

In the spring of 1844 I went to Ogdensburg, or rather Dr. Ambler, of that city, wrote offering to sell out to me. I went down and bought him out, but he did not want to give up possession until July 1st. In the meantime I went to Albany to visit my parents, and the 1st of July I went to Belleville, and there found a letter from Dr. Ambler wishing to cancel his engagement as he did not want to leave Ogdensburg. I lost about two and a half months and \$200, but there was no remedy, I had to submit. On my return to Belleville I soon found all I could do, and determined to remain there, and in the fall of 1844 married, and remained there over thirty years. When I left I settled up a thirty years' business, and had difficulty with only one man, and he came and paid up and we were friends. I worked up a large practice, and the last year that we worked gold, my business was \$5,300. When I first located there Belleville had 2,500 inhabitants.

Now, about my experience in the line of base for plates. First that I attempted was that Prince of humbugs, cheoplastic, of Dr. Blandy, of Washington. I went to New York and secured the right for Canada, and made about \$500 on that work. Sent circulars throughout the Canadas, but in less than five months it began to come back on me. Not disheartened when the vulcanite came in, only about six months after, I again went to the city and got control for the Dominion. My first vulcanizer cost me \$80. An improvement was soon made and they sold them to me for \$50. I used to sell a vulcanizer and give instruction for \$110. Day, Callender, of Cobourg; Gilbert, of Picton, Clements, etc. I found it called me away from my office and my practice was suffering, hence I gave it up and Dr. Chandler took it in hand. I had through it acquired a provincial reputation. Was called to Hamilton to make a set. I put them up, and while they went to my office to be made I went to Buffalo. I had some acquaintance with Dr. Harvey; he had a partner from Kingston. I think his name was Beard, you may remember him. It was just about a year from the time I began to work rubber. I had made about \$900 out of it, and to my astonishment Dr. Harvey had just commenced. It so happened that I had some fine specimens mounted with gold. When I called on Dr. Harvey he was engaged, and evidently did not care to be bothered with me, so I inquired for his partner whom I knew very well, and he called me up to their laboratory. I showed him a plate in my mouth, and he at once stepped to the head of the stairs and called Harvey. Harvey came up immediately, went down stairs again and discharged his patient, and was back with us. He said to his partner, "Is it not fortunate that he has come just now?" I then learned that Harvey's son had just returned from Philadelphia, and brought home a vulcanizer like a small parlor stove. He had made a plate for his