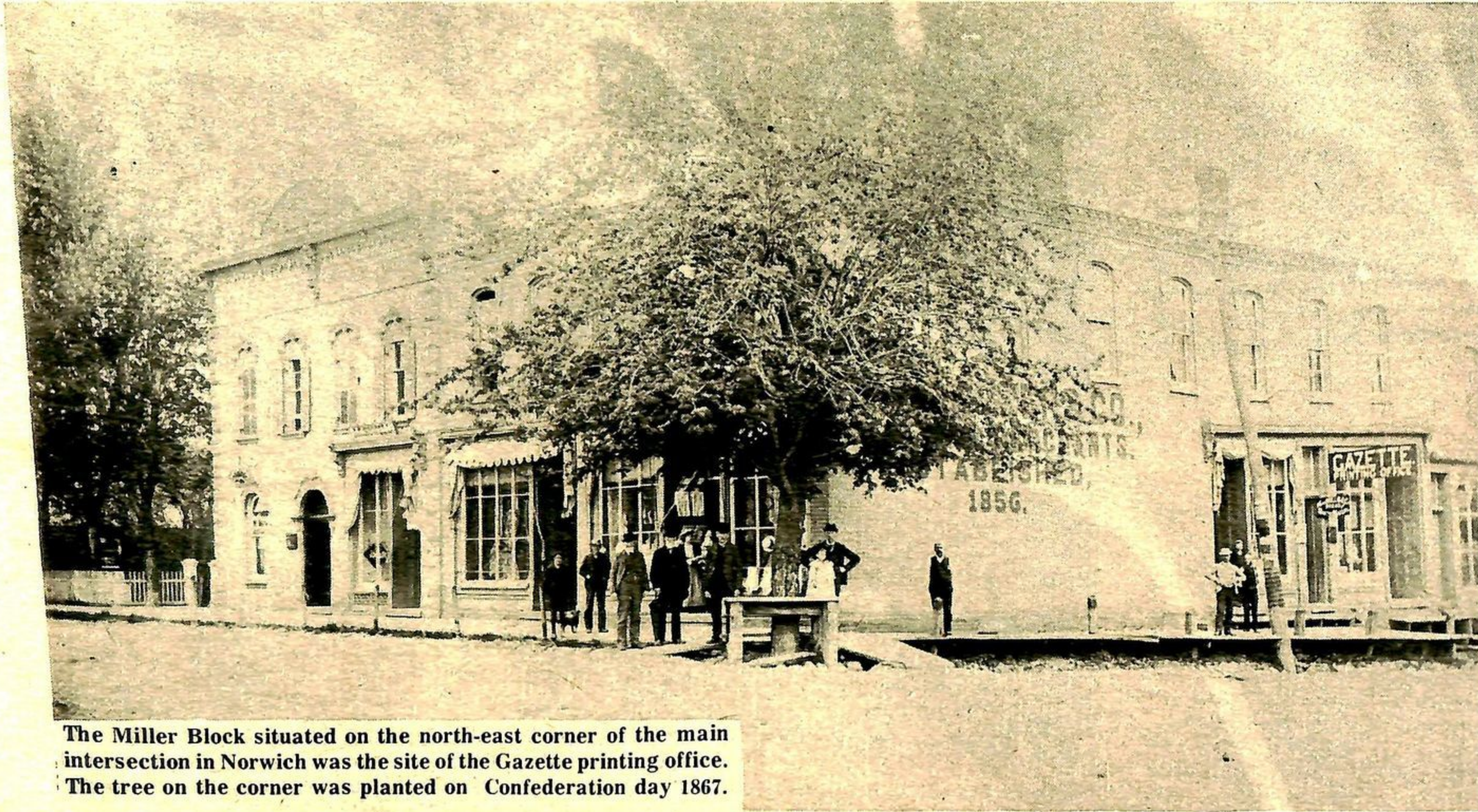
Mr. Winterburn became

completely dedicated to the business of running a good newspaper in Norwich. He also found time to become equally dedicated to the village of Norwich, playing an active roll in municipal affairs. For a number of years he served on the P.U.C. going on to become a village council member and serving as reeve. Recreation programs also found him an active worker.

When J.S. acquired the Gazette he inherited the old Potter press which he kept in service until 1931. He bought a big flat bed Meihle press from a job shop in Montreal. Somewhat larger than the Potter the Meihle took up a great deal of space in the shop. When it was in operation the building shook and the noise could be heard a block away. Six feet of solid concrete was poured under the press to stop it from vibrating.

During this time Mr. Winterburn had changed from the "boiler plate" to "ready print". The stock for the paper came pre-printed on one side with stories and advertising and then local news and advertising was printed on the Meihle. In 1919 J.S. bought a Model 5 Linotype for setting type, a great improvement over the old Monoline. The Linotype came from the Brantford Courier when it amalgamated with the

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The Miller Block situated on the north-east corner of the main intersection in Norwich was the site of the Gazette printing office. The tree on the corner was planted on Confederation day 1867.

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