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The Centennial of the Perth Settlement

The Beginnings, the Conditions, and the Progress

A hundred years ago last spring the with such favorable reports, that in and under ten, one quarter rations, time to make it profitable; it is on re-side of the Tay. Mortality does not plied them, began to arrive on the banks of the Tay-until then called "Pike River"-and to take stock of their surroundings. The prospect to them could not have been inviting. Before and around them stretched the illimitable forest growth of pine, maple, elm, oak, beech, hemlock, spruce etc., in all their massive and confused growth. The Perth district was one where all these trees grew in massive luxuriance, and how to fell them and to clean the land for agricultural plough, in their lives, for the greater proportion of them were artizans of some kind or another-hand loom weavers, principally-and people totally unused to the rougher lives of the pioneer conditions of their native land. Interspersed in these virgin for- ed on the banks of the River Tay, ests were stretches of swamps and marshes, whose malarial odors and miasmas, with the aid of the swarms of mosquitoes they engendered, introduced among the settlers the plague of fever and ague, or what some called, chills and fever, and which existed as a festering source of this annoying and lingering disease until tillage the town was laid out in lots in the and drainage disposed of the cause. one or two generations later. But for long years, as our grandmothers told us, this swamp fever had its victims in almost every household, and was a veritable plague in the young settle- of free stone, which is obtained close which was imminent was averted. Rement. As close companions of these to the town, and is of a fine white evil stretches of water and rotting quality, conveying an impression of crop. Mr. Bell tells how his father vegetation were flowing creeks and rivers, and the beautiful lakes that still exist everywhere in the western Perth part of this country; and those were filled with fish of the choicest kind for food-bass, pickerel, pike, salmon. and the smaller species, and to still further aid the settler in his food ne the appearance of "an old worn out in a field logging, without the aid of cessities, the woods were filled with town," as it has been called by those exen, in the month of June, for four game partridge, ducks, pigeons, deer interested in detracting from its mer. pounds of flour a day, all he had to and many other of the wild creatures its; on the contrary there is a staid, support his family on, but this, says many of which man was not desir which until then were only the prey of solid business air about it and its in-Cree Indians who had been the only human beings to use and frequent the prolific wilds in the vast expanse of this part of Ontario, and who have left their marks of occupation on the shores of Otty, Rideau, Christy, Dal-

tions of antiquarian fanciers, in the

museums, or in a hundred private

houses in the community. The set-

tiers were more or less friendly with

what remained of the original fre-

quenters, and were taught by them

hew to make use of the maple sap

for domestic use, and to convert it

into the most delicious of all products

for household consumption and which

to this day is a delicacy second to

none in the world of sacchirine lux-

We can imagine the difficulties that

beset these ploneers at the start, and

how individual settlers, with their

primitive appearances and total want

of experience, would have despaired

and perhaps given up under the new

conditions, if the trial had not been

mode as an organized body, with

friends and companions in trouble all

around them. As it was many suc-

cumbed to their environments, and

went away to other parts of the coun-

try or to other lands, and others died

in the fight with primeval life, and

many a lonely and unknown grave in

the town cemeteries mark where the

now forgotten pioneer laid down his

or her weapons before the fight with

forest and swamps had well begun.

But the battle went on, and steadily

the sunlight and the golden-edged

clouds gladdened more and more the

eyes and hearts of the brave men and

women who came to make Perth and

the Scotch Line their bome. Next

year or so, a pastor was sent to them

from Scotland in the person of the

itev. William Bell, whose diary of

personal experiences and of the grow-

ing ambitions of this and adjacent

tettlements was published in the

Courier some years ago, and many of

whose descendants live in Perth and

while, other settlers came into the

neighborhood. Half-pay officers of the

193rd, 104th and other Regiments of

the Imperial service had been grant-

ed lands in the settlement, and many

came to occupy them, among whom

were Major Jas. H. Powell, Lieut.

