

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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MISTAKES ABOUT NEWSPAPERS.

"The Imprint" is a small and neatly printed periodical, published in Toronto and Winnipeg in the interest of the printing craft. In number one, of volume two, it contains an article headed "The Newspapers of Toronto," purporting to be a "condensation of the News' facts, figures and dates about newspaper matters generally in the Queen City." This condensed article mentions the names of various newspapers published in the Town of York and City of Toronto, but overlooked the fact that there had been other newspapers, not referred to. The News' article is also mistaken as to the "first daily;" for many years before the one referred to, there was a daily paper issued in November, 1836, but was short lived. In proof of this we copy from "The Albion of Upper Canada," printed by John F. Rogers, dated 17th September, 1836 (of which Mr. Cull was the editor), in the "south-east corner of the Market Building, Toronto," a paragraph in its editorial column, which reads as follows:—

"The proprietor has also the pleasure to acquaint the subscribers to The Albion, that he has entered into an arrangement with the proprietors of the New Daily Paper (which will be published the first week in November next), for obtaining conjointly with them, able and faithful reports of the debates in the coming Parliament, which will enable him to give to his readers proceedings of both Houses, in a way in which they have never been hitherto published."

We are assured that the "New Daily paper" was issued about that time, but was short-lived for want of sufficient support; but, all the same, it was the first daily newspaper printed in Toronto.

The list of newspapers as given by the extract from the News, is as follows, viz:—

1. "The Upper Canada Gazette or American Oracle," published in 1794.
2. "The Upper Canada Guardian or Freeman's Journal"—in opposition to above—by Joseph Wilcox.
3. "The Observer" appeared in 1820.
4. "The Canadian Freeman," by Francis Collins, in 1825.
5. "The Patriot," by T. Dalton, in 1833.
6. "The Colonist," by Hugh Scobie, 1838.
7. "The Examiner," by Francis Hincks, 1840.
8. "The Banner" and "The Globe," by George Brown, 1844—(? see comment as to "first daily.")
9. "The Daily Telegraph," by Robertson, & Cook, 1866.
10. "The Mail," by T. C. Patterson, in 1872.
11. "The Telegram," by John Ross Robertson, 1876.
12. "The World," by W. F. Maclean, M. P., 1880.
13. "The News," by E. E. Shepard, in 1881.
14. "The Empire," by David Creighton, in 1887.
15. "The Star," (the youngest daily) by T. A. Gregg, in 1893.
16. "The Sun,"—of very brief existence—by E. A. Macdonald, 1893.

Here ended the list of Toronto newspapers, as published in the article referred to.

We now give the names of Toronto newspapers that have been overlooked or unknown to the News man, but thanks to Mr. M. Teefy, our postmaster (who, by the way, served an apprenticeship as a printer in The Patriot office in the years 1836-40, under the control of that genial and

large-hearted old Tory, Thomas Dalton, Esq.—father of the present dowager Lady Wilson), we have the carefully selected specimens of old newspapers among his extensive files that enables us to call the attention of our readers to many newspapers published in Toronto, but which appear to have been forgotten. They are:—

1. "The Albion," 1836, before mentioned.
 2. "The Courier of Upper Canada," by George Gurnett.
 3. "The Christian Guardian," 1829.
 4. "The Mirror," 1837, by Donley and McTavey.
 5. "The Palladium," 1838, by C. Fothergill.
 6. "The Globe," by John Carey, 1840.
 7. "The Canadian Correspondent," by Rev. Dr. O'Grady, 1833.
 8. "The Leader," 1854, by James Beatty, edited by Charles Lindsay.
 9. "The United Empire," 1852, by Ogle R. Gowan.
 10. "The Catholic Citizen," by Michael Hayes, 1854.
 11. "The Canadian Freeman," 1858, by J. G. Moylan, editor, and James Mallon, printer.
 12. "The North American," by William McDougall & Co., 1850.
 13. "The Star," by W. J. Coates, 1845.
 14. "McKenzie's Message," 1856.
- Not taking into account "Punch," "The Grumbler," "Mornus," and others of that ilk, but of smaller calibre.
- We submit the foregoing remarks to the readers of THE LIBERAL as points of history in our Newspaper Literature; we consider they are worth remembering.

OUR VILLAGE CRITICISED.

The Weston Times evidently does not like to hear of the prosperity of sister villages. Last week our cotem referred to the fact that a country newspaper had given Richmond Hill "praise for lowness of taxes and no public debt." The Times then gave a comparison between our village and Weston, mentioning the Public Schools, Mechanics' Institute, etc., making the comparison as prejudicial to Richmond Hill as possible. But as the editor was not disposed to speak too well of the place while he was publishing the York Herald here, no one will be surprised that he is always ready to give us a kick now that he is gone. The following elegant sentence, however, shows where the shoe pinches this time:—"Taxes are assessed and collected on property, which returns no revenue to the owner, with impunity and unjustly." We sympathise with our Weston brother in his having a vacant house "across the way," but cannot see how our council can excuse him from paying taxes. If Weston does not assess unoccupied property we believe it is the only municipality in the province that has such a law. We cannot believe it.

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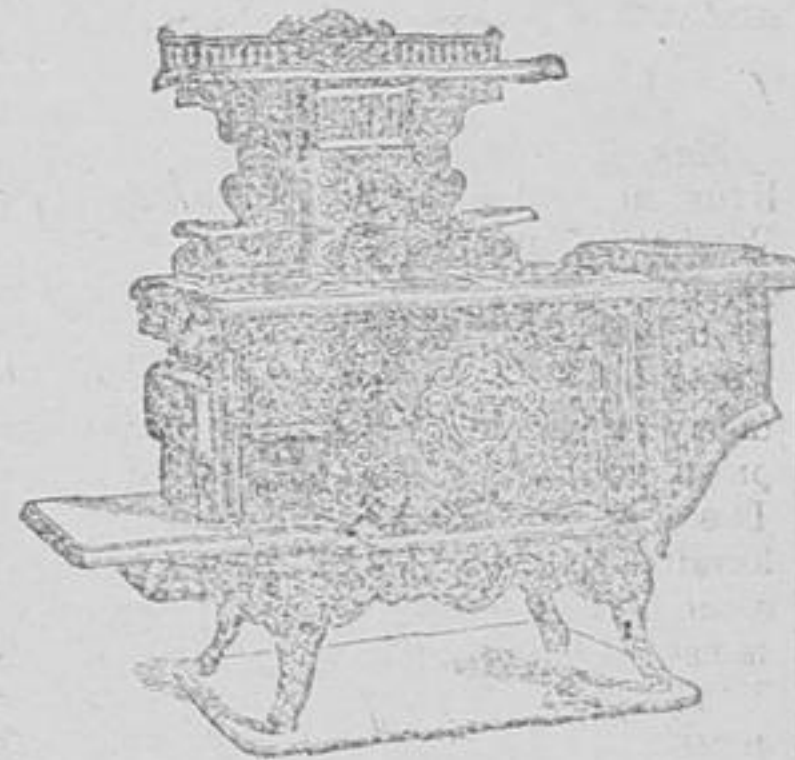
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