

and tradition of your publication may be continued and perpetuated. I join most sincerely with you in the hope expressed in your letter that our expectations for the future of that new magazine may all be realized and that you may see in it the fruition of your "labour of love" throughout these past years.

"I am grateful for your good wishes in respect of the Association in future.

"Very sincerely yours, J. A. M. AIKINS."

The Journal came into existence in the town of Barrie, county of Simcoe, on January 1, 1855, under the name of "The Upper Canada Law Journal and Local Courts Gazette," and under the editorial management of "James Patton, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, and others"—The others were James Robert Gowan, Judge of the County Court of the County of Simcoe,—afterwards well known in the history of Canada as Hon. Sir James Gowan, K.C. M.G., Senator of Canada, and Hewitt Bernard, a partner of James Patton and afterwards known as Col. Bernard, K.C., Deputy Minister of Justice. Mr. Patton, for a short time Solicitor General of Upper Canada, was the founder of the firm of Patton, Osler and Moss, and later a partner of Sir John A. Macdonald. He was subsequently Collector of Customs at Toronto.

The principal contributors to the Journal were Judge Gowan and Mr. Bernard, Mr. Patton attending to the many other matters well known to those who enter the busy field of journalism.

An incident connected with the birth of this organ of the legal profession in Canada may be of interest and worth noting. The present Treasurer of the Law Society of Upper Canada, Hon. Featherston Osler, recently one of the Justices of the Ontario Court of Appeal, was a law student in the office of James Patton, as was also the present Editor of this Journal. One morning Mr. Patton requested their attendance in the attic over the office, where they found sheets of brown paper and a pile of the first number of The Upper Canada Law Journal and Local Courts Gazette, also a pot of paste and brushes. They were told to wrap up and direct and mail the new publication to the persons to be found on a list of names also provided. This they did, little thinking that 57 years afterwards one of them would be writing these parting words to its readers and that his life-long friend would read them. He tells