

his battalion at the time of the Fenian raid. He was married in England some time in the fifties. There were four children and of all the household only Mrs Cubitt remains in Bowmanville. He was a good conversationalist, delighted in reminiscences and told many a good story of the olden time. He was a great all round sport and patronized most kinds of athletic games. He was a keen curler and a good cricketer. Of his two sons, Churchill, my son-in-law, is in business in Toronto and Frederic in Peterboro. A full size painting of Colonel Cubitt, by one of our celebrated artists, adorns the Board room of the High School wall place there by his many friends and admirers. It is true to life.

In 1832 there was another important addition to our population—the late Colonel Reid, who was so marked a personality among our citizens. Romantic circumstances surrounded his early footsteps. Of Scottish descent, his father like hundreds of his fellow-countrymen went to India,—I presume in the service of the East India Co.,—and while on the voyage out the Colonel was born. He was educated at Charter House London and returning to the east when about eighteen years of age. He saw the actual horrors of an armed contest in the first Burmese war and held a command as Captain in the regular army. His thorough military training afterwards enabled him to do the Government good service in Canada. He was married in India, resigned his commission, returned to Scotland with his four sons, and wended his way to this dependency of the British Crown, which is destined in the future to dominate the larger half of this immense continent. He at once made himself felt in the place. At the outbreak of the rebellion he immediately came to the front and took command of the heterogeneous mass that was so hurriedly called together by the exigencies of the time. Fortunately, they never met a hostile foe and soon disbanded. He filled several important offices: was Collector of Customs at Port Darlington, issuer of marriage licences agent for the Bank of Upper Canada and our principal acting magistrate. Of the four sons, issue of the first marriage James and Blair went back to India where the latter became a General and the former had a Captaincy. At the termination of his military career the General returned to England and is still living there. The Captain came back to Bowmanville and ended his days here. The other two,

Harry and George, were educated in Canada and in Edinburgh, Scotland. They both took high standing in the medical profession, George having an extensive practice in Cobourg and Harry in Bowmanville. They first built a house at the eastern end of the town and it continued to be the home up to the time of Mrs Reid's death. When the Colonel arrived in Bowmanville he was a widower. He afterwards married Elizabeth Haggarty. Here I would interpolate. She was one of a highly educated Irish family. It may not be known to many, but the late Chief Justice of the Dominion, Sir. J. H. Haggarty, several of his brothers and two sisters, lived for a short time on one of the concessions north east of the town in the Bragg Settlement. They soon after moved to Toronto. The other sister married Mr Holland, a barrister at Oshawa. Of the second family, John Lestock Reid is a prominent man in Alberta and L. H. Reid M.D. with Miss Reid, are living in this their native town. Let me relate a singular occurrence: As a young man, Mr. John Reid went to Australia. He was married there, and, becoming dissatisfied with the outlook, started with his young wife for the country he had left. They were shipwrecked on the way, had a terrible experience but were rescued, and found themselves stranded on one of the islands of the vast Pacific. A gentleman living there entertained them. One day when in his library Mr Reid picked up a book which turned out to be an English Grammar with the following inscription on the fly leaf: "John Fairbairn, (He was my brother.) Darlington Mills, District of Newcastle Upper Canada." The owner could not explain how it came to be on the island, and the fact remains an unsolved riddle.

Perhaps about 1830, the eastern end of the town began to show signs of life. Mr. Wm. Warren, a brother of J. B. Warren of Oshawa, built the mill at present operated by Mr. Samuel Souch. He had also in connection with it a general store and distillery. The house was at the time quite a pretentious one. Latterly it has been remodelled. For a long time the place was the centre of activity. However, he could not hold his own as competition had arisen in the western part of the town, so he closed it. For a year or two he rented my father's place, as before stated, but at last gave that up and left for Whitty. He was appointed Collector of Customs at that port and lived to be a very old man.