

dence on Ontario Street, between King and Front Streets. Widmer's name will go down to posterity as the father of surgery in Upper Canada. "His skill," according to Canniff, "was equal in making a diagnosis, in deciding when to operate, and in handling the surgeon's knife or other instrument." According to Clarke Gamble, Widmer and his partner Deihl practically had the whole practice of York and its neighborhood for many years.

He was ever a regular attendant at the Hospital, and always had a large following of students, who held him in high esteem, while laughing at his brusque ways and his frequent expletives; while he was ever ready to give his best skill to the poor *gratis*, if he suspected some well-to-do person of trying to obtain his services gratuitously, his language was such that no printing press could bear the strain of reproducing it.

Scadding, in "Toronto of Old," in speaking of him says: "It is to be regretted that Dr. Widmer left behind him no written memorials of his long and varied experience. Before his settlement in York he had been a staff cavalry surgeon, on active service during the campaigns in the Peninsula. A personal narrative of his public life would have been full of interest. But his ambition was content with the homage of his contemporaries, rich and poor, rendered with sincerity to his pre-eminent abilities and inextinguishable zeal as a surgeon and physician. Long after his retirement from general practice he was every day to be seen passing to and from the old hospital on King Street, conveyed in his well-known cabriolet, and guiding with his own hands the reins conducted in through the front window of the vehicle. He had now attained a great age, but his slender form continued erect; the hat was worn jauntily as in other days, and the dress was ever scrupulously exact; the expression of his face in repose was somewhat abstracted and sad, but a quick smile appeared at the recognition of friends. The ordinary engravings of Harvey, the discoverer of the circulation of the blood, recalls in some degree the countenance of Dr. Widmer."

Peter Deihl was born at Quebec in 1787, and died in Toronto of some internal injury, the result of a fall, on March 5th, 1858.

He studied with Dr. Charles Blake, of Montreal, and then went to Europe for post-graduate work, returning to Canada in 1809. From 1813 till the close of the war he served with the Canadian Regiment, and returned to England in a transport. In 1818 he came again to Canada, and for the next ten years resided at Montreal, having been connected with the General Hospital there. In 1828 he removed to York (now Toronto), and soon after became a partner of Dr. Widmer. He was a man of quiet, pleasant manner and gentle disposition, and a good surgeon. Because of ill-health the partnership was dissolved in 1835, after which he travelled for a time. Returning a year later, he built a