

Post in Chatham. This paper was published for about two years. Mr. Millar is at present in the civil service department at Ottawa.

In 1866, the Messrs. Anslow established the *Newcastle Advocate*, of which they are still the editors and proprietors. In the fall of 1874, D. G. Smith, Esq., established the *St. Lawrence Advance*, in Chatham, the publication of which is still continued.

In 1875, M. A. Tracey, Esq., started the *Northern Herald*, a tri-weekly paper, the publication of which ceased before a year, in consequence of the office being broken into and the plant destroyed. Mr. Tracey is at present in New York where he is correspondent for a Toronto paper.

1876.—The *Gleaner* was resuscitated in September, 1876, by Mr. J. J. Pierce, the former editor and proprietor, and son of the founder, after having remained dormant about two years. It is issued every Saturday, and is 24x30, containing twenty-four columns. Mr. A. W. Paterson has taken charge of the mechanical department.

THE PRESS IN THE OTTAWA VALLEY.

As you invite correspondence from all parts of the Dominion, here are some brief notes about the progress of newspapers in that part of the Ottawa Valley through which the Canada Central Railway runs.

In 1871—only five years ago—between Carleton place, where the *Herald* is published, and Pembroke, where the *Observer* then reigned alone—a distance of nearly one hundred miles—there was then only one newspaper—the *Gazette*—published at Almonte, about a dozen miles from Carleton Place. There had been, some years before, a paper, the *Renfrew Journal*, in the village of Renfrew (about half way between Carleton Place and Pembroke), and the *Pioneer* at Portage du Fort, a dozen miles away, on the Ottawa River, in Pontiac, in the Province of Quebec; but both died after a brief existence. In 1871, when the Canada Central Railway was about to be extended from Sand Point, the then terminus, to Renfrew village, the *Renfrew Mercury* was started. Speculation being then rife, it was so well supplied with advertisements, that it soon called numerous competitors into existence.

At Arnprior, about twenty miles to the south, a five column paper—the outside being printed at Perth—was started. After a short struggle, the proprietor found that there was not quite so

much money in it as he expected, and soon sold out to the "boy editor" Mr. J. H. Nicholson, who was running an amateur sort of a sheet at Fitzroy Harbor, on the Ottawa, which had so many changes of name that it would take too much space to recount them. This enterprising boy editor quickly enlarged the *Arnprior Weekly* to seven columns, and also started in conjunction with it, or projected the *Pontiac Advance*: half of which then contained the matter published in the *Arnprior Weekly* a week before; so that some folks called the *Advance*, the "Behind," instead. In a few months Mr. Nicholson sold out to J. T. Walker, of Perth, who, after a year's experience, sold out in turn to Mr. James McLachlin, who at various times had been sub-editor and reporter for the *Ottawa Free Press*, *Montreal Witness*, *Renfrew Mercury* and *Pembroke Observer*. By this time, Mr. Nicholson was back to Arnprior, running a small job office supplied with a Gordon press. Very soon he projected the *Arnprior Star*, purchasing from Mr. Berton Campbell, of Perth, the outfit of a newspaper office. Meantime, having tried his hand at saw-milling as well as at printing, he had become insolvent. Yet he assisted a brother-in-law to commence the *Enterprise*, a five-column paper, at Eganville, twenty-six miles west of Renfrew. This lived about eight or nine months and was heard of no more. Mr. McLachlin, however, called his paper the *Review*. Recently he, as well as the *Star*, adopted the patent outside plan. A new power press was at the same time added to the *Review* office: but the *Star* was advertised for sale under a mortgage.

Besides these sheets, however, it must be noted that the *Pembroke Standard* has, since 1871, been running in the conservative interest: and still another paper, the *Central Canadian*, also conservative, has been this year commenced at Carleton Place. The editor of the *Herald* finding the territory, once almost exclusively his own, overrun by so many competitors, is making vigorous efforts to extend his circulation at the present time.

Besides these newspaper establishments, there are amateur job offices in Almonte and Eganville: and two of these amateur concerns in Renfrew besides the professional office.

This is a pretty fair show of printing enterprise for the short space of only five years. All the papers, it should be mentioned, are published at \$1 a year, except the *Mercury*, which is published at \$1.25 a year. POINTS.