

Bancroft And District Chamber Of Commerce

Box 539

- Bancroft, Ontario

Nov 28TH, 1966.

Mr Gerald E, Boyce.
Belleville. Ontario.

Dear Sir.

Saturday last when in the Times Office, Mrs Walker, Editor handed me your letter of August 23RD, 1966, to read and informed me they had taken no action in this matter of suppling you with some historic fact in connection with the Bancroft Times.

Being always interested in Hastings County and anything concerned with it, I enclose a bit of history of the Times and one copy of the paper which will always be important to many people in the area, I wrote the Obituary at the time of the Passing,

Another item of great importance to the community was the printing of The Old Home Week, book in 1961 by the Bancroft Times this material may come to late to be of use to you, it is rather unfortunate that I hadn't known sooner, I would have liked to be of some assistance to you in your good work.

Respectfully yours.



J. L. Churcher.
Secretary.

THE BANCROFT TIMES.

On the 16TH day of December 1894, the Bancroft Times was edited for the first time, the Late John Bremmer, Editor He conducted the business for three and one half years, selling out to the Late D? H? Morrison for twenty one years he gave this town and district a weekly paper second to none in Hastings County, In declining health he disposed of his interests in the business to H.M. Price in 1918 A former apprentice who after six years of Newspaper experience in Western Canada and Ontario took over the business on January 1ST, 1919 in 1927 S.R. Walker joined the Times as an apprentice and remained with Mr Price until leaving for active service overseas.

During the war years, The Times with insufficient help, experienced great difficulty in getting out each weeks issue, which meant long hours of work , Type was still all hand set and the week to week effort of getting out the paper left ^{little} time or energy for anything out of the common run.

In 1945 S.R. Walker returned from overseas and again joined the Times entering into a partnership with H.M. Price on January 1ST 1946 , striving to keep abreast with increased trade and business expansion additional office space was leased and a linotype folder and original Heidelberg Press was installed, with these improved facilities production and delivery of the weekly and job printing was speeded up, However in spite of the shorter hours of ~~fx~~ work, the burden of the war years began to take its toll and ill health overtook the senior member of the firm In January 1957 Mr Price died.

Mr Price's interest in the firm was then purchased by S.R. Walker Offset equipment for commercial printing along with other modern machines have gradually been added to give the readers and advertisers better printing service. The Times an 'all home' print paper, enjoys an ever growing circulation, The advent of the uranium mines, the increased population, the economic growth, the service clubs and active organizations have all been a contributing factor , the support of our faithful correspondents and local advertisers have had a share in making this possible .

A period of ill health brought about partly by the war effort and partly by business pressure caused the sudden Passing of the Editor S.R. Walker on April 15TH, 1965, His Wife, Mrs E. L. Walker as Editor assisted by her three Sons and other part time help has carried on the business successfully, the future looks promising for the firm.