Henry Graham, Col Andrew W. Play-

fair, Lieut. Thos. Consitt, Dr. Alex.

the de Walkville and de Meuron Re-

ginents—men from Belgium, Germany,

Switzerland, Poland and Italy-arriv-

ed also in the early days and took up

crown lands in Bathurst and North

Burgess, but only a fraction of these

Burgess and Bathurst, and all through

Turned Swords Into Ploughshares

the countles of Carleton and Leeds.

he found interesting now:

Thom, etc.; and the rank and file of

durability and cleanliness not often noticed in towns of its size. Brick has also been most extensively used in building operations, frame erections being almost the exception, and not the rule, as it is almost everywhere habitants, highly indictive of prosperity and wealth, both of which it endistrict immediately surrounding it is Lousie and Mississippi and other of rich in mineral products, superphosour beautiful lakes in this county, in phate of lime, beds of mica, plumbago the way of pottery, flint arrow heads, of the finest quality, stone for buildstone implements of war, hunting and domestic use, and of other pieces of in quantities. their handiworks now in the collec-

up for themselves and their posterity

for the intelligence of those pioneers.

Perth, which derived its name from

Lake, a few miles from the town. The

first thing that strikes a stranger vis-

acter of its buildings and the regular-

ity and well kept appearance of the

streets, the latter running at right an-

gles, the old ordnance survey, when

early part of the present century, be-

The Private Dwellings and Stores

are for the most part constructed

ing adhered to.

So much, then, for what Perth is now and what it may be in time to come. and now to take a glimpse of what it was in the long ago, when trade and commerce were yet unborn and the only signs of civilization were the scantily cleared and sparcely planted patches of ground here and there, and the sound of the hardy settler's busy axe, as he toilsomely Hewed Out a Home in the Wilderness

for himself, his wife and little ones. Hard times did these people see, and many were the privations they had to endure, but patience under difficulties in time to come, as is manifest at the present day, brought its reward. One of the earliest of pioneers was Mr. Francis Alian, who arrived in 1816, and settled on the Scotch Line close to Perth, but the oldest inhabitant of the town proper, and who is now alive, a hale and hearty man of seventy-two years is Mr. John Manion. son of the late Sergt. Manion of the 49th Regiment, and who possesses a memory as green as one of his own meadows in the spring. It is to him other parts of Canada. In a little grantees. Others have been sold at large prices. In 1816 Captain Joshua Adams, a veteran who served in the American war of 1812-13, in the Canadian militia, was about the first to draw a town lot of an acre, and he erected a tayern thereon. Shortly

all over Drummond, Elmsley, North | wher-

They Embarked in a Scow

The article following appeared in the Ottawa Citizen years ago, and will which the "fair town of Perth" now were issued to the cettlers—males resolved, and travelled abroad, and reacceived per diem, one pound of pork and had a lathe mill for the purpose of oi Sergt. Wallesley Ritchie, of the present site of the Hick's Hotel. ched the ears of some canny Scots, and the same weight of flour—females turning his own wooden legs, but prowith the forethought of their race. balf that amount children of ten years bably that branch of industry was not mains were interred in what is now in 1825, did Porth and forested and Retail Tobaccasis with the forethought of their race, half that amount, children of ten years bably that branch of industry was not mains were interred in what is now in 1825 did Perth an immense

band of settlers from the Scottish 1815 a large number of families left | This arrangement was only to last un- cord though, that the saw mill and the seem to have been large until the year iting the place is the substantial char- on

> The Very Verge of Starvation. The crop of potatoes was destroyed by the frost, and the rust got into the wheat. Some families lived for three weeks on the wild leeks they found in the woods. An application was at last made to the Government for the issue of an additional half ration per head, which was granted, and the famine ferring to the failure of the potato offered one man two dollars per bushel for the potatoes in his plot, and he would dig them himself. The man refused the offer, and a few days after, the frost came and killed all he had-so much for avarice. At this Mr. Manion, "was a God-send after ing purposes and iron are to be found | tient waiting for better times, tided | spoils of the chase. the settlers over their difficulties; the lane turned and the highway to pros. able for any event of importance pass- acter, and the settlers then saw to assume some semblance of comfort, crops were better year by year, and each spring saw fresh bands of settiers coming to Perth, and quite a large community was formed by degrees. While this was going on, the Capt. Adams before mentioned, gave

