

ministrations of the most successful of modern evangelists. And here, at one time, was a Presbytery having supervision of twenty-five organized churches and numerous preaching stations, which, having accomplished its pioneer mission, surrendered the ground to other Presbyterian organizations. It was composed mainly of "American Ministers," who came in answer to earnest and continued appeals for help, and left an impress of consistent, practical piety upon the field of their self-sacrificing labours.

FIRST "SETTLED" MINISTER.

Except John Dunn, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Glasgow, who officiated at Niagara and Stamford for two years, commencing in 1794, Rev. DANIEL WARD EASTMAN was the first Presbyterian minister to preach on the Peninsula, and only Rev. Mr. Bethune, at Williamstown, and Rev. Mr. McDowall, on the Bay of Quinte, were permanently "settled" in the Province before him. A licentiate of the Presbytery of Morristown, he left his New Jersey home with his bride, in May 1801, and, after a tedious, but not unpleasant, horseback journey, continuing over four weeks, preached his first sermon to a Canadian audience, the first Sabbath in July, at the Beaver Dam, a few miles from the site of the present city of St. Catharines. He immediately made arrangements to supply the congregation at Stamford on stated Sabbaths, and set about the work of prospecting all the country between Lakes Erie and Ontario, preaching in private dwellings, in school houses, and, when the weather would permit, in barns, in the woods, or by the road-side, as well as in the primitive churches already erected. Everywhere the people welcomed his arrival and heard him gladly, listening to his words with the earnest attention of those who had been long fasting, and were hungry for the bread of life. For nearly thirty years, the records of Mr. Eastman's labours are the history of Presbyterianism in this section, and his footprints are now traceable from the Niagara River to Brantford, and over in the "New Purchase," in nearly every township. For over a quarter of a century he had but one co-labourer in all this extended field, back from the river, and, during a number of years, the people heard the glad tidings of salvation from his lips alone.

PERILS IN THE WILDERNESS.

His labours were continuous and exhaustive, with experiences not unlike many of those recorded of himself by Paul, in the eleventh chapter of his second Epistle to the Corinthians, the catalogue being appropriately completed in the words of the Apostle, "Besides those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, *the care of all the churches.*" A granddaughter furnishes this incident of his perils in the wilderness. "In those early days, when the long, unbroken miles of forest stood between the homes and the hamlets of the inhabitants, the wolves and other wild beast were a terror to the belated traveller failing to reach his home before night-fall. At one time, as Grandpa was coming through the ten mile woods between Barton and Grimsby, in the evening, the near approach of wolves became painfully evident. He put spurs to his horse, but the hungry creatures came howling on apace, gaining upon him every instant. Many times that evening, the anxious mother looked