

A BRIEF HISTORIC SKETCH OF MIRAMICHI'S OLDEST PAPER

The Union Advocate, Founded Forty-Eight Years Ago by Wm. C. and Jas. J. Anslow, who Came Here From England in 1855--Brief Sketch of Family History

BROTHERS DISSOLVED PARTNERSHIP IN 1886

Business Was Successfully Continued by W. C. Anslow Until His Mysterious Disappearance in the Woods in the Fall of 1897--Was Then Conducted by the Sons, Harry and Charles--Account of Mr. Anslow's Disappearance Taken From an Old Issue--History of the Changes in Management From the Beginning up Until the Present Time.

Beginning with our last issue, The Union Advocate started on its forty-ninth year of service as a recorder of current events for the reading public of Northumberland County.

During the forty-eight years of service just finished, The Advocate has experienced many changes, not only in the general make-up of the paper, but in the management and personnel as well.

The Advocate is one of the oldest papers in the Maritime Provinces, having been established in October, 1867, by Messrs. W. C. Anslow. Through all these years it has had its ups and downs, not at all times being greeted with fortune's smile. It has, however, braved the hardships of newspaper life, accepting the bitter with the sweet, and still continues to fulfill its sphere of usefulness.

Unlike the human body, which must, by nature's laws, lay down and die after the allotted time has been spent, when no amount of nourishment can revive and fit it for a second life, The Advocate has from time to time, been given a new lease of life, occasioned by world changes, and other causes.

As years came and went, however, with each year ushering in some new idea along the lines of the printing trade, The Advocate, ever ready to keep up with the advancement, applied these new ideas as they came and consequently by hard work managed to keep up with the few other publications in this province at that time.

Has Had Eventful Career

That The Advocate has had, in the years gone by, a very eventful career, is known to all. But at no time during its long life and with the many changes that have taken place, has it ever stood upon a more solid foundation than that upon which it rests today. Departing from the old style method of setting type by hand, The Advocate, when taken over by the present proprietors, adopted the linotype, a mechanical device which is used by all up-to-date dailies and weekly papers of the present day.

Leaving our readers to form their own opinion as to the merits and demerits of the present day Advocate, we will go back to the early days and from the files give a brief sketch of history of its establishment, its founders, and some of the changes that have taken place up to the present.

Founding of The Advocate

Early in the following summer, J. J. Anslow entered upon his apprenticeship in the office of the Chatham Glenner, which was conducted by James A. Pierce & Son. About six months later W. C. Anslow entered the same office as an apprentice, and after serving his time, went to St. Stephen, where he entered the office of the Courier, then conducted by Mr. Hay. Early in the sixties he returned to Chatham, where he entered into partnership with his father in a general business under the firm name of W. C. & W. C. Anslow. About the same time, or soon after, the two brothers, W. C. and J. J. Anslow, started a job printing business in a small store, which was situated on the corner of the present office, under the firm and style of W. C. & J. Anslow, the Newcastle branch of the general business of W. C. & W. C. Anslow being carried on in the lower story, and the printing office above.

The job printing grew apace, and in October, 1867 The Union Advocate was established, warmly supporting the Liberal-Conservative administration.

With the establishment of The Advocate, a wider field of journalism was opened up, and then through the effects of opposition, now life was instilled into the printing trade.

Brothers Dissolved

From 1867 until 1886, Messrs. Anslow plowed the pioneer years of newspaper toil, with its hardships and drawbacks, when in April of the latter year the partnership between these brothers was dissolved, and Mr. J. J. Anslow went to Windsor, N. S., to take over the Hans Journal, which paper he has continued to conduct until a year or so ago when he retired from active service, leaving the business to the able management of his son.

Mr. W. C. Anslow continued the business of The Advocate, his two sons, Harry and Charles, assisting in the mechanical work of the paper and the job printing end of the business.

