

ties, many of their thrifty employes profiting by the opportunity to secure homes for themselves. Peter McCallum was an enterprising man and spent much of his carefully accumulated wealth in building business houses and handsome residences. Thomas Scott also spent much of his means in buildings in the town and its vicinity. The Hon. Geo. S. Boulton built "Northumberland Hall," perhaps the oldest of our palatial residences, as well as other houses for business and residence. Thos. Dumble was also a public spirited man, who contributed much to the wealth of our town in buildings &c. These were the men who built up Cobourg and made it one of the most beautiful and picturesque towns in Canada. They gave employment to numerous working people—mechanics and laborers—and induced many to locate amongst us, who were attracted by the ready employment they secured with remunerative wages. Many more names might be added to the roll of men who in the early days contributed to the making of Cobourg what she is to-day, but in the present instance we have mentioned sufficient for the occasion. However the population had increased with such rapidity that a new charter was obtained and we began our career as a Town on the 1st of January, 1851, with Stuart Easton Mackeehnie as our first Mayor. The turning of the first sod on the Cobourg and Peterborough Railway took place this year by the lady Mayoress; and the laying of the corner stone of Victoria Hall by Sir Allan N. MacNab late in the following year.

The first gaol and court house we had was a wooden structure with a yard fenced with slabs, capped on the ends with spikes to prevent the prisoners from climbing over. Mr. Spencer was the first sheriff of the counties. Mr. Farrow, first gaoler. Hon. Zaccheus Burnham, first Treasurer. Henry Jones, first County Clerk. A. B. Carpenter and Glover Bennett, first sub-sheriff and sheriff's bailiff.

In this short sketch of the past history of Cobourg it should not be expected that all the old and respected settlers of the town could be enumerated, nor can they even all be thought of, therefore any omissions herein should not be considered as having