

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-eighth 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, 1857, by Messrs. W. & J. Anslow. Through all these years it has had its ups and downs, not at all times being greeted with fortune's smile.

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 the start, and still continues to fulfill its sphere of usefulness.

These have all helped in the development 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.

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.

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, 1857, 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., one Sabbath morning, as the boats were carrying 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 Observer, which was conducted by James A. Place & 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 received the office of the Observer then owned by Mr. J. M. May. Early in the winter he returned to Chatham where he entered into partnership with his father in a general business under the firm name of W. & J. Anslow. About the same time, or some short time later, the two brothers, W. C. and J. J. Anslow, started a life printing business in a small store which stood on the site of the present office under the firm and style of W. & J. Anslow, the Northumberland branch of the general business of W. & J. Anslow being conducted at St. Stephen.

Brothers Dissolved

From 1857 until 1886, Messrs. Anslow plowed through the pioneer years of newspaper life with its hardships and drawbacks, when in April of the latter year the partnership between the two brothers was dissolved, and Mr. J. J. Anslow went to Windsor, N. S., to take over the House 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 partridge shooting on the Little South West. They arrived at the residence of Mr. James Fourn 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 Novias Road, intending to go to the island known as Newland'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 ford 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 he would be 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. Fourn'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. Fourn's son, who was with him 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 Novias Road. A woodpecker and a porcupine were shot on the way back. Mr. Fourn was also looking for Mr. A. After supper went 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. Fourn 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 midnight.

In the meantime, word had reached St. Stephen and the alarm was given where preparations were made to send up a large party. Some went up yesterday afternoon and others last night for the 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. Charles also searched back of the main road and called all the old trappers and hunters to see if they could give any information as to where Mr. Anslow and Charles had been.

On the 23rd of May, 1899, river drives were working on the Little South West Miramichi at a point where Wild Cat Brook empties into the Miramichi. The day after 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 thirteen months previous and looking about under the trees found the remains partly covered with leaves.

He immediately reported to the boys, who sent him out to the settlement to send word to Newcastle. Word was received May 24th, and the late Col. Malby, upon the orders of Northumberland Lodge, A. F. & A. 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.

Some 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 same until, on May 16th, 1899, the business was legally transferred into the name of The Advocate, which under the senior Anslow, had warmly supported the Liberal-Conservative government, when taken charge of by the Junior Anslow, in December, 1897, was changed into an independent paper, and from that date was conducted as such under their management, up until January 9th, 1899, when the first break in the Anslow administration took place.

This date was almost the beginning of the end. For The Advocate seems to have had a very wild and checkered career from that date until 1911, by the time that the Anslow family was again united.

Beginning of Decline With the passing away of W. C. Anslow and the removal of James J. Anslow to another field of labor, The Advocate seems to have lost the status that had, it so strongly together during the first years of its existence. Up until about 1897 it had a fairly successful career, under the management of the senior Anslow, but it was not until about 1897, when it was taken over by the Junior Anslow, that it began to decline.

The Pripet 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 Pripet 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."

"Why?" "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

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 upon 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

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.

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 thou the extra stud for the emergency that will come and watch lest the suit 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 they 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 the uncollected, and a question mark is a hook 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 hath 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.

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."

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

"You were certainly careful," said the visitor. "And did you find your plan successful when you married?"

"Ye jumped to conclusions too hastily," he replied. "I understood her then, as I didna marry her!"

"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 in all these dead are

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