

capture of Mackinaw and the "Scorpion" and the "Tigress" and more particularly Gen. Brock's despatch enclosing the memorial of Angus Shaw and the other partners referred to on page 12 of this work, it is strange to find in Belden's Atlas, under "Penetanguishene," the question "Why the British should ever have established a post at all at this out-of-the-way place," and as an answer, adopting the suggestion from "Smith's Canada," "That it was probably from being the safest place in the Province to keep out of danger," concluding with the very sage remark that "The absurdity of the affair seems to have struck the authorities and the establishment has been broken up." The most charitable conclusion is that the writer was entirely lacking in historical insight, and did not know what he was writing about. Gov. Simcoe who selected the site was no amateur in Military and Naval affairs of that day. Gen. Brock was a Military expert of unquestioned ability, and the British authorities were thoroughly conscious of the situation and knew their business, and we may safely leave their vindication to posterity.

The next survey after that of Wilmot's in 1811 was the Naval Survey by W. Chewett in 1829; next the survey of the village by Chas. Rankin in 1830, also another by the same in 1833 followed by Richardson's Survey at a later date, about 1835, and one by T. Chewett in 1837. In conjunction with Chewett's survey of 1837, the classic street names of Peel, Chatham, Fox, Pitt, Sheridan, Burke, and of the heroes, Nelson, Brock and Wolfe, as well as Oxford and Cambridge, bear the stamp of the historical and literary mind, and it is well known that Rev. Geo. Hallen, Military Chaplain and first Rector of St. James, had the principal share in the naming of these streets. There were no more surveys till 1852 when Plan S. 22 was surveyed by Capt. Phillipott. In 1855 H. P. Savigny surveyed Plan No. 205 the eastern and western parts of the town plot, also the same Plan Nos. 110-111 in 1856 and sub-division lot E. in 1857. Pensioners' 3 and 5 acre lots extending on each side of Church St., and 40-acre lots beyond the limits of the corporation, also the Military Reserves on each side of the harbor, known as the Ordnance Lands, were surveyed by John Lindsay in 1851-2, 1858-60 and 63. The Reformatory Prison Farm, Plan No. 2, was surveyed by John Lindsay in 1858. The Penetanguishene Park Lots, Plan No. 21, west of Main St., between Roberts and Poyntz Sts., were surveyed by E. T. Fletcher in 1878. The latest survey was in 1879 by John Strathern. Capt. Phillipott was one of the Royal Engineers and was a candidate for the office