

the principal men of the village. Among those present were the two McNabs. Feeling very loyal, and at the same time the importance of the village, it was suggested by one of them that the place should be named Belleville after the Lady Bella Gore. The happy suggestion received the hearty approval of all present and thereafter the village was so called. By this it will be seen that the way in which the name is at present spelled is not correct: instead of Belleville it ought to be Bellville.

The same year the Government instructed Surveyor Wilmot to lay out the 200 acres of Indian reserve, lot number four, into town lots of half an acre each. It cannot be recorded that Mr. Wilmot discharged his duty to his credit or to the advantage of the town. In the first place he made the serious mistake (it has been questioned whether it was a mistake) of placing the line between Sidney and Thurlow, upwards of sixty feet to the east of that marked by the original survey. The consequence was that the line between lots numbers three and four, instead of being mainly in the river, where it ought to have been, was established where now is Front street; and thereby, a valuable strip of land belonging to the Reserve was added to private property on the western side of the river, while the owner of lot number five, Mr. Taylor, was a loser to a corresponding extent. Another mistake was the very few cross streets laid out, the inconvenience of which is felt daily by many; although some new ones have been opened latterly. A third error was the respect he paid to a hotel which stood a little to the east of where now stands the Victoria buildings. This hotel had been erected on the ground where the street in surveying happened to come. The result is the unseemly turn in its course at Pinnacle street. While the hotel gave a name to the street, the name commemorates the cause of its ugliness. The town lots were disposed of by Government to petitioners, true subjects of His Majesty, on a payment of a fee of thirty dollars. No one could obtain more than a single lot. Several plots were reserved. One for a Hospital, one where stands the Catholic Church, the Scotch Church, the Grammar School building, the English Church, also, the Parsonage House, the old Market Square and the Jail.

In the year 1834, a petition was submitted by the inhabitants