

Commissioner and Commander at Kingston, visited Toronto in H.M. Schooner Cockburn in 1828 to proceed by land to Lake Simcoe, and thence, states the "Loyalist," of June 7th, on a tour of inspection at the several naval depots of the lakes. He visited the naval station and dock-yards here, sailed to Drummond Island in the sloop "Bullfrog," and the removal followed, as Sir James Kempt, then Governor-General, in his despatch to Murray, says in reference to Drummond Island: the troops, commissariat, stores, etc., were removed on Nov. 14th to Penetanguishene where Commodore Barrie has afforded them temporary accommodation. (See Archives, 1898, pp. 553-4). The transference of officials and important personages, with the subsequent migration of the Voyageurs and others have been already related in a previous work. (1) Simcoe's County town perpetuates the name of Commodore Barrie who probably sojourned over night at the prospective town site on his way through.

Mrs. Jamieson in "Winter Studies and Summer Rambles" expresses wonder at the surrender of Drummond Island, having visited its shores and doubtless appreciated the absurd position of the boundary channels, and mentions a steamer on Lake St. Clair, in which she no doubt made part of her trip, built at Penetanguishene for the Goderich and St. Joseph's Island route, probably meant for Penetanguishene and Sault Ste. Marie, which proved a failure. This is likely a reference to the steamer "Penetanguishene," built here by Mitchell & Thompson about four years previously and accounts for her whereabouts. She was the first steamer built by private enterprise, although the gunboat "Bee" had been built some ten years previously but by the naval authorities. When Chas. Rankin, surveyor of part of Penetanguishene, set out to survey the Township of Nottawasaga in 1833, according to his diary, Commissary Wickens of the Garrison furnished pork and flour for the journey. It is also recorded elsewhere that in the same year, 1833, the schooner "Tecumseh" sailed into Penetanguishene with a load of provisions, probably supplies for the same purpose. This is the last account we have of the marine activities of the old gun boat whose wreck lies at the bottom of the harbor, although her hulk rode at anchor till 1847.

Of the early steamers making this a regular port of call, the "Penetanguishene" has priority in time. It is claimed the "Duchess of Kalloola" operated the route from here to Owen Sound and Sault Ste. Marie, and during one of her trips Sur-

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