

ticket clerk; Cornelius Connelly, night station master; C. Showerman, telegraph superintendent.

STAGE ROUTES.

Stages leave London for the following places :—

Belmont, daily from the Ontario Hotel; distance 12 miles.

Exeter, daily from the City and Western Hotels; distance 30 miles.

Lucan, mail stage, daily, 7:45 A. M., from City and Western Hotels.

Delaware, Tuesday, Thursdays and Saturdays at 3 P. M., from Balkwill's Hotel. Distance 12 miles.

Nairn, mail, leaves the Post Office every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7 A. M.

Clinton, daily from the Western Hