

the coffin is lowered into the grave; it was however of short duration, for Dr. Dunlop pulled a flask of whiskey from his bosom, and we drank prosperity to the city of Guelph. The name was chosen in compliment to the Royal Family, both because I thought it auspicious in itself, and because I could not recollect that it had ever been before used in all the King's dominions.

* * * In planting the town I stipulated that half the price of the building sites should be appropriated to endow a school. The school-house was thus among the first buildings undertaken to draw settlers." Mr. Robert Thompson, still a resident of the city, and one of the first year's settlers, in a sketch of the early history of Guelph, to which we are indebted for the following facts, states that "On the centre of this stump [of the first tree felled] the surveyor John McDonald, planted his compass staff, and declared it to be the centre of the city prospective; but a very serious difficulty presented itself at this juncture. This tree stood near the banks of the River Speed, which formed the extreme eastern limits of the plot or hillock set apart as the site proper for the town; and how to fix the centre and circumference on one and the same spot was a problem very difficult to solve. The doctor, however, was quite equal to the emergency, and at once suggested the ladies' fan, to which all present gave hearty consent. The stump was afterwards fenced round, neatly levelled and dressed on the top, and a sun-dial placed on it, which answered as the town clock for several years.

"Ready employment and remunerative wages soon brought reinforcements of craftsmen of various kinds to the place, insomuch that great inconvenience was experienced for a time in finding even temporary accommodation for the workmen and their families. The first three months were mainly occupied in clearing up the land and erecting log houses in different parts of the town."

"Early in July an opening celebration was mooted, and finally the King's birthday was fixed upon for the occasion. All hands were soon set to work in making the necessary preparations. A large frame building to be called a market house was soon in course of erection, and was to be used on the occasion as a place of amusement and festivity. * *