

by them, as the addresses to the Earl of Bathurst, then Colonial Secretary, in the following year, amply testified. This Mill was afterwards sold to Messrs. Hall and Lee who continued to work it for many years.

During the same year, a number of gentlemen, settlers in the district, met together for the purpose of deciding upon a name for the new Town, the reservation for which had been made as early as 1818, and the survey of which had been completed in 1825. The choice was not difficult to make. The eminent services of the Hon'ble Peter Robinson in the settlement of the country, and the high estimation in which he was held by all who had come in contact with him, suggested the propriety of a more lasting tribute being paid to his name. Hence the choice of the name "Peterborough," a name which continually calls to mind the services of one, who though laying no claim to being the founder of this little Colony, was justly entitled to be considered as among the most active promoters of its settlement.

The embryo Town soon gave indication of progress. In a letter written by Lieut. Rubidge, R. N., then a resident in the Township of Otonabee, in 1828, addressed to Captain Hall, and inserted by him in his travels in North America, published in 1829, occur these passages. "A Town is growing up near me, roads are improving, bridges are built; one of the best mills in the Province is just finished at Peterborough, and another within three miles of me. Boards, and all description of lumber, are cheap, about five dollars for 1,000 feet, four saw mills being in operation. Stores, a tannery, distillery, and many useful businesses, are established or on the eve of being so at Peterborough." * * * "I was the first settler in the Township of Otonabee, and almost before a tree was cut down; now there are nearly two thousand acres cleared, and 125 families, consisting of 500 souls. On parallel lines, at the distance of three quarters of a mile apart, roads, of from 33 to 66 feet wide, are cut and cleared out by the parties owning the land all through the Township." * * * "This last winter very nearly 5000 bushels of wheat have been taken in by store keepers at Peterborough alone. Only three or four years ago flour was transported back there, so that no doubt can exist of the increased quantity a few years will produce. Through the goodness and paternal consideration of His Excellency, Sir Perigrine Maitland, an excellent mill has been erected at Peterborough, which is the greatest blessing to the settlers and the country, and will be the means of the adjacent townships filling up rapidly. In the Town itself, which, less than three years ago, had but one solitary house in it, now may be seen frame Houses in every direction, and this summer twenty additional ones will be erected."

Such was Peterborough and its vicinity in 1828, ten years after the first settlement by the Cumberland Emigrants, and within three years of the Irish Immigration under Mr. Robinson. Pass we now over another period of ten years, during which the rising Town and the now become flourishing Townships had progressed most favourably. Referring to a pamphlet published by Lieut.