

noted travellers and titled personages as guests, among them being the Duke of Richmond, Governor-General of Canada, one of the first, just before his death, on a visit of military inspection; Sir John Franklin, the arctic explorer; Sir John Ross, R.N.; the Duke of Northumberland; Lord Stanley, father of Canada's recent Governor-General (1890); John Galt, head of the "Canada Company"; Lady Jamieson, the traveller and authoress; Sir John Colborne, Governor and Commander of the Forces; besides many famous scholars and others. The silver tea pot, which always had a prominent place in these lordly social functions, is sacredly cherished and preserved by a descendant living in Penetanguishene at this present writing (1912). Mr. Johnstone was a Free Mason, which accounts for the name of the caravansary, and his remains occupy the second nameless mound on Magazine Island. He was buried under Masonic auspices, the rite being performed by two officers from the garrison, in 1830, probably the first Masonic burial in this region. His son, the late Frank Johnstone, born at the "Masonic Arms" in 1823 and well known here, died in 1907. Mrs. Johnstone subsequently married Robert Wallace and continued the "Masonic Arms" for many years and is recalled by numbers of the older residents. Her remains are deposited in St. James' cemetery close to the portals.

About the same time Asher Mundy drew lots Nos. 112 and 113 on the Military road in Tay from government as a U. E. Loyalist and started a canteen, moving there from the Nottawasaga where they had kept a canteen also. (See A. F. Hunter's "History of Simcoe County," Vol. I., page 22.) Asher Mundy, who was very deaf, migrated from Kansas to Toronto in 1812. He was present during the attack of the Americans and received a bullet wound in his arm and saw the explosion when Col. Grey and his men were blown up. He originally belonged to the Society of Friends (Quakers) but joined the Presbyterians on reaching Canada. The first town meeting of Tiny and Tay was held at Asher Mundy's canteen in 1832, Jan. 2nd; Samuel Fraser, who became Reeve of Tay and Midland; James Warren, who built the Magazine; and Jacob Gill, who built the Barracks, were present. Asher Mundy had one son, Israel Mundy, who ran a batteau and carried goods from Nottawasaga round to Penetanguishene. He was also with Admiral Bayfield in the survey of the lakes, and on one occasion on Lake Erie, a storm rising, they were compelled to run into Buffalo Harbor with only the jib flying.