

To him the journal not only owes its existence; but his money, his time and his great talents were freely bestowed upon it. For many years almost all the editorial matter came from his pen, except as hereafter referred to. His work for the journal was not known to the public at that time, nor has it been mentioned until now. Its pages for many years are evidence of the labour and thought devoted by him to the many subjects discussed, and of the extent to which the country is indebted for suggestions made by him in the direction of law reform.

Associated with Judge Gowan was the Hon. James Patton, Q.C. leader of the Bar of the county of Simcoe, and senior partner in the firm of Patton, Bernard & Ardagh, then one of the principal law firms in this province. He was subsequently Solicitor-General under the Macdonald-Cartier Government in 1862. His name appears as the first editor of the journal, then called *The Upper Canada Law Journal and Municipal Local Courts Gazette*. Mr. Patton contributed a series of articles on Coroners, and the subject of Municipal law was discussed with much care and helpfulness by Mr. Patton's partner, Mr. Hewitt Bernard, in later years more widely known as Col. Bernard, Q.C., C.M.G., Deputy Attorney-General and Deputy Minister of Justice from 1859 to 1876, positions which he held to the great advantage of the public, enjoying the entire confidence of the leaders of both political parties.

This journal was commenced in 1855, and was at first published in the town of Barrie, but was removed to Toronto in 1857. In 1856 Mr. W. D. Ardagh, of the firm above-mentioned, became the editor, and so continued for many years. He subsequently removed to Winnipeg, where he held the position of County Court Judge until his death. In 1857 Mr. Robert A. Harrison, who had been for some time chief clerk of the Crown Law Department of that day, and subsequently a member of the firm of Paterson, Harrison & Hodgins, became one of the editors, and so remained until his appointment as Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench in 1875. Mr. Harrison was a most industrious man, an able writer and distinguished jurist, well-known in legal circles by his works on the Common Law Procedure Act and his Municipal Manual, and one of the most successful and popular advocates of his day. Under his energetic management the circulation of the journal largely increased.