

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 spend, 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 conditions, ever ready to change, municipal government formations, and all other movements. These have all helped in the advancement of the newspaper world, and with that of The Advocate in particular.

Old-Fashioned Adverts

To go back forty or fifty years and compare conditions then with now, the founders of this journal can well look with pride upon the great work achieved. One particular change very noticeable in the make-up of The Advocate of the first years of its existence and the present day Advocate is the style of advertising. There were no great displays, as in those days, and we wonder now how its founders were able to keep the wolf from the door.

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.

As stated above, The Advocate was established in October, 1867, by William C. and James J. Anslow, who with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Anslow, now long deceased, came to this country from Maidenhead in Berkshire, in the summer of 1855, landing at Chatham, N. B. on Sabbath morning, as the bells were summoning the people to the various places of worship.

Founding of The Advocate

Early in the following summer, J. J. Anslow entered upon his apprenticeship in the office of the Chatham Gleaner, 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 a 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. & 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 site of the present office, under the firm and style of W. & J. Anslow, the Newcastle branch of the general business of W. & 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, new life was instilled into the printing trade.

Brothers Dissolved

From 1867 until 1886, Messrs. Anslow plowed the pioneer path of newspaper work, 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 Mirror, a 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, and on the morning of Thursday, October 20th, 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 Novlan'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 to the beach. The son then continued to ford the river. On reaching the other side he kept straight into the woods and 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.

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 between the brothers was brought about, the writer of the above in the same article, says: "Mr. Anslow a Zealous Worker. 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."

THE PRIET WOLF; A RUSSIAN INCIDENT

How a Small Boy Twelve Years Old Avenged His Mother's Death (Westminster Gazette)

In a long description of the conditions in the Priet marches the Central News' Petrograd correspondent sends a story of a boy of twelve who was found by a Cossack patrol, lying wounded. When he recovered consciousness the lad said: "I was with the Germans on Saturday in the marshes. I have drowned them. It is the fifth party I have drowned."

"How did you drown them?" "I led them astray. They came to our village. I was the only remaining there; all the others had gone. I remained."

"And are you not afraid?" "Why should I fear? I am in my own place, with plenty of food. But you see, they have shot me. I have been wounded."

"I led them here. When they came to the village I went to meet them. They looked at a piece of paper and saw that I was leading them in the right direction. I led them quite wrong. 'I am small and light. I have a pole, and I can skip across the tufts of grass. Then I know a place where the ground is harder, near some trees. The Germans were stout and heavy, and they sank deeper and deeper into the mud and screamed at me. Then I laughed, and they fired on me in their rage; but they sank deeper, and as I hid behind the trees I watched them disappear. 'I was shot, and lay there from the Saturday to the Tuesday and became cold and weak for want of food. Now I shall not lead them astray again.'"

The Cossacks listened to the boy. One of them said: See the young wolf cub, who saw people drowning under his eyes!" "If I am a wolf cub, what are they?" he said. "What did they do to my mother?" And he told a terrible story of cruelty and

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."

Towards evening the little fellow breathed his last.

Deliberation Paid This One One morning in a village in Scotland several of the villagers were having an amiable discussion on the matrimonial affairs of a couple, who, though quite recently wed, had already begun to find the yoke of Hymen something of a burden.

"Tis all along o' them hasty marriages," remarked a caustic old gentleman, who had taken a prominent position in the discussion. "They did not understand each other. They'd only known each other for a matter of ten years."

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:

FOR THE WIFE

The following commandments for the wife:

Thou shalt not nag thy husband.

Thou shalt keep thy temper to thyself.

Thou shalt not bore thy husband.

Remember that thou keep holy his many secrets.

Six days shalt thou frivel and do all things thou lovest to do, but on the seventh think. Remember his linen, to see that it is spotless. Provide that the extra stud for the emergency that will come and watch lest the stud that has been pressed is not returned to its accustomed nail, as it will be the one he asketh for.

Honor thy husband and let him do exactly as he pleases, that thy praise may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Thou shalt not ask him any questions, neither in the morning, nor at the noonday hour, nor at night; for know that will he tell thee unsolicited, and a question mark is a look that captures who knows what.

Thou shalt not complain; verily, a complaining woman is worse than a shoe that pincheth.

Thou shalt not steel thy heart against his hobbies.

Thou shalt obey him—sometimes; uncertainty bath charms when minds are masculine.

Thou shalt be fresh and sweet and dainty as a shower bouquet, for lingerie is more to the desire than rubies, and a good cook above Government bonds.

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 into thy club.

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

Thou shalt be a man dependable as thy best investment, thoroughbred as a racer, mellow as old wine, constant as thy club dues; then of a surety will favor

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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, 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, up 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 the 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.

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To Those That Mourn

"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted."

Here are two lines (we know not who is the writer) which may bring comfort to some who know not where their dead are resting, and to all whose dead are sleeping on foreign soil:

"The grass remembers so many graves that no one else remembers. Blessed be the grass!"

Ex.

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