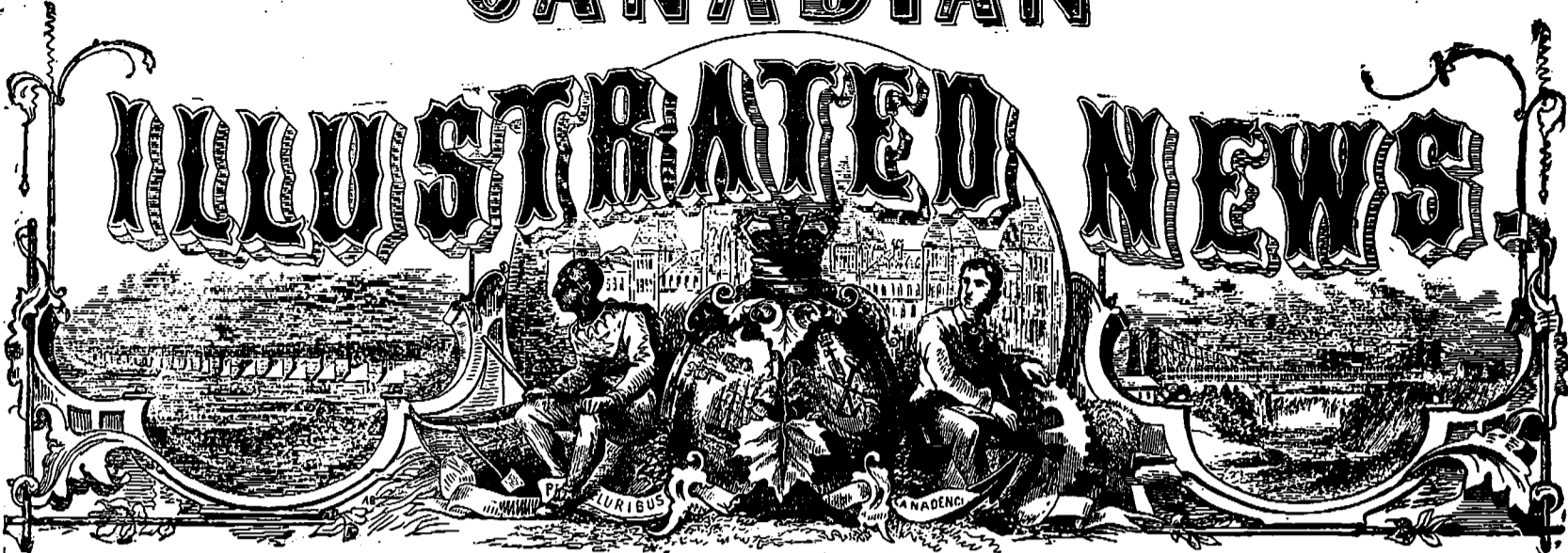


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TOWN OF GALT.

Mr. John Galt the novelist, and founder of the company, records in his autobiography, that he received its name in compliment to Walter Dickson, four years before he settled at the place.

He reserves memorials of the early days, and with that view we solicit the attention of our friendly readers. In *Literary Recollections*, a pleasing but unpretending sketch, by J. Carruthers, is mentioned, and a quotation, from which the above has been sketched.

In 1821, Mr. Orr, living at Chippewa above Niagara Falls, corresponded with friends residing at Caledonia, State of New York. They were adherents of Scottish Presbyterian dissenters, then known as the Associate Synod. Mr. Orr requested one of the ministers, when on the yearly journey from Caledonia to the Synod, at Pittsburgh, to come by way of Canada. Mr. Beveridge and Dr. Hanna came. "We found Mr. Orr," writes Mr. Beveridge in his journal, "a jovial Scotchman, but somewhat brought under by fever and ague. He was not a little surprised when he found that we had been sent out as missionaries in consequence of his letters, and he was quite at a loss to know to what

field of labor to direct us with any prospect of success."

They inclined to return to the States. Mr. Orr, however, had spoken of a settlement eighty miles westward, and thither Mr. Beveridge proceeded on horseback by way of Ancaster, leaving his companion at Stamford, with Mr. McMicken. Arriving at the log house of Mr. Hervey, where now stands the town of Galt, he was received at first gruffly, but with much kindness when it was known that he was a preacher, and would baptise the children which had been born in the previous five years. The engraving is from an original sketch by Binkert, our artist. See the subject also, on another page.