For eleven years the business was successfully carried on, when suddenly a gloom was cast over the Anslow home by the mysterious disappearance in the woods of the senior Anslow, on the morning of October 14th, 1897, while on a hunting trip with his son Charles, who, as our readers will remember with regret, also met an untimely death in an auto accident at the time of the great Campbellton fire, of July 11th, 1910.

From the October 20th, 1897 issue of The Advocate we reprint the following account of the sad tragedy:

LOST IN THE WOODS

Mr. W. C. Anslow Lost in the Woods Since Thursday Morning

"On Wednesday morning of last week Mr. W. C. Anslow and his son Charles left home for a day's party, leaving their son Harry in charge. They arrived at the residence of Mr. James Foran about four o'clock in the afternoon. On Thursday morning they left the house and went down the main road. They left the main road by the Nowlan Road, intending to go to the island known as Novian's Island. At the lower end of the island they shot three partridges. There were no more game on the island and Mr. A. proposed that they should go to the south side of the river if they could not find the river without getting their feet wet. Several rapids were tried but were too deep to ford. The son then tried the White Rapid and got half way across and, seeing deeper water on the other side, told his father not to try to ford the river as the water would go over the tops of his boots and to hunt on the north side where he was. Mr. A. said, 'All right,' and then walked up the beach. The son then continued to ford the river. On reaching the other side he kept straight into the woods and did not notice what direction his father took. He stayed across the river about half an hour and returned by the same way he went over. He then went up to the main road and went down about two or three miles. He shot one partridge on the way down and one on the way back. He then went to Mr. Foran's house. This was about twelve o'clock. When he arrived at the house he made the remark that he supposed his father had arrived before him, but his father had not arrived. After dinner he went down the road again. He was accompanied by Mr. Foran's youngest son. They went down as far as the Sutherland property and turned back and took a path that led down to the river and along the flat to the Nowlan Road. A woodpecker and a porcupine were shot on the way home. Mr. Foran was also looking for Mr. A. After supper word was sent up to Mr. John Dennis that Mr. A. was lost in the woods. On Friday morning Mr. Dennis and son came down and the island and a portion of the flat were thoroughly searched. After dinner Mr. Foran drove down river to let the people along that road know that Mr. Anslow had been lost. In the afternoon quite a number of men arrived at the scene. They divided into two parties, one searching the flat and the other going back to the main road into the woods. They found no trace of Mr. Anslow and returned about dark. Charles left for home on Saturday morning arriving shortly after one o'clock.

In the meantime, word had reached down and the alarm was given when preparations were made to send up a large party. Some went up Saturday afternoon and others left before daylight Sunday morning. A thorough search was made of the island and the river near where Mr. Anslow and Charles parted but no trace was found. Parties also searched back of the main road and visited all the old camps on the high ground known as the 'Ridge' but without effect.

On Monday a public meeting was held and a committee appointed. At the meeting a considerable sum of money was subscribed and a reward of \$50 was offered for Mr. Anslow's recovery.

At the present time, hundreds of men are searching the woods in every direction but up to our going to press no more definite news has been received.

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The November 17th, 1897, issue of The Advocate containing a brief history of the Anslow, from the pen of J. J. Anslow, speaking of the disappearance of his brother, said as follows:

"Probably no event for very many years has so stirred the sympathies of the people of the Miramichi, as has the mysterious disappearance of the late editor and proprietor of this paper, for there can hardly be a possibility that he is now in the land of the living. The universal sympathy extended by all classes of the community, and surrounding country, to the family of the deceased, and the generous efforts put forth by so many to search for and, if possible, find the missing one, will long remain fresh in their memory. These tokens of friendship and esteem have done much to lighten the load of sorrow associated with so terrible a calamity, which is the harder to bear because of the uncertainty with which it is enshrouded, no clue to the remains having as yet been obtained."

