SOME ADDITIONS TO J. R. HARPER'S HISTORICAL DIRECTORY OF NEW BRUNSWICK NEWSPAPERS¹

During his life, the late Harold B. Griffin, a railway worker of Fredericton, N.B., pursued an unusual hobby. He collected specimens of nineteenth and twentieth century newspapers the way others collect stamps. In the late 1960's, he gave his collection to Dr. Esther Clark Wright, who deposited these newspapers in the Vaughan Memorial Library at Acadia University.

The collection includes items from England, Bermuda, Australia, Hong Kong, and Fiji, but is mainly comprised of newspapers from Canada and the United States. The group from Griffin's home province, New Brunswick, is particularly interesting. It includes 66 different papers and among these are three items which add to our knowledge of the history of New Brunswick journalism:

- a. *The Times* (Fredericton) Vol. 1 no. 8, 8 July 1851.
A weekly, printed and published every Tuesday, by George F. Brannen.
- b. *The Union* (Woodstock) Vol. II no. 2, 16 May 1866.
A pro-Confederation paper. No information on publisher or frequency of publication.
- c. *Woodstock Telegraph and New Brunswick General Register* (Woodstock) Vol. VII no. 43, 24 December 1847.
A weekly, published on Saturday mornings by James M'Lauchlin. This item may be Harper's no. 385, *Telegram* of Saint John.

In addition, two other items provide further information on Harper's nos. 67 and 290:

- d. *The Commercial Advertiser* (Fredericton) Vol. 1 no. 1, June 1862.
Published by Henry A. Cropley and printed at *The Headquarters* office. Cropley had just left James Graham's employ at *The Headquarters*.
- e. *The Loyal Colonist and Tri-weekly Advertiser* (Saint John) Vol. 1 no. 3, 22 May 1849.
This confirms Harper's queried date of 1849.

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¹J. Russell Harper, *Historical Directory of New Brunswick Newspapers and Periodicals*, Fredericton, N. B., University of New Brunswick, [1961].