

"Not Guilty " The seconds were—Mr. Sheriff McDonnell for Mr. Small, and the Baron DeHayne for Mr. White

Mr. White's park-lot became afterwards the property of Mr. Samuel Ridout, sometime Sheriff of the County, of whom we have had occasion to speak, several times, already. Mr. Small's lot was occupied and built on by Mr. Edward McMahon, an Irish gentleman, long well-known and greatly respected as Chief Clerk in the Attorney General's office. His name is preserved in that of the street which now runs north and south through the property that had been Mr. Small's

## XXVIII.—QUEEN STREET, FROM PARLIAMENT TO GEORGE STREET

Sherburn Street which at present divides the White park lot from Moss Park commemorates happily the name of the old Dorsetshire home of the main stem of the Canadian Ridouts. The original stock of this family still flourishes in the very ancient and most interesting town of Sherburn, famous as having been in the Saxon days the see of a bishop; and possessing still a spacious and beautiful minster, familiarly known to architects as a fine study. Like some other English names, transplanted to the American continent, that of this Dorsetshire family has assumed here a pronunciation slightly different from that given to it by its ancient owners. What in Canada is Ri-dout, at Sherburn and its neighbourhood, is Rid-out

On the park-lot that constituted the Moss-Park Estate, the name of D. W. Smith appears in the original plan. Mr. D. W. Smith was acting Surveyor General in 1794. He was the author of "A Short Topographical Description of His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada in North America, to which is annexed a Provincial Gazetteer:"—a work of considerable antiquarian interest now, preserving as it does, the early names, native, French and English, of many places now known by different appellations. A second edition was published in London in 1813, and was designed to accompany the new map published in that year by W. Faden. Geographer to the King and Prince Regent. The original work was compiled at the desire of Governor Simcoe, to illustrate an earlier map of Upper Canada.

We have spoken already in our progress through Front Street of the subsequent possessor of Mr. Smith's lot, Col. Allan. The residence at Moss Park was put up by him in comparatively recent times. The homestead previously had been, as we have already seen, at the foot of Frederic Street, on the south-east corner. To the articles of capitulation on the 27th April, 1813, surrendering the town of York to Dearborn and Chauncey, the commanders of the United States force, the name of Col. Allan, at the time Major Allan, is appended, following that of Lieut. Col. Chewett.

Besides the many capacities in which Col. Allan did good service to the community, as detailed during our survey of Front Street, he was also we find in 1801, Returning Officer on the occasion of a public election. In the *Oracle* of the 20th of June, 1801, we have an advertisement signed by him as Returning Officer for the "County of Durham, the East Riding of the County of York, and the County of Simcoe"—which territories are to conjointly elect one member. Mr. Allan announces that he will be in attendance "on Thursday the 2nd day of July next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Hastings under the Colonnade of the Government Buildings in the town of York—and proceed to the election of one Knight to represent the said county, riding and county in the House of Assembly, whereof all freeholders of the said county, riding and county are to take notice and attend accordingly." The writ, issuing from "His Excellency, Peter Hunter, Esq.," directs the returning officer "to cause one Knight, girt with a sword, the most fit and discreet, to be freely and indifferently chosen to represent the aforesaid county, riding and county, in Assembly, by those who shall be present on the day of election."

Two candidates presented themselves, Mr. A. Macdonell and Mr. J. Small. Mr. Macdonell was duly elected, "there appearing for him," we are briefly informed in a subsequent number of the *Oracle*, "112 unquestionable votes; and for J. Small, Esq., 32: majority, 80."

In 1801 there was another election, when the candidates were Mr. A. Macdonell again, Mr. D. W. Smith, of whom we spoke above, and Mr. Weekes. The address of the last-named gentleman is in the *Oracle* of May 21st. It is addressed to the Free and Independent Electors of the East Riding of York. He says:—"I stand unconnected with any party, unsupported by