

The Citizen

Location: 541 Turnberry St. South, Brussels, Ontario

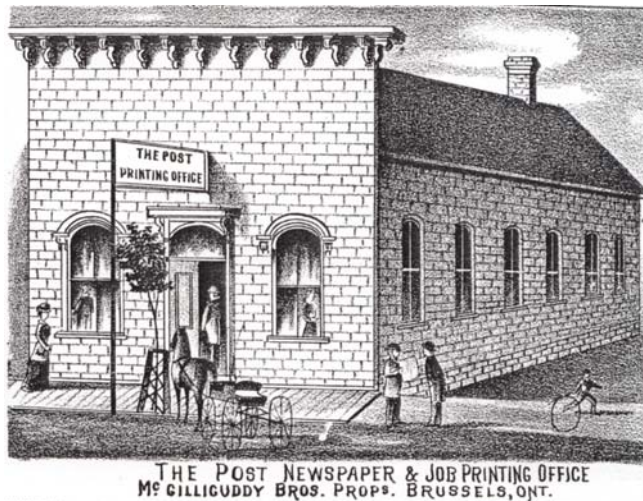
Date original newspaper began: 1873

THE CITIZEN IS A WEEKLY newspaper published by North Huron Publishing, a community-owned company. North Huron Publishing was formed in 1985 after the two local newspapers, *The Brussels Post* and *The Blyth Standard*, ceased publication as independent newspapers. This building, located in the commercial core, is now a base for the editorial and sales staff.

The longest-running newspaper in Brussels was *The Brussels Post*. The first issue was printed July 10, 1873. The newspaper was begun by the McGillicuddy brothers, Thomas and Daniel. Belden's 1879 *Illustrated Historical Atlas of the County of Huron, Ontario* describes the *Post* as "a live, local paper, spicily edited, well printed, ably managed, and Reform in politics." The author notes that the newspaper struggled to survive in the early years, "but the energy, perseverance and ability of the McGillicuddy Brothers ...

gradually worked the paper into good running shape." The business was moved in 1877 to a new office built specially for the purpose.

The newspaper changed hands a number of times over the years. The McGillicuddy Brothers sold in 1880 to William H. Kerr. The newspaper remained in the Kerr family until the death in 1932 of John L. Kerr, William's son.



Etching of *The Post* newspaper building as seen in Belden's 1879 *Historical Atlas of Huron County*

Roy Kennedy, the son of the editor of *The Stratford Beacon Herald*, A.R.

Kennedy, bought the newspaper in 1933. Kennedy ran the business with his wife, Evelyn, for the next 40 years. It was sold for a third time in 1973 to McLean Bros. Publishing, publisher of *The Huron Expositor* in Seaforth. *The Brussels Post* ended its long run as an independent newspaper in 1982 when McLean Bros. sold its papers to Goderich Signal Star Publishing.
