

General of Canada at Belmont Manor; the next, at Charlesbourg, making the romantic echoes of Chateau-Bigot ring again with old English cheer and loyal toasts to "George the King"! or else installing a "Baron" at the Union Hotel, *Place d'Armes*,—and flinging down to the landlord, as Lambert says "250 guineas for the entertainment." Ah! where are now the choice spirits of that comparatively modern day, the rank and fashion, who used to go and sip claret or ice cream with Sir James Craig at Powell Place (Spencer Wood). Where gone the Muirs, Paynters, Munros, Mathew Bells, de Lanaudières, Lymburners, Smiths, Finlays, Caldwelles, Percevals, Jonathan Sewells, Uniackes. Alas! like the glories of Belmont, departed—living in the chambers of memory only.

This estate, which until lately, consisted of two hundred and fifty acres, was conceded, in 1649, by the Jesuit Fathers to M. Godfroy; it extended from the line of the *Grande Allée* to the Bijou wood. In 1670, it passed over to the famous Intendant Talon. Shortly after the conquest it was occupied by Chief Justice Gregory. In 1765, it was sold for £500 by David Ames of Montreal to General James Murray.

We find that one of the first operations of General Montgomery, in 1775, was to take forcible possession of "General Murray's house on St. Foy road;" later on, the property came into the possession of Col. Caldwell.

In the memory of Quebecers, Belmont manor must remain more particularly connected with the Caldwell family—three generations of which occupied its spacious halls, and where the Colonel expired, in 1810.

Belmont manor is situated on the St. Foy road, on its north side, at the end of a long avenue of majestic trees, distant three miles from Quebec. The original mansion which was burnt down in 1798, was rebuilt by the Colonel, in 1800, on plans furnished by an engineer officer of the name of Brabazon. Col. Caldwell's gracious hospitality drew round his board some of the best known men in Quebec of the time, such as the gallant General Brock, John Coltman, William Coltman, the Hales, Foy, Haldimand, Dr. Beeby, of Powell Place, J. Lester, John Blackwood.

In 1810, Col. Caldwell's son John, accepted the succession, with its liabilities, then unknown—occupied, in summer, a handsome residence in the Seigniory of Lauzon, and was appointed Receiver-General to succeed his father in 1812.

In 1817, Belmont was sold to the Hon. J. Irvine, M.P.P. In 1833, the property reverted to Sir Henry Caldwell, son of (Sir) John Caldwell—Sir John continued to live at the magnificent summer residence