

which we can find any trace. They were printed in Oshawa. Both became defunct, and were followed by the Freeman and the Reformer in 1850. They were small sheets which had only a short existence. The Whitby Freeman was ventured upon in 1850, to be replaced for a few months by the Whitby Reporter by J. S. Sprowle, and which subsequently became the Ontario Reporter, a sheet of somewhat respectable dimensions published by Messrs. Perry & Dornan, and afterwards up to 1857, by J. O. Dornan alone. The Whitby Commonwealth was started in the town in 1855. The publication of the Chronicle was commenced in 1856 by W. H. Higgins, who published it continuously for many years.

The Commonwealth and Reporter were followed by the Ontario Times, the Watchman, and the Press, all of which after short intervals disappeared, leaving the field to the Chronicle. The Gazette has taken the place of the Chronicle's old rivals. It has gone through many changes of proprietorship, and at the time of this sketch (1877) is published by Mr. Thorne.

The Vindicator has been continuously published in Oshawa since 1854. It was established by Messrs. Luke & Orr, and since Mr. Orr's retirement has been published by the present firm, Messrs. Luke & Larke, who also publish the Reformer the second paper printed at Oshawa.

The publication of a paper called the North Star was attempted in Brooklin in 1855.

In North Ontario the first newspaper attempt was made in 1855 by William Hillman, who published the Packet for a couple of years. The next was by Mr. James Holden, the Whitby and Lindsay Railway Manager, who commenced the publication of the Observer at Prince Albert in 1857. Subsequently Mr. Oliver published the Review for a short time at the same place. The Observer is now published at Port Perry by Messrs. Baird & Parsons.

Uxbridge has had several newspaper ventures previous to the establishment of the present papers, the Journal and the Guardian. The late Mr. Caldwell Brown was unsuccessful in more than one attempt to give the place a newspaper. Mr. Mundy kept the Advocate going for a while there, but it did not succeed. The Standard was afterwards established by him at Port Perry.