

ST. CATHARINES. By an Act of the Legislature of Upper Canada, "To provide for the Education and the Support of Orphan Children," an Orphan School was established near St. Catharines. (Ryerson Memorial Volume, p. 39.)

1800.

BROCKVILLE. Adiel Sherwood taught a school near here according to Canniff (p. 275), but whether it was at the old "Tin Cap," or at the Hallock schoolhouse, is not made clear. (See 1811, near Brockville.)

KINGSTON. John Strachan, a name destined to remain prominent as a founder and scholar, left his schoolhouse in Kettle, Scotland, where he was the master, to recommence his career in Kingston, U.C., where he arrived on the last day of the year, 1799. Upon the foundation so well and truly laid by his worthy predecessor, John Stuart, along educational lines, John Strachan expected to establish a college which it had been proposed to erect during the Simcoe regime; the Governor having left for England, the proposed College project had been abandoned, for a time at least. Mr. Strachan thereupon entered into an understanding with the Hon. Richard Cartwright (grandfather of the late Sir Richard) and Mr. Robert Hamilton to open a school in which, beside instructing their sons, he was to be privileged to give tuition to ten others, the fees to be ten pounds sterling from each per annum. John Strachan remained at this post three years, during which time he proceeded to apply himself to the study of Divinity. He was ordained in 1804 and removed to the Mission at Cornwall, where at the request of the parents of his former pupils, he established a private school and later a Grammar School, and from their portals there emerged three men who respectively became the worthy recipients of the honours of their King and country: Sir John Beverley Robinson (Chief Justice of Upper Canada, 1829); Sir J. B. Macaulay (Chief Justice of the Common Pleas), and the Hon. Jonas Jones (a puisne judge). The Rev. John Strachan became the well known Bishop of Toronto in after years. (Ratray's "Scot in British North America," Canniff, Hodgins, Morgan's "Sketches.") When Barnabas Bidwell removed from Bath to Kingston in 1813, he continued his occupation of teaching, and taught at the latter place for twenty years until he died in 1833. (Ryerson Mem. Volume, p. 40.) The Midland District Grammar School at Kingston was incorporated in 1815. (*Ibid*, p. 40.)

1802.

NIAGARA. A Mr. and Mrs. Tyler taught school in the near neighbourhood of this place; the exact site of which I have been unable to learn. (Ryerson Memorial Volume, p. 38.)

TORONTO (York). The Classical School conducted by Dr. Baldwin came into existence at this time. (Hodgins' Ryerson Memorial Volume, p. 38.)

1803.

GRASSY POINT (Bay of Quinte). The first school was taught here by John James. (Canniff's "History," p. 332.)