

to 800 men. A service of plate, and a pension of £20 per annum for the wounded or for the widows of the killed, as well as an address to His Majesty for an allowance of 100 acres of land for each Militiaman, whether belonging to this regiment, or flank companies of the Sedentary Militia. But alas! as the best concerted schemes of men often fail, so in this case. In March, 1815, the unwelcome (to our men) news of peace frustrated all our hopes and expectations. The Legislature being then in session, and acting upon the suggestion of the military authorities, voted us six months' pay in advance each, and we were reduced. I, after the war, returned to this neighbourhood, and went into business in the Township of Haldimand. I married the eldest daughter of Elias Jones, Esq., on the 26th of May, 1816. I was put on the Commission of the Peace, and made a Major of the Militia in 1816. In 1820 I was elected member of House of Assembly for Northumberland. In October, 1827, I was appointed Sheriff of the Newcastle District, which included the Counties of Northumberland and Durham. In 1836 I was again elected to the House of Assembly, and during this Parliament in 1838, had the honour of being unanimously elected Speaker of the House, Allan N. MacNab being on duty on the frontier. The duration of the Parliament was four years, and accordingly the last vote I gave in the year that the Union of Upper and Lower Canada was consummated, 1840, was against that measure. Having held the Shrievalty of these counties for thirty years, and being 65 years of age, I resigned it in 1857, being, I believe, the Senior Sheriff and Colonel of Militia with one exception in Upper Canada. In 1860 I was appointed to the command of one of the nine military districts into which each of the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada was by a recent Militia Act divided.

Providence has taken from us four of our children, William, the eldest son, Margaret, Amelia and Elizabeth, the first named under peculiarly afflicting circumstances. In 1836 I was advised to send him to the south of France for his health. He left home in June. On the 6th of February following being so ill as to be obliged to be carried on board ship, he sailed from Marseilles in the Swedish ship *Wester Norland*, Capt. Jhostrom, arrived in New York on the 29th of April, and died there on the 3rd of May. Upon receiving the intelligence from his medical attendant, I proceeded to New York, and brought the body home. My surviving children are Henry Jones, born 16th March, 1819, Rev. Charles Ruttan, born 21st March, 1823; Mary, wife of R. M. Boucher, Esq., born Oct. 8th, 1826; Richard, born 11th July, 1828; and William Elias, born July 10th, 1843.

Cobourg, Dec. 17th, 1861.

(Signed) H. RUTTAN.

So far Mr. Ruttan himself has given us an account of his life up to his 68th year.