

ten years entertaining travellers and visitors. The explanation probably is that Mr. Galt was virtually the guest of Commander Douglas, but was entertained at Mrs. Johnstone's, just as the Dukes of Richmond, Manchester, Northumberland, etc., were the guests previously of Commandant Roberts, but were entertained at the "Masonic Arms."

CHAPTER V.

NAVAL OFFICERS OF THE POST

As already noted, Commodore W. F. W. Owen was appointed to the command of the Canadian lakes in succession to Sir James Yeo in 1815 and was made Naval Surveyor also. He spent the latter part of that year and part of the year following until he returned to England, in completing the naval survey of Lake Ontario. One of his orders during his short regime was in regard to the big guns and an anchor at Holland Landing and their removal to Kempenfeldt Bay, their destination being Drummond Island, the new post selected in lieu of Mackinaw. This order has become in a sense historic from the fact that the huge anchor and guns, as peace had been proclaimed, were dropped at Holland Landing, where the anchor has since remained attracting much attention from its ponderous weight and monstrous size. It took officialdom a long time, nearly two years, to realize that peace had been promulgated, the order being dated July 6th, 1816 (Archives, 1896, p. 172). Capt. Owen had for his assistant in the survey of Lake Ontario Cadet (at that time) Bayfield, R.N., whom he picked up at Quebec on H.M.S. "Wanderer." An interesting sketch of Kingston in 1819 by Cadet (afterwards Admiral) Bayfield is given in the Ontario Historical Society's Records, No. VIII, p. 124, 1907. Sir W. F. W. Owen was born in 1774, entered the Navy as Midshipman in 1788, serving in the ships *Vengeance*, *Hannibal* and *Cullodon*. In 1808 he was taken prisoner by the French and detained at Mauritius for two years. He was employed in the survey of the Bay of Fundy and Nova Scotia and promoted to Rear Admiral in 1847, obtaining the rank of Vice-Admiral in 1854. He died at St. John, New Brunswick, in November, 1857, aged 83 years. Admiral Owen acquired property on Campobello Island, Passamaquoddy Bay, New Brunswick, from which he was known as "Campobello" Owen.