

prietor in 1850. He was one of the first magistrates at Holland Landing. In later years Captain Laughton became a resident of Bell Ewart.

Borland, who was also a member of this trading firm, had Indian blood in his veins, and during the Rebellion of '37 he commanded a company of two hundred Indians stationed at Holland Landing. Wm. Roe, the third member of the firm, died in 1879 at the advanced age of eighty-four. Dr. Scadding sketches the careers of these two early adventurers in his usual interesting manner. They were connected in some way with—probably they were agents for—the North-West Company, which had a large storehouse at Johnson's Landing. Alexander Sutherland was another of those connected with the same Company, and was a resident here until his death a few years ago. Philemon Squire, who was more commonly known as "Phil." Squire, may also be enumerated among those who located at an early date in this bytown at Johnson's Landing.

Communication was possible between this place and the Lower Landing either by boat or by the road, which was known as Dalhousie Street. The two places are separated by a distance of a mile and a half.

HOLLAND LANDING VILLAGE.

About a mile and a half above the Upper or Canoe Landing arose the village of Holland Landing itself—the early commercial distributing point for Simcoe. Until 1853, however, it was sometimes known as St. Albans, and sometimes as Beverly. Although it appears to have been laid out as a village in 1835, its origin was some years earlier, for about the year 1821, Peter Robinson, of Newmarket, built the far-famed "Red Mill," on lot 106 of Yonge Street, thus forming the nucleus of the village destined to play such an important part in the history of this district. The "Red Mill" was largely patronized for many years after its erection, having been the nearest grist mill to the inhabitants of this county. It was built on a grand scale for those days, all the interior timbers and lining having been planed. In 1822 the Tyson family came from Pennsylvania and located in Holland Landing. Isaiah Tyson became miller in the "Red Mill," and ran it on shares for Robinson. As the mill was driven by water power, their greatest grievance was scarcity of water, which limited the amount of work done; otherwise their patronage from the extensive pioneer settlements away to the north could easily have reached 200