First Grist and Saw Mills on lot 20, in the 2nd concession of itual welfare, and then came

The First Protestant Clergyman,

in the person of Rev. William Bell loan. O'Copper was taken into cast edge sister with rapid strides. Meannother by a rian matrix, rate of factors of after that cottler, of il. . .. be, or Mr. James Bell, the present Registrar lame months, explated his crime ut j mentioned began to pour in, and pend of the County. He had his church, Brockville. This was the first crime ing the taking up of their allotments, which has been burnt down, in the of any magnitude committed in the camped on the island in the Tay River, south-east portion of the town. He settlement, which, up to that time, had ressing the opening of extensive which now forms the centre portion | ministered faithfully to his flock for been characterized by peace and or. stores. A distillery established by of the town. The settlers were for many years, and was highly esteemed der, and an entire absence of any serthe most part 49th Regiment and For- by the members of all creeds as being lous infringement of the laws, which eign Legion men, who, with their a thoroughly good man. In 1820 came were then, of course, in but a crude important item in the commerce of wives and families were conveyed in the Rev. Michael Harris, an Episco- state. The body of O'Connor was, as the month of May, 1816, in wagons, pal clergyman, and co-temporary with was the custom in those days, given one of the most perfect in the Domremained. Then came numerous set- from the various stations at which him was the Rev. Father Lamotte, the up to a surgeon for dissection, and tlers from the county of Wexford, Ire- they were discharged, to Portland, first Roman Catholic priest. Both his skeleton is at present in posses, manufactures Scotch whiskey equal land, and occupied Government lots twenty-eight tailes north of Brockville, these gentlemen's memory is still held sion of a doctor in Pembroke, and to the best Glenlevat ever brewed in owned by a man named Lindsay, of course, the physical ailments of put a part of "the human frame ham's bridge to this day. One of the thence down Rideau Lake and up the the settler; had to be attended to, and divine" to! As the subject of crime early storekeepers was River Tay to Perth. Here was a Gov. a Dr. Thom, formerly of the 41st Re- has been adverted to here, it may be ernment storehouse, under the charge giment, came among the people. The a fitting place to note that the Some veteran military heroes, who of Capt. Fowler, Capt. Gregg, having gailant, and no doubt learned doctor, had borne the brunt of the Peninsular as a subaltern Mr. Davern and Mr. must have been a gentleman of a pracand the American wars, turned their Alex. Matheson and Sergt. Campbell. tical turn of mind, or else the place was built of brick, on the south side whose parents kept a public house or swords into ploughshares, and from of the Glengarry Fencibles, as issuers was so unprofitably healthy that time of the river, in 1821 or 1822, probably stopping place for the settlers of that being sons of Mara, became disciples of of stores. The storehouse was on hung heavily on his bands and the its erection extended over a portion district, close to the ferry. In after the southwest corner of one of the plastres did not come in plentiously of both years. The structure was af years Mr. Cameron kept a tavern and for the peaceful and more profitable present bridges, where Spalding's enough to please him, for he started terwards burnt down, and the present afterwards a general store where the pursuit of tilling the soil. Before, how- brewery is now, and there on the 24th a grist and saw mill on the site of the one, a handsome free stone edifice, extensive establishment of Messrs, A. ever, the soldiers arrived on the scene, of each month, rations with necessary one now belonging to Mr. John G. was put up in its stead. the fame of the fertile tract of land on household and agricultural implements | Haggart, M. P. History does not go | The first death recorded in the an- he was in partnership with Mr. H.

