

Thomas E. Dudley, for Over Fifty Years in Employ of the Great North Western Telegraph Company, Voluntarily Retires from Service, With the Commendation of His Superior Officers and the Best Wishes of a Cityful of Friends.

Half a century, and over, on one job! What a record. Few indeed there be that can round out a long and honorable business career and say,—“During fifty long years I had but one job.”

On Friday of this week Thomas E. Dudley, manager of the local office of the Great North Western Telegraph company, handed over to his successor the key of office. If Mr. Dudley had served until July 14, he would have rounded out 51 years of service with the company.

Away back in 1862, Tom Dudley,

messages, or night letters at less than half rates.” And he heaved a sigh, whether for the good old days of long ago or over the deficiencies of these degenerate days, the newspaper man didn't inquire.

“I couldn't do more than make a guess at the number of messages I've sent and received in that half century,” said Mr. Dudley. “I have handled messages that carried good cheer and the darkest of news; messages that brought good fortune or meant ruin to the receivers. I have carried with me innermost secrets of

Catharines hostelry their summer home, crowding the house and the annex, and some being forced to lodge in private houses. He told of the famous social events held in the old house, when the most famous men and women of the United States and Canada attended the fashionable balls. “We got hundreds of dollars a month in telegraph tolls then,” he mused.

“There have been many changes in my time,” he said—“many changes for the better. There has been a revolution in the temperance sentiment.

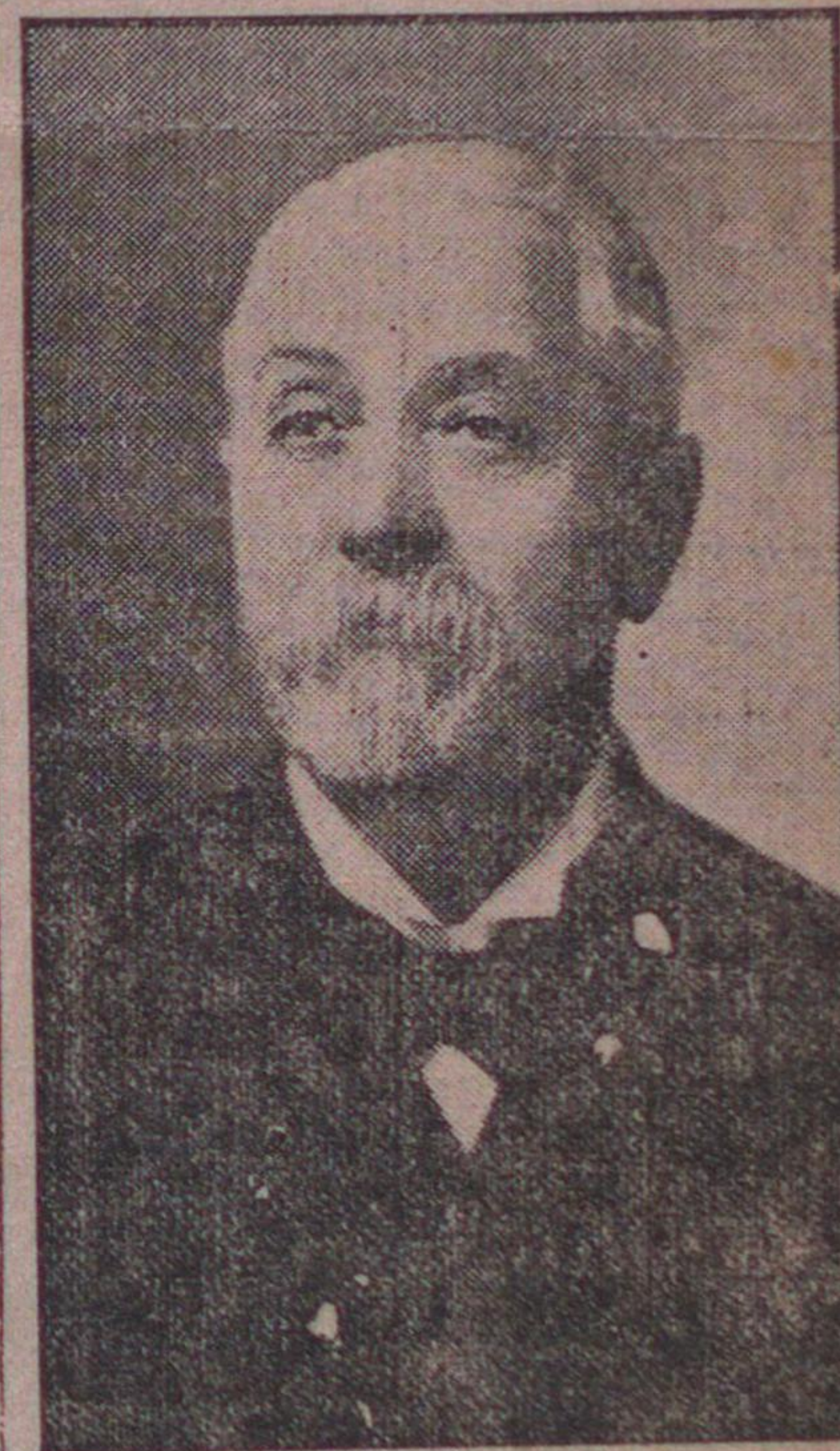
OVER HALF A CENTURY IN THE EMPLOY OF ONE COMPANY

LOOK ON THIS PICTURE



He was a good looking youngster when he began his career as a telegraph operator.

AND ON THIS



Today after over 50 years in one job, he is hale and hearty and full of vim.

Thomas E. Dudley

Who Has Retired on Superannuation from the Service of the Great North Western Telegraph Company.