

Morrisburg. He was followed by the REV. EDWIN LUTCKES, who officiated for many years with marked ability and acceptance. It is still remembered that DR. JOHN STRACHAN, whose diocese included the whole of Upper Canada, who was appointed Bishop of Toronto in 1839, visited the churches in these counties to hold confirmation services, driving all the way from Toronto in his old-fashioned yellow-painted carriage and pair. This eminent prelate, strongly marked by the traditional "ingenium perfervidum scotorum" to the end of his days, died in 1867 in his 90th year. Here he was visiting a parish which in after years had as rector the REV. CLARE L. WORRELL, now Bishop of Nova Scotia.

In 1844 the Roman Catholics bought the old Presbyterian church near the Williamsburg stage house; in 1856 they had four churches. Their first priest was the REV. FATHER COYLE, who was followed by the REV. FATHER MEADE.

The Morrisburg and Iroquois of the present time were non-existent until the opening of the St. Lawrence canals in 1849.

After three shortlived journalistic enterprises, two in Iroquois and one in Morrisburg, the first newspaper in the county was the Morrisburg Courier, founded by a highly esteemed "lad o' pairts" from Belleville, in 1863. It was alleged at the time that Mr. Croil had a finger in the pie; be that as it may, he was a frequent contributor to its columns. One of his leading articles was a long lamentation entitled "The Last of the Intercolonial." Little did he then dream that the Intercolonial Railway was to become one of the most serviceable and best equipped in the Dominion. Mr. Kennedy died in 1889; the Courier ceased publication in 1899. There are now five weekly newspapers in the county—The Herald and the Leader in Morrisburg, the News in Iroquois, the Press in Winchester and the Record in Chesterville. The Herald, established 1874, is the oldest, and is the county's only Liberal journal.

For twenty-five years in all Mr. Croil

occupied the old Chrysler farm. In 1865 he was appointed General Agent of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, and in 1870 bade farewell to Archerfield, to the county of Dundas, and to a host of friends, nearly all of whom have since gone to "that undiscovered country from whose bourn no traveller returns," and took up his residence in Montreal.

"Croil's Dundas," published in 1864, contains a concise sketch of Canadian history, and more particularly of the county of Dundas, ending with a full account of the visit of the Prince of Wales to Canada in 1860. The address presented to the Prince by Dundas county was written by Mr. Croil, and by him placed in the hands of His Royal Highness at Ottawa. Mr. Croil has in his possession three letters from His late Majesty King Edward, all couched in gracious terms. Of "Croil's Dundas" two thousand copies were printed—far in excess of the demand for a work of this kind. It might have resulted in financial failure, but the unexpected happened, as it so often does; the Board of Education for Upper Canada acquired the greater part of the large edition for distribution as prizes in the public schools; consequently to the regret of many, the book has been for many years out of print.

Among Mr. Croil's other publications are the following: Historical and Statistical Report of the Kirk in Canada, Montreal, 1867; Life of Alexander Mathieson, D.D., Montreal, 1870; Story of the Kirk in the Maritime Provinces, Montreal, 1875; The Mission Problem, Toronto, 1883; The Noble Army of Martyrs, Philadelphia, 1893; Steam Navigation, Toronto, 1898; Genesis of Churches in the United States, Newfoundland and Canada, Montreal, 1907.

An outline of Mr. Croil's subsequent career in Montreal, during twenty-five years, as administrator, author, journalist, and traveller in many lands, may be found in MR. HENRY J. MORGAN'S "Canadian Men and Women of the Time," Ottawa, 1912.