Lowlands, who had subsisted the pre- Scotland and settled in 1816 on what is til the settlers had got some land un- compounding of physic agreed well 1832, when the choicen was the cause vious year at Brockville on what ra- now called the "Scotch Line", situated der cultivation, and were in some together, and the doctor accumulated of some deaths among the settlers. tions the Home Government had sup- in the 1st concession of Bathurst, 10th sort of position to help themselves- many shekels, doubtless well earned. of Burgess, forming as it were, a little at this time the settlers lived in the Before his advent, any small parcels up their abode in the township of Lan trans-Atlantic Scotland, a peaceful, crudest of huts, roofed with bark and of grain raised had to be ground in ark were a number of Paisley weavers, thrifty, and industrious community, wooden boughs, and as the winter pepper mills, or boiled whole. About whose descendants now form a great who, in after years, by their own han- came on most of them moved off to this time, too, the seed for the patches portion of the wealthy residents of the diwork, and almost unassisted, built Brockville, Prescott and Montreal, and of ground cleared had to be carried district. They all took up land and there remained until the following on men's backs from the settlement entered vigorously into farming purindependencies. This speaks volumes spring. However, the first year a behind Brockville, and a good proportistits. They were an industrious, law quantity of potatoes were planted, and tion of the provisions were taken into abiding folk, adapting themselves They even in the wilderness in which three bushels of seed fall wheat, ob. Perth in the same way. A good story easily to their new mode of life, and they had cast their lots never lost tained from the Government store, was is told apropos of the difficulties which were soon a large and important item sight of the importance of educating also put into the ground. As the the people in those days experienced in the list of colonists. Despite the those who, were to fill their places spring of 1817 opened, the settlers be- in getting their grain ground at this hardships which, perhaps from the exwhen they had gone to their long gan to return, and clearing the land, mill; sometimes the miller was ex- tremely sudden transacion from the use purposes must have been a problem homes; so in the same year, the Earl commenced in good earnest. Many of tremely dilatory about the operation, of the loom and shuttle to that of the to these sons and daughters of the of Bathurst, under whose auspices, if the single men, however, got sick of a and required a great deal of coaxing spade, axe and plough, they felt in a cities and towns of the south of Scot your correspondent is not mistaken, backwoods life, the work being too to induce him to perform the work. land, very few of whom had perhaps the settlement was founded, sent out hard for them, and they either turn- One farmer named Haley had never handled an axe, or a saw, or a one John Halliday, a dominie well ed trappers or hunters, or else sought brought a couple of bushels of wheat versed in the learning of the age, and employment in the more settled parts on his back some six miles away from under his regime the future colonists of Canada and the United States. The the settlement, having to walk through grew up to be what they are still, married men having the responsibility bush and mud, the latter in places shrewd well informed men and women. of wives and families to provide for. knee deep, three times in order to stuck manfully to the task before get his flour, and on each occasion was and the succeeding years. The only the city in the Land o' cakes, is situat- them and were not long in laying the unsuccessful. Some one who knew foundation of a career of prosperity. the miller well suggested that a bottle ville, to which place it was taken by which empties itself into the Rideau The year of 1817 was, however, one of of whiskey would have the effect of ox teams, a crude road having, by this great hardship and privation, and the hastening his movements, so Mr. Hal- date, been made, there being no horsettlers were in great straits, in fact, ey supplied himself with one. The ses in the settlement until about 1830,

ergies. In 1817 the first native of the town. Wild Animals,

living on leeks for nearly a month!" with. Bears, wolves, wolverines, wild He added, that he has hated that es. cats, etc., deer, partridge and other loys to a very large extent. Before culent ever since, and would not have game were plentiful, but the prices speaking of the carly history of the one in his soup on any consideration, given for the pelts scarcely paid for was opened up in 1834 by Rogers town itself it should be stated that the but "he reckoned there were some the means adopted for obtaining them. & Thompson, Porter & Gemmel, Alex. Welshmen among them who thrived to say nothing of the trouble and risk: & Henry Montgomery, James Flinton on the diet, but it was not strong but, notwithstanding this, several of and others, whose names your corresenough for a North of Ireland stom. the settlers then eked out their scanty pendent could not with any degree of ach!" Timely assistance, and a pa. livelihood by the sale or barter of the accuracy ascertain. The lumber oper-

