

tain more than half of the population, but at the first they contained only about the one-twentieth part.

At the end of the second volume there are lists of the settlers who had arrived in the county before 1837, numbering some 1,800 heads of families. After seventy odd years scarcely half a dozen of these pioneers survive. New generations in tenfold numbers fill their places, and cultivated fields take the place of the forest openings in the midst of which they lived and labored with their three-cornered harrows and other primitive implements.

The brief sketches of some of the first settlers, of which the second volume mainly consists, relate chiefly to the first thirty or forty settlers arriving before the others in each township. Of necessity this plan will include those who came in the twenties into South Simcoe, also those at Penetanguishene and along the military road to that post, in the north half of the county, who mostly came during the same early years. But in the other parts of the county those who came a few years later than the above were the pioneers.

THE DURATION OF LIFE.

The increase of population in later years is to some extent due to an increase in the duration of life. Many persons in this county at one time or another, have reached the age of 100 years or more, and a few facts about this subject may be worthy of record at this part of the history.

SOME CENTENARIANS OF SIMCOE COUNTY.

Name.	Native County.	Death.	Age.	Residence.
John McKay,	Kintyre, Scotland,	Jan. 31, 1857,	107 years,	Nottawasaga.
Arthur Gough,	Co. Mayo, Ireland,	Dec. 12, 1874,	101	W. Gwillimbury.
Daniel McCurdy,	Co. Antrim, Ireland,	June 3, 1878,	100	Tecumseth.
Wm. Mackie,	Co. Armagh, Ireland,	Apr. 17, 1879,	104	W. Gwillimbury.
Angus Sutherland,	Scotland,	Mar. 24, 1885,	103	"
Jane Campbell,	Tyrone, Ireland,	Jan. 29, 1889,	102	Glencairn.
Jar es Duross,	Ireland,	May 15, 1896,	113	Adjala.
Eugene Smith,	Cork, Ireland,	Mar. 11, 1908,	101	Vespra & Barrie.
Francis Ruddell,	Glasgow, Scotland,	Nov. 11, 1908,	100	Midland.
Mrs. Stewart	Scotland	Feb. 18, 1899,	106	Minesing.
Cornelius McCarthy,	Co Cork, Ireland,	Jan. 28, 1905,	106	Tay.

The accompanying list gives such particulars as the writer has been able to gather in regard to a few of these centenarians. This is not by any means a complete list, and it is to be remembered that