

son of Yonge Street, the man who owned the early steamboats. Mr. Thompson had the contract of building the jail, and at one time owned a share in every stage that was running in Ontario, so it is said. (W. H.) (See also Mr. Sneath's Recollections).

THOMAS SMITH.—He was English by birth, and a blacksmith by trade. He built the first brick house in Barrie, viz.: the Harper house on Dunlop Street. His blacksmith shop was on the opposite side of the street. Thos. Ambler succeeded Smith as blacksmith, and Solomon Bailey succeeded Ambler about 1843.

GEORGE STOKES.—He was a carpenter by trade, and an Englishman by birth. He lived on Dunlop Street, a little west of Mr. Sanford's store, in a house in which Mr. Lane kept a store, some time after. (W. H.)

WILLIAM STRONG.—He was an Irishman by birth. His wife was Christina Graham, a sister of Andrew Graham. Their son James in later years was a merchant here, of the firm of Strong & Donnell. (W. H.)

ALEX. WALKER.—He was a Scotchman by birth, and was the first settler on the site of the town, having come here some years before David Edgar, the second settler came. His house was on the top of the first hill northeast of the corner of Collier and Bayfield Streets. This hill has been much reduced in height, in subsequent years.

(At the close of the meeting, the chairman, Judge Ardagh, took occasion to thank Mr. Hewson, the chief contributor, for the interesting information furnished about the early settlers.

Of the original list of 28 names, to which 8 have been added, making a total of 36, over one-half were natives of Ireland.