

three wagons in the township, owned by Messrs. Niece, Furry and Deamud who also had horses. Other settlers used wood-shod sleds drawn by oxen. One dollar paid the taxes on 100 acres. This then was considered excessively high. Money was very scarce.

Before 1875 Sherbrooke was united with Moulton. James Dougher was elected reeve in 1876, and was succeeded by Daniel Dickhout in 1877.

### DUNN

This township was originally Indian land, but in 1832 it was surrendered to the government and shortly afterwards thrown open for settlement. Some years previous to this, however, Walter B. Sheehan, Henry F. Sheehan, Geo. H. Sheehan and James M. Sheehan, had settled on a block of land their father, W. B. Sheehan, had obtained from the Six Nation Indians. Walter B. Sheehan was the first Collector of Customs in the County. The Village of Haldimand, now Byng, sprang up simultaneously with the settlement of Dunnville. Except for the Sheehan Tract, the first settlement was effected on the lake shore near Port Maitland. A. P. Farrell was the first permanent settler of Dunn. There were no roads, and the only way the township could be reached was down the river in canoes, or along the lake shore.

About 1784, the block of land, known as the Earl Tract, was given to Capt. Hugh Earl of Butler's Rangers, who had married Capt. Jos. Brant's sister.

In 1834 James Platt bought Lot 2 on the lake shore. Then there were no settlers on the lake shore from this place as far west as the Rainham town line. Another settler about this time was William Blott. In 1835 Col. Johnson bought 700 or 800 acres of land and began immediately to improve it, thus giving employment to a number of poorer settlers.

Other settlers who came with Col. Johnson were W. C. Lowe, Richard Paddock, Richard Constable, Job Matthews, Mrs. Col. Inlach and her sons, and Dr. Carter.

Wm. Bowden came in 1835, Jacob and Henry Stoner in 1839, Archibald Dickson in 1837, and in 1840 Commo-

dore Crawford bought land on the lake shore for his sons James and Charles. George and Thos. Docker were early settlers, and Peter Hall another in 1834. Abraham Moyer, Nicholas Sevenpiper, Jacob and Samuel Furry, all bought land on the Rainham Road. Henry Marshall came in the thirties. Henry King came in 1838. In 1840 Francis Ramsey, who was Superintendent of the Welland Canal Works at Dunnville, bought Lots 10 and 11, in the first concession. In the late forties came P. Martin, Jeremiah Sullivan, John and James Newman. Wm. Eillington came still later. The names of some others who came before 1850 are Robert Armour, W. R. Blott, Albert Bate, W. J. Booth, H. Bradford, James Barry, Albert T. Bate, J. Diette, Thomas Drake, Peter and W. Grant, Geo., Louis, Francis and Samuel Grant, A. Lapp, David Martin, R. G. Murdy (Byng), John E. Scott (Byng), R. Stevens, B. G. Stoner and Henry Stoner, Jonas, King John, William and Henry Furry, Joseph and Henry King.

The township was assessed at \$182,666 in 1878, and the population was 828. The first reeve was Col. A. P. Farrell, then came Wm. Blott, Geo. Docker, Robt. Armour, Francis Ramsey, Wm. J. A'kens, Abram W. Thewlis, Henry Marshall, Hugh Bradford, Robt. Ramsey, Edward Logan, and in 1878 W. R. Blott.

### MOULTON

In the year 1826 there were four or five families living in Moulton, and they were scattered along the river. The land belonged to the Six Nation Indians, and was surrendered by them to the government through the negotiations of Wm. Jarvis. It next came into the hands of Lord Selkirk, who gave a mortgage for the amount of the purchase money, but failed to pay it, resisting arrest at the hands of Sheriff Smith of Niagara. Selkirk then went on his way to Rupert's Land. Smith sold the land to the Hon. Henry J. Bolton for the sum of \$40.00, to pay the expenses of the litigation.

Squire Anthony was one of the early settlers, and lived a mile below Dunnville, where he built a steam grist and saw mill. Below him lived a man named Anger. Solomon Minor, 1825,