

Continuation of Narrative.

The Agricultural Society, established in 1798, under the auspices of Governor Simcoe, who annually subscribed ten guineas and dined with the members, supplied them with books, &c., was also supported by my father, who felt a great interest in its welfare.

I found among his papers a list of the Directors, which will be interesting to the branches of different families, whose ancestors supported and patronized so useful a society, and which laid the foundation of our present noble institution, upon which so high a eulogium was passed by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Newcastle, who visited the grand Cattle Show at Hamilton in 1859.

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Niagara, 1804.

Although a high official situation, yet a sheriff, at times, has to undergo many trying scenes, but my father, naturally a brave man, never shrunk from his public duty.

During the War of 1812-1815 a number of reckless characters were about the country, whose object appears to have been to sow the seeds of rebellion.

To the credit of the Loyalists, great efforts were made to bring these disaffected persons to justice, in which the Government succeeded, considering it highly disgraceful that those who had become well off by reason of the liberal grants of land from the Government to their families should be allowed to contaminate others with their republican principles. Great exertions were made to put a stop to their proceedings, and in due course of time twenty-one were brought up for trial. Eighteen were convicted of treasonable practices after a fair and candid trial and nine of the principal ring-leaders hung on Burlington Heights.

It was a solemn scene and effectually put a stop to the further proceedings of the party. It was the duty of my father as Sheriff to see the law carried into effect, which services he performed with that feeling which characterized him through life. It made a deep impression upon his mind, and in all probability influenced him in his decision of retiring into private life sooner than he, perhaps, might have done.