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ANDREWS, CHRISTOPHER C.

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As General Andrews was editor of the St. Cloud Union most of the time while it lived, and in 1880 was editor and principal owner of the St. Paul Dispatch, a short sketch of his life is in order here.

He was born in Hillsborough, New Hampshire, October 27, 1829; was educated there, and at Harvard Law School; was admitted to the Massachusetts bar in 1850, and began practice of law in Boston in 1853. He was appointed a clerk in the office of the solicitor of the United States Treasury Department in March, 1855, and served until May, 1857, when he resigned and went to St. Cloud, Minnesota. In 1859 he was elected to the Minnesota senate as a Democrat.

In the spring of 1861 he and General Lowry leased the press and material which William H. Wood owned and had used to publish the New Era at Sauk Rapids, Benton county, and began the publication of the St. Cloud Union. The beginning of the Civil War and the ardent patriotism of the men caused him to abandon his editorial enterprise. He enlisted and was mustered in as a private October 11, 1861, in Company I of the Third Minnesota Infantry. He was appointed Captain of his company in the following November, Colonel in August, 1863, Brigadier General, January 4, 1864, and Major General, by brevet, by President Lincoln, March 9, 1865.

In May, 1869, he was appointed minister to Sweden and Norway, and there did valuable service until November, 1877. In 1880 he was editor and principal owner of the St. Paul Dispatch. In 1882 he was made consul general for the United States at Rio de Janeiro, and served until 1885.

In 1895 he was appointed chief fire warden of Minnesota, an office which he still holds, and where he is doing valuable service in preserving the forests of our state from fires.

The career of General Andrews has been marked by thoroughness in whatever he has undertaken. When he has served the public, it has always been with conscientious fidelity. In literary work he has done much, chief of which are two volumes of Minnesota in the Civil War and Indian Wars, a history of St. Paul, a digest of opinions of attorney generals, and a work on administrative reform.

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Christopher C. Andrews

Age 30

Sex

Male

Occupation

Lawyer

Born

New Hampshire

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ANDREWS, CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

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Christopher C. Andrews, lawyer, soldier, and author, was born in Hillsborough, New Hampshire, October 27, 1829, studied law at Cambridge, Massachusetts, and in 1850 was admitted to the bar, came to Minnesota in 1857, settled at St. Cloud, enlisted soon after the beginning of the civil war as a private, but was commissioned captain in the Third Minnesota Regiment, became Colonel in 1863; brigadier general in 1864, and was brevetted major general in 1865. General Andrews was minister to Sweden and Norway, 1869 to 1877, and consul general to Brazil, 1882 to 1885. In later years living in St. Paul, he edited a history of this city, and since 1895 has been chief fire warden of the state. Author of "Minnesota and Dacotah," "History of the Campaign of Mobile", and many reports on commercial relations of the United States with Sweden, Brazil, and so forth.

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