

subduing it a long time, for he was born in the town of Trenton, by the Trent, on the 22nd and 23rd of August, 1847; the occasion is known in Canadian history as the Trent Affair. There was another affair of the same name fourteen years later, but it was not purely Canadian, being merely a demonstration of British and American diplomacy. Nevertheless, it almost caused a misdating of the real Trent Affair from 1847 to 1861, which would have been a grave injustice to the whole Trent valley. But George, by this time an overgrown lad jealous of his natal glory, and with the blood of his United Empire Loyalist forefathers seething in his veins, enlisted in the Canadian militia and stood ready to defend his people and his country. It is only just to say that he was not at that time killed in battle; and while the second Trent affair is sometimes mentioned by historians, everyone now knows that the real Affair took place in 1847, the birth-year of George Henry Ham. Owing to these things, but mostly to the fact that he repeatedly refused to run away from home at an early age, he still speaks with a slight Trentonian accent, though distinctly enough to be understood in nine Provinces, especially when making an after-dinner speech.