Speaking of the late Mr. Anslow at the time when the dissolution of partnership with his brother was brought about, the writer of the above in the same article, says:

"Mr. W. C. Anslow remained at his post in Newcastle, and those who have watched his course will certainly agree with us when we say that it was marked by consistency. When once he believed a certain course was necessary in the best interests of the community, no power could turn him from his purpose and he adhered to the determined and manly manner in which he so persistently advocated the cause of temperance and the enforcement of the Scott Act, and even the enemies made by such a course were compelled to respect him and admire his firm adherence to principle. The deceased was a hard and steady worker, always at his post, and while he did not acquire much of this world's wealth, he was rich in the esteem of the people of the northern counties, who will long remember him as an honest and upright citizen, faithful in the discharge of every duty, and ever ready to respond to the call of the distressed and needy."

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On the 23rd of May, 1899, river drives were working on the Little South West Miramichi at a point where Wild Cut Brook empties into the river. One of the men went up into the woods at the river bank and while there, found a rifle resting upon the bow of a tree. He examined the rifle and then remembered Mr. Anslow having been lost some nineteen months previous and looking about under the trees found the remains partly covered with leaves.

He immediately reported to the boss, who sent him out to the settlement to send word to Newcastle. Word was received May 24th, and the late Col. Maltby, upon the orders of Northumberland Lodge, A. F. & M. of which Mr. Anslow was a Past Master, at once departed to remove the remains to Newcastle.

An inquest was held and a verdict of death due to exposure rendered.

Sons Carry on Business

With the death of W. C. Anslow, the business then fell to the lot of the sons, Harry and Charles, to carry on, but for the estate of their late father, and under his name until, on May 15th, 1899, the business was legally transferred to the sons.

The Advocate, which under the Senior Anslow, had warmly supported the Liberal-Conservative government, when taken charge of by the Junior Anslow, in December, 1907, was changed into an independent paper, and from that date was conducted as such, under their management, until January 9th, 1907, when the first break in the Anslow administration took place.

This date was almost the beginning of the last, for The Advocate seems to have had a very wild and checkered career from then until about 1911 or thereabouts.

Beginning of Decline

With the passing away of W. C. Anslow and the removal of James J. to another field of labor, The Advocate seems to have lost the stamina that held it so strongly together during the first years of its existence. Up until about 1907 it had a fairly successful career, under the management of the Anslow Brothers, but it was about this time, if we are correct in our dates, that Messrs. Anslow widened their field of labor by taking over a Campbellton paper known then as the Events, published weekly, and converting it into a daily.

By this change it was necessary to place The Advocate in new hands, although still published under the name of Anslow Bros. From here began a series of changes in management (Continued on page 5.)

Ten Commandments for Married Men.

New York, Dec. 30.—Ten commandments for married men have been compiled by Mrs. Rena Cary Sheffield who is suing her husband, Justus Sheffield, a prominent New York lawyer, for divorce. They were revealed today while she was on the witness-stand before Vice-Chancellor Lewis, in Jersey City. She also gave her version of a decalogue for married women. The first set is as follows:

Thou shalt not keep thy past unto thyself—this is the first and great commandment.

Thou shalt not scoff at thy wife.

Thou shalt be a careful kisser.

Remember that thou keep holy thy marriage vows, six days shalt thou vaguely dream of what might have been, but on the seventh, wake.

Remember thy wife to sing her praises—give her freely of thy time and interest, for a dull husband is a discouragement to the gods and a live one.

Honor thy wife and all her interests, that thy days may be long in the land which the lord thy God giveth thee.

Remember thy mother-in-law, to keep her guessing; for a wise mother-in-law loveth a cheerful liar and a good excuse is better than none.

Thou shalt not steal a march unto thy club.

Thou shalt not love with danger though verily a live impulse has low voltage beat in domestic life.

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described how he had promised his mother to avenge her. "I did not want to wait until I grew up," he said; "I wanted to take my revenge now. She died at the hands of the Germans; let them die, too." The boy's eyes fired up like the eyes of a wolf. "When I get well I shall continue to drown them," he said.

Towards evening the little fellow breathed his last.

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"Well that seems long nough," said a visiting travelling man.

"Long eno'?" said the old gentleman. "Ye're wrong. When a body's courtin' he canna be too careful. Why, my courtship wi' Janie lasted a matter o' 19 years."

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