

"Introduction to the Diary of Walter Yonge, Esq.," published in 1848 by the Camden Society, says of Sir George that he was once heard to say that he began life with £80,000 of family property, that he received £80,000 with his wife, and that he had been paid £80,000 by the Government for his public services, but that Honiton had swallowed it all. All had been sunk in the "wool-mills" at or near Honiton. (The Walter Yonge just mentioned was an ancestor of Sir George's, who likewise represented the Borough of Honiton in Parliament.) Sir George Yonge was buried at Colyton in Devon, where his coffin-plate is preserved. But it appears that no tablet to his memory has been erected. Doubtless a great error of judgment was committed when Sir George ventured to meddle with "wool-mills;" ventured to engage in speculations connected with the manufacture by machinery of serges and broad-cloths. Actuated, it may be, by public spirit in entering on such undertakings, and also by a desire, perhaps, to become rapidly rich, yet wholly without practical experience in the conduct of such enterprises, he became, it is likely, the dupe of sharpers. The broad pleasant acres of Devon, to which he and his fathers had been wont to trust for comfortable revenue, slipped away out of his hands, and like Antæus when lifted off from the earth, the country gentleman, uprooted from the land, soon found his power and influence gone. Although many bearing his family name, more or less nearly connected with him by blood, have since become distinguished in the world of letters and scholarship, we do not, after him, observe any one of his name going up to the House of Commons from Devon, and serving the State as Minister of the Crown.

Besides Yonge Street, we have in Ontario another memorial of Sir George Yonge, in the name of the township of Puslinch, in the county of Wellington, that being the name of a well-known family seat of the Yonges near Ycalmton, in Devonshire; for although the subdivision of the wide-spread sept of the Yonges to which Sir George Yonge belonged, was known strictly as the Yonges of Colyton, yet it is to be observed that Burke, in his *Landed Gentry*, gives his notice of the Yonges of Colyton under the more comprehensive head of the Yonges of PUSLINCH.

I now proceed with my memoir of the other personage whose life and career I desire to recall, viz., Henry Dundas.