

Bartholomew retires after 28 years

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necessary to look for other quarters for the Gazette. The building that houses the Gazette now was built for Mr. Bartholomew as a printing works by Avey's Planing Mill.

After the building was finished newer presses were obtained as well as more modern ways of setting type. The old Washington Hand press was discarded in favor of a



J.S. Winterburn, owner and publisher of the Norwich Gazette from 1908 to 1946.

Potter press that saw service until 1931. Type was set on a machine called a Monoline. Set with a keyboard, the matrices dropped into place and when a full line was set it was cranked into place over the casting pot and was cast in hot lead.

This method was a lot faster than the hand setting of type, more convenient too, as the whole line was set and slugged.

T.C. remained publisher of the Gazette until late 1908 when failing health forced him into giving up the paper. He died about two years after he retired.

The following appeared in The Tillsonburg Observer in November 1908:

A Veteran Editor Retires

"Mr. T.C. Bartholomew, who had been the editor and proprietor of the Norwich Gazette about 28 years, has sold

his paper to Mr. J.S. Winterburn of Berlin. Under Mr. Bartholomew's management The Gazette has been a model local newspaper, supplying factually and so completely, as to leave no space for a competitor and he transfers to his successor a prosperous and firmly established business. The Observer trusts that Mr. Bartholomew has reaped a rich harvest through his labour in the newspaper field, and will live long to enjoy the respite from the cares and worries of business life, and to exert a beneficent influence in the large circle of friends he has won by his kindly and genial character.

This also, was printed in the then Waterford Star:

Waterford Star--"Mr. Thos. C. Bartholomew, for 28 years editor and proprietor of the Norwich Gazette, has disposed

of that paper. The Gazette is one of the best village papers on our exchange list, and no doubt Norwich business men and citizens will regret his retiring.

The interests of Norwich were first always with the Gazette."

It would seem from these two tributes that Thomas C. had

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A CENTENNIAL JINGLE

For a hundred years of publication,
Your Gazette has given information
Of local folk at every station,
Whether in peace or in confrontation.

'Tis said reporters must have nose
To get the news of friends and foes;
Then to set in verse or prose,
All that each reporter knows.

This the Gazette has tried to do,
With honest and impartial view;
So that we can enlighten you
Of all that happens old and new.

At times the news has to be pried,
When P.R.O.'s get off the stride;
Or council news to us denied;
We have to seem undignified.

But we've been doing this for years;
It almost took us to our biers;
Yet, no, we pushed aside all fears,
And wiped away our salty tears.

So we could take our pens to write
Of things both in our sound and sight,
Without our making fancy flight
And give you details true and right.

So keep on, reader, with your reading,
As we the writers keep on writing;
At least as long as we are list'ning
For the news where we're all living.

**THURSDAY APRIL 22 1886
OUR NEW SPRING SUIT**

This weeks issue of the Gazette reveals the fact that, as a result of our recent visit to Toronto, the reading matter throughout its columns is presented in a new dress-we call it "Our new spring suit"-and we believe that the little host of friends which the Gazette has made will quite approve of the local journal in its new clothes.

The advertising matter will also be re-set in new type as soon as possible, and it will

always be our aim to still further improve the GAZETTE as opportunity presents, itself, so that outsiders may fairly judge of the character of our town and its resources by the tone and appearance of its local journal.

Our job type is also largely replenished, and "The Gazette" office is now in a position to turn out work that will compare favourably with the production of any city office, either as regards quality or cheapness.

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