

In both the York and the Kingston issues the statutes of 1792 and 1793, are stated to have been passed at Niagara, but, as stated above, the typewritten journals are dated at Newark.

Mr. Thomas Langton, K.C., of Toronto, in connection with this matter, has called my attention to the following extract from "The Travels of Isaac Weld (Vol. 2, pp. 87, 88, third edition, 1800), under date of September, 1796. It will be an interesting addition to the history of the little town that was the meeting place of our First Legislature, a place that has enjoyed so many names, its latest, that of "Niagara-on-the-Lake," having been given to its post office in March, 1903:

"On the eastern side of the river is situated the fort, now in the possession of the people of the States, and on the opposite or British side a town most generally known by the name of Niagara, notwithstanding that it has been named Newark by the Legislature. The original name of the town was Niagara; it was afterwards called Lenox. then Nassau, and afterward Newark. It is to be lamented that the Indian names so grand and sonorous should ever have been changed for others. Newark, Kingston, York are poor substitutes for the original names of their respective places—Niagara, Cataraqui, Toronto. The town of Niagara hitherto has been and still is the capital of the Province of Upper Canada. Orders, however, had been issued before our arrival there for the removal of the seat of Government from thence to Toronto, which was deemed a more eligible spot for the meeting of the legislative bodies as being further removed from the frontier of the United States."

Students of Canadian history will find interesting supplements to this paper and to that of 1902 in The Transactions of the Canadian Institute, April, 1892, Vol. II, Part 2. "The Administration of Lieut-Governor Simcoe viewed in his Official Correspondence," by Ernest Cruikshank.

And in No. 2, Vol. II of University of Toronto Studies, History and Economics; "Municipal Government in Ontario," by Prof. Adam Shortt.

In *The Globe* of 24th October, 1903, will be found a very full and authoritative discussion of the question as to where Parliament first met, by Miss Janet Carnochan, president of the Niagara Historical Society.

The D. W. Smith election letter referred to on page 158, has just been printed in Transaction No. 4 of the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Toronto (1903).