

duration. "St. John" has been the time-honored name, with this brief exception (if exception it can be called), ever since the memorable 24th of June, 1604, when Champlain first entered the harbour—a period of almost three hundred years.

There came into my hands, not very long ago, a fragment of a letter written on the 26th December, 1784, by Col. Edward Winslow to Sir John Wentworth, in which the former speaks of the dissatisfaction with which the Loyalists regarded the name of "Parr-town" (owing, evidently, to Governor Parr's unpopularity). He says :

The proposed plan of incorporating the new towns at the mouth of the river, and forming a city by the name of St. John, has prevented a serious representation from the people. The town on the east side was christened by Major Studholme and others, in consequence of a letter from Governor Parr to Major S., wherein he makes the request pointedly, but says 'That the idea originated in female vanity.' The rude inhabitants of this new country have not yet acquired a sufficient degree of gallantry to indulge that vanity any further, and they were evidently uneasy. They are now satisfied.

The earliest mention of "Parr-town" that I have been able to discover among the official and other documents of the period, occurs in the month of August, 1783 ; but the name was not generally used, even by Major Studholme, until some months later. James White, who had been at St. John since the year 1764, in a letter to the Collector of Customs at Halifax, dated at Fort Howe, November 1, 1783, speaks of "the two towns now settling at the Harbour of St. John—names *unknown*;" and Major Studholme, as late as January 2, 1784, writes an official letter from the "Town on the east side of St. John's harbour."

On the 18th May, 1785, the towns of Parr and Carleton were incorporated as the City of St. John, a measure that gave much satisfaction to all concerned.

3.—SOME PROPOSED NAMES.

Sir Guy Carleton had proved himself so true a friend to the Loyalists in the hour of their adversity that there was a general desire to honor him by giving his name to some place which should be settled by them. Major Upham, later a Judge of the Supreme Court, was an enthusiastic admirer of Sir Guy, and he wrote Col. Winslow, Sept. 12, 1784 :

I beg you will use your influence that the district of country to be settled by the Provincials (or Loyalist regiments) be erected into a county and called