perity was soon reached; the clearings ed over the heads of the settlers, who their sorrow the amount of valuable became larger, the dwellings began to kept adding to their numbers people timber which had been burnt by them of all classes, creeds and nationalities. when clearing their lots, and the thou-Prominent among those who went out sands of dollars which had been literto seek their fortunes in the wilds ally thrown into the fire. However, Canadian Fencibles, which had been of them went into the business themembodied for service for several years selves and carried it on for some up his tavern, and put up one of the previously; Lieuts. Watson, O'Connor years successfully and profitably. The 24th Regiment), Blair, of the Glengar- the St. Lawrence river to Quebec: Pathurst, County of Lanark, and he ry Fencibles; Playfair, and Fraser, the large quantities were also floated soon began to drive a brisk trade. The father of Mr. James Fraser, Deputy down the Tay to the Rideau river, first store, an old Canadian can well Clerk of the Crown in Ottawa. Of and thence to Ottawa, en route also recall to recollection what the stores these now none remain. Lieut, O'Con- for Quebec. Staves and square oak of those days were, was opened in nor, met with his death at the hands for many years formed the staple of 1816 by Mr. (afterwards the Hon.) of justice at Brockville Gaol, in either the trade. This business while, it per-Wm. Morris, father of Lieutenant-Gov. 1821 or 1822. The circumstances were formed the important office of clearernor Morris, of Manitoba, the latter briefly as follows: O'Connor, who was ing the land, of course, was the means subsequently partner of Mr. W. H. a member of the Roman Catholic faith, of bringing large numbers of men into Radenhurst, the present respected had a servant man named Porter, who the town, for by this time the settle-Mayor of Perth. This store was on was an infidel and scoffer at every- ment had grown to a size which enthe south side of the River Tay, then thing pertaining to religion. The two titled it to that designation, and stone unbridged, and there the town may men had been to Brockville one day houses following, the first one built be said to have started, though it has purchasing some provisions, and while (still extant) in 1823 by John Fergu- cubbers. and Mr. James Bell, the Registrar of since grown altogether in a northerly in the town they drank enough rum son, a Highlander, who delighted in the County, who was born in the town direction. A ferry was then used to told rye was in its infancy in those the patronymic of Graigdarrich, bein 1817, that your correspondent is in- ply across the river, and cattle when days) to make them quarrelously gan to be erected on all sides. Perth them to you. debted for the facts now presented to moved from the north to the south drunk. On the way home they got inthe readers of the Citizen. Perth may side, and of course, vice versa, had to be a religious argument, and in the he called a strictly military settlement, swim the stream. The next store was course of it Porter applied a most ofas it was first peopled by half pay established by Benjamin Delisle, an tensive epithet to the name of the Virofficers and discharged non-commistex-captain in the Canadian Fencibles, gin Mary. O'Connor's angry feelings sioned officers and men, when peace who came to the settlement in July were aroused at this, and he demandwas declared after the Peninsula or August, 1816. His store, which is ed that Porter should withdraw the war. Grants of land were made by still standing, was also on the south expression he had made use of, but he the Covernment, captains receiving side of the Tay, near where the Eng- persistently refused to do so. O'Con-500 acres of land, lieutenants 600, en. lish church is now. Mr. Deslisle, at. nor said if he did not do so he would signs 400, non-commissioned officers ter doing business there for some blow his brains out, but Porter laughin proportion to their rank, and pri- years, removed to Montreal, where he ed at him, and the wrangle continued vates 100 acres. Many of these lots, died not very long ago. Others came until the reached O'Connor's house, Mr. Manion's, for instance, remain in their turn, and the place began to when the Lieutenant went in doors, intact to this day, and are still owned be in some measure independent of almost immediately re-appearing with by the descendants of the original other markets at a distance. As the a loaded gun, which he presented at settlement grew, of course someone Porter, at the same time repeating his was wanted to look after their spir- demand for a withdrawal of the expression. Porter still refused, and O'Conner, true to his threat, pulled the trigger, and the infidel fell a dead lumber business, soon outstripped her

