

had a will of his own and was not disposed to submit meekly to self-assumed superiority. In a letter to his friend, George Gordon, at Drummond Island (Gordon collection), Mr. Fournier, among other queries, asks, "how my friend Mr. Revol agrees with Mr. Lord, Viscount, Nelson." This mock title referred to one Lacourse, who afterwards moved to Penetanguishene and became a schoolmaster and whose son became Judge LaCourse of Lindsay, moving later to Berlin, where he died. The building of Ste. Anne's Church (the first) in which Mr. Revol took an active part, has been already described in a previous work. Mr. Revol finally returned to Montreal where he spent the remainder of his days. Of these four families, the actual pioneers of the town, George Gordon reached here by batteau from Gordon's Point, the "Place of Penetanguishene;" Surgeon Mitchell, Simpson and Revol came by the Government brig "Wellington," landing at the dock of the Naval Depot opposite Magazine Island. Here they transferred their household goods and effects to batteaux in which they were carried to their destination near the head of the bay, their future homes. This was the only means of conveyance possible; in fact, no other was necessary, since the embryo Church Street, which, at best, was but a crude thoroughfare, had not yet been thought of; not even a "blazed" trail, which reminds us of the sharp contrast with present-day conditions.

The Post Office was established on the 1st of January, 1830, in Andrew Mitchell's store, the first postmaster being Capt. James Matthew Hamilton, his brother-in-law. To Miss Mary L. Hamilton, of Toronto, his grand-daughter, we are indebted for most of the following particulars regarding his career: "Capt. Hamilton was one of several sons of the Rev. W. Nicholas Hamilton, Vicar of Donaghadee, County Down, Ireland, where he was born in 1768. He entered the army in 1786, H.M. Fifth Regt. of Foot, known as the "Fighting Fifth," and was in the Dragoon Guards when he retired;" came with his Regiment to Canada in 1790 and was stationed at Mackinaw and Drummond Island. Capt. Hamilton was passing Surgeon Mitchell's door one day at Mackinaw when he saw a lovely young girl playing marbles with her brothers. He waited to see the game finished, and lost his heart in the meantime to the child of fifteen, Louisa, eldest daughter of Surgeon Mitchell. They were married on the 15th Nov., 1791, by Surgeon Mitchell, who was a Justice of the Peace, there being no clergymen in that part of the country in those early