

to the capital of the Upper Province." It may excite a smile to find York styled a "city" in 1799: but the terms of the passage shew, as I have said, that the whole of the highway from the west to the east, passing through York, was regarded as Dundas Street. *That*, in fact, was the name long borne by our present Queen Street here in Toronto; and Queen Street, as everyone knows, is in a right line with the "Kingston road," which was, as we see, simply the prolongation of Dundas Street, the great provincial highway, or Grand Trunk, as it were, of the day, leading to Montreal and Quebec. It is scarcely necessary to observe that the distinction and celebrity of both Dundas Street and Yonge Street, taken in the original extended meaning of their names, have been eclipsed in these days by the greater glory and the greater convenience of the Grand Trunk, Great Western, and Northern Railways of Canada. Highways, like men, have their vicissitudes.

Hinc, apicem, rapax

Fortuna, cum stridore acuto,

Sustulit; hic possuisse gaudet.

Travel and traffic having been in this way largely turned aside from our two primitive historic "streets," they have both of them dropped, in some measure, out of the knowledge of tourists, and even out of the knowledge of many among the younger portion of our settled inhabitants.

Besides Dundas Street, another permanent memorial of Henry Dundas was established in Canada, in the name of a county toward the eastern limit of the present Province of Ontario. The County of Dundas is united with the Counties of Stormont and Glengarry, with the well-known borough of Cornwall for county-town conjointly.*

But to return:—In 1801 Pitt resigned the premiership, not being able to induce the King to assent to the enfranchisement of the Roman Catholics, a measure which had been virtually promised when the legislative union of Ireland and Great Britain was effected. Dundas retired with him, but was raised to the peerage in the following year, by the Addington Ministry, as Viscount Melville, of Melville Castle, in the County of Edinburgh, and Baron Dunira, of

* For this portion of Canada a local historian has happily appeared. Mr. James Croill, of Archerfield, in 1861, published at Montreal an elaborate and interesting volume of 350 pages, bearing the following title: "Dundas, or a Sketch of Canadian History, and more particularly of the County of Dundas, one of the earliest settled counties in Upper Canada." It is dedicated to "the descendants of the United Empire Loyalists residing in the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, formerly the Old Eastern District."