

SESSIONAL PAPER No. 15

SANDFIELD McDONALD PAPERS.

There seems to be very little left of papers and documents that belonged to the late Hon. John Sandfield McDonald, the first premier of the province of Ontario. While in Cornwall I met his daughter, Madame Langlois. She was collecting such papers as were to be found, to take with her to Portneuf, P.Q., where she resides. If there is anything of public interest in them she will forward it to the Archives.

COLQUHOUN PAPERS.

Mrs. Colquhoun, Cornwall, has in her possession a number of old orderly books and a few other documents of early date, but I had not an opportunity to examine them.

BISHOP MACDONELL'S LIBRARY.

The library of the late Rt. Rev. Alex. Macdonell, first Roman Catholic Bishop of Upper Canada, is in the possession of Mr. Alex. Duncan Macdonell, of Alexandria, Ont. The library contains a number of valuable Canadian books.

'LAWS OF NEW YORK.'

Mr. Clench, Clerk of the Court, St. Catharines, donated to the Archives a copy of the 'Laws of New York,' printed in 1752.

'UPPER CANADA GAZETTE.'

Mr. M. J. Brennan, Clerk of the Peace, St. Catharines, donated a volume of *Upper Canada Gazette*, 1831-1833.

HAY PAPERS.

Mrs. T. P. Foran, Ottawa, has in her possession an Orderly Book of 1781; also a diary or journal kept by her grandfather, Lieut. John Hay, of a voyage from Montreal to Michilimackinac and return about 1783. Copies of these have been made for the Archives.

BOOKS AND PAPERS *Re* LANDS.

In the Crown Lands Department, Toronto, are the records relating to land grants, &c., since the organization of the province of Upper Canada in 1792. A number of the volumes in this collection have been copied for the Archives, and a list made of the other more important ones.

MILITARY LIST.

In the Patents Branch of the Crown Lands Department, Toronto, is 'A nominal return of the Flank Companies, Troops of Dragoons, Corps of Provincial Marines and Incorporated Battalions in Upper Canada which were entitled to land for their services during the late war with the United States,' giving names, military rank, and remarks as to claims and claimants. This list of corps added to the General Return furnished the Provincial Secretary, dated August 17, 1794, was supplied from returns and documents found in the office of the Adjutant General, Montreal.

DAVID THOMPSON PAPERS.

From the Surveys Branch of the Crown Lands Department have been received the Journals and Diaries of David Thompson, Explorer and Astronomer Royal, covering a period of sixty-one years, 1789-1850. Books No. 1 to 30, the most