> n vegeration by several of the old a portion of his skin now forms the residents of Perth, who speak of them covering of a hible in the possession in unqualified terms of respect. Then, of a resident of Perth-a queer use to bridges, and the latter is called Gra-

First Jail and Court House

Joshua-like, they sent out scouts into and upwards, the same as females, sufficiently developed in Perth at that the English cemetery, on the south

The next band of emigrants to take

keener degree than their fellow settiers, they rapidly acquired wealth, and not a few of them have left to their posterity handsome dependen-Fall wheat was first grown in large (for those times) quantities in 1823,

outlet and market for it was Brock miller saw him coming up the hill with when Mr. Henry Glass procured a the "cratur" under his arm, and forth- team. The wheat sold in Brockville with called out to his men, "Haley's at three shillings and sixpence curgrist next!" Haley had found out the rency per bushel, and the settlers were soft spot in the man of flour's nature, pai din kind, taking home supplies and in future always went provided for their families-but a very small with the needful stimulant to his en- quantity of money being affoat in those days, in fact, until some of the veterans applied for and obtained Mr. James Bell, was born. This gen- pensions from the British Govern tleman's father, who it will be remem- ment, the whole, or nearly the whole bered was the Presbyterian minister, trade was done on the barter system. used to tell of the difficulties to be The making of potash became quite contended with in a trip from Pertin ar extensive branch of industry, and to Brockville in these days; there was large quantities of it was shipped, both nothing but a foot trail, and that not winter and summer, by ox teams to particularly defined either-scarcely a the Brockville market. For this arvestige of human life was to be seen. ticle money was generally supposed and the only marks of civilization were to be paid, but the amount was nearthe few miserable cabins of some set- ly, as a rule, eaten up by the credits else. There is an entire absence of time Mr. Manion's father was working tlers near the bank of the Rideau obtained by the farmers from the kiver. The woods then abounded in storekeepers, who, it would seem, invariably got the best of the bargain, although the settler tried to sail as close to the wind as possible. The trade in potash was an extremely brisk one until

The Lumber Trade

ations in the immediate vicinity of A few years which were not remark. Perth were of a most extensive charwere Captain Marshall, Captain Mc- they were not the kind of people to Millan and Captain McKay, all of the indulge in vain regrets, and not a few (of him more anon), and Monk Mason timber thus obtained was drawn to (afterwards recalled for service in the Brockville, there rafted, and went by then commenced to be

A Place of Importance. but previous to this, and as far back as 1824, before Carleton was made a county in itself, the Court of King's Bench sat there twice a year, and all the law business of Bytown was transacted there. Perth was originally in the District of Johnstown, but was subsequently made into the District of Bathurst, which embraces that portion of the now County of Carleton north and west of the Rideau, and also what is now the County of Renfrew. When Bytown became Ottawa, Perth was shorn of much of its importance, the present Capital, with | 23 N. Toronto Express via Peterbero its more advantageous surroundings and facilities for carrying on a vast 617 Smiths Falls to Trenton Mixed.

can quied but sure commencial Prethod of carrying on trade, increased in solidity and wealth, each year wit-Henry Graham, an ex-Captain in the 018 Trepton to Smiths Falls Mixed 120 army during this period, formed an the place, and it at present boasts of inion, that of Mr. J. A. McLaren, who situated on the west side of one of the

The Late Hon. Malcolm Cameron, who, when a boy in 1821, used to ferry passengers across the Mississip-

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