

his departure seems to have taken form. Hunter's own character was sufficiently self-asserting, and was formed on the sense of authority which as a general in command he had exercised. Little is known of his government. The one recollection of him in Toronto is that he granted the ground on which the market now stands and established a market day in 1803. He did not spare himself in the discharge of his duties; and he exacted attention to their obligations on the part of those men who occupied any official status. He introduced system and order into the government offices. The only mementoes of his government are to be found in the statute book. His very personality is unknown. It is said that he was of a family of respectability in Ayrshire and had been governor of Barbadoes. He was unmarried, or he was unaccompanied by a wife to Canada. Indeed, he remains scarcely a shadow amid the many public men of whom we possess such distinct portraitures.

We owe to him a description of Toronto, in 1804, when sending home an address of the legislature asking for aid in the construction of public buildings for parliament, for the courts of justice and for the general necessities of government. The annual appropriation of £400 had been voted. The sum was so inadequately small, he said, that it would defeat the object for which the vote had been made. There was not a single public building. The several offices had been established in private houses hired for the occasion. The executive met in a room in the clerk's house in which their discussions might be overheard. The houses of the legislature assembled in two rooms erected some nine years previously as a part of the building designed for government house. The courts of appeal, of King's bench, the district court and quarter sessions, all held their sittings in the same place. The mother country was asked to give some aid, owing to the knowledge obtained of the liberality shewn in enabling the people of Lower Canada to build court-houses in Quebec and Montreal, and of the generous assistance given in the construction of the Quebec cathedral. The inhabit-