

The Standard (Windsor, Ontario, 1902)

Title Variations

Windsor Standard (Windsor, Ontario, 1902)

Essex County Standard (Windsor, Ontario, 1902)

Publication Dates

1902: Nov. 29 (Vol. 1: no 1) – 1912: Dec.?

Frequency

Weekly / Daily

Online Holdings

1902: Nov. 29 (Vol. 1: no. 1) 8p. Pages 3-6 are missing

Source of Digitized Holdings

Museum Windsor

Description

The Windsor Standard (1902) was established by Charles Linley Barker (see the Border Cities Era description for a fuller biography) and Joseph McKee on November 29, 1902. They had bought the publishing equipment from the Windsor Review when it closed earlier the same year. Charles Barker had previously worked on the Windsor Evening Record. The Windsor Standard began as a weekly publication, appearing on Saturdays, from an office at 22 Sandwich Street West. It was self-described as the “Conservative party organ for Essex County”. Based on the few extant pages, the content appears to be pretty average for the time. It does include a decent amount of local and regional news.

Only a few months later, the newspaper was formed into a joint stock company with Oscar E. Fleming as the largest shareholder. George M. Winn of Toronto then succeeded Charles Barker as manager/editor in May 1903. On December 15, 1903, the Standard commenced publication of an additional evening daily edition under the editorship of Mr. James Weir of Hamilton (Evening Record Jan. 23, 1904, p. 7). It appears that the daily edition lasted at most 6 months. In June 1904, Fred. J. Hughes and Clayton E. Percy became the new editors/managers of the Windsor Standard (Newmarket Era June 10, 1904, p. 2 and Amherstburg Echo June 17, 1904, p. 2). At this point, James Weir returned to Hamilton. Also, around this time, the office was moved to 5 Ouellette Avenue. Fred Hughes remained with the newspaper until at least 1912.

In 1912, the Windsor Standard was bought by John Edwin Dobie, who already owned the Walkerville Herald (since 1905). Late 1912/early 1913, the two newspapers were merged into the Windsor Herald-Standard (Detroit Free Press May 30, 1914, p. 9).

Updated: Katharine Ball, January 12, 2021