



### CHAPTER III.

#### THE YEARS OF THEIR MARRIED LIFE.

**T**HE attachment of the brothers, John and George, was so great that the former felt himself unable to get along without the company of his brother, and so George was persuaded to leave Thornhill where he had been working the farm of his mother-in-law, since his marriage in 1829, and return to Innisfil. Here he purchased N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  lot 15, concession 12, from the Canada Company, just beside John's farm, and also the south half of the same lot from Mr. Thom. Their removal to Innisfil took place in March, 1832, and on this farm they continued to live until his death in 1886.

By slow degrees the district developed. While their family were small the husband had to take various ways to support them. The navy at Penetanguishene always made a market for farm produce there; but as a rule it was sold at low prices, and was not sufficiently profitable to make ends meet without doing something besides farming. Accordingly he often made shoes at nights for the neighbors; and though his work was rough it was well thought of in a pioneer settlement, as these times were long before the days of fashion. There was also much teaming to be done. Although the Nine Mile Portage fell into disuse about 1830, as a result of which through traffic practically ceased, still there was much local teaming required in a country so young and just developing. By this means he often found