

tors. This early pioneer made his way up from Prescott where his father resided, in the winter of 1809 and settled on land which the latter had acquired as a United Empire Loyalist. Mr. Honeywell travelled on the ice down the Rideau River. A jumper drawn by a yoke of oxen carried his effects. On arriving at the Falls, now known as Hogs Back, he left the river and cut his way through the forest to the banks of the Ottawa, some three miles above the Chaudiere. Mr. Honeywell settled on his farm at about the same time that Randall acquired the Chaudiere property.

In 1820, in addition to Mr. Ira Honeywell, there was living in the following order above "The Flats", Thompson, McConnell, Holt, Moore and LeBreton, their farms being scattered along the Richmond Portage.

The pioneer settler on the Rideau River near what is now Ottawa was Mr. Bradish Billings, whose descendants are so prominent and well known locally. He settled on his farm at Billings Bridge in November 1812, but had been engaged in lumbering operations on the Rideau for two or three years previous to that date. Abram Dow arrived with his family in 1814 on lands he had secured across the river from Mr. Billings. Two brothers settled near him shortly afterwards. It is interesting to note that what is now St. Louis Dam was previously known as "Dow's Swamp".

Down beside the little landing place on the Ottawa River, at this time called Richmond Landing, a man named Andrew Berry had erected a small tavern, which, no doubt, was highly appreciated by the men of the settlement and by convivial souls who crossed over from Philomen Wright's colony on the other side of the river, now Hull. The following letter from this hotel-keeper Berry to Mr. Randall is of interest,—

"Point Nepean, 8th Jan., 1820.

Honored Sir,—

Having wrote you on the 27th of October last and not receiving an answer, I again take the liberty of troubling you on the same head.

Having been here ever since July last and had every opportunity of seeing the necessity of a house of accommo-