

and 1792 by P. Campbell," published in Edinburgh in 1793, contains much interesting information respecting the settlements in Upper Canada at that time. The author, who had served as an officer in the 42nd Highlanders during the war in America, visited all of them in turn, arriving at Niagara on the 8th of December, 1791.

"The fort of Niagara," he wrote, "is built on the south side and within the American lines on a point of land at the foot of the river where it disembogues itself into Lake Ontario, and has the sole command of the entry to that river. It is a pretty strong stuccade fort with regular bastions, palisades, pickets, and a dry ditch sufficient against the attack of any irregular army. On that side of the river there are no settlements nearer than Genesee country, distant about 100 miles. I crossed the river to the north side to see the fishing and saw 1008 caught at one haul of a seine net, mostly what is here called whitefish and a few herrings, the former weighs at an average above two pounds.....I saw several other kinds caught here particularly sturgeon..... The fishing here continues from the middle of October to the middle of May and I have been told that 6000 have been caught in one day. This is a great benefit to the troops and inhabitants who have stated days in the week to fish during the season.

"Opposite the fort of Niagara, on a large flat point on the Canadian side of the river is a town laid out and lots given gratis to such as will undertake to build on it agreeably to a plan laid down by the government, which to me seems a good one; half an acre is allowed for the stance of each house and garden, and eight acres at a distance for enclosures, besides a large commonity reserved for the use of the town. Several people have taken lots here already and no doubt, as the country advances in population, so will the town in building. In the event of the fort on the opposite side being given up, it is said there is one to be erected on this side, and the ground is already marked out for that purpose.

"On the opposite side of the lake, at a place called Toronto, fifteen miles across from Niagara, there is a fine bay and safe anchorage, where some people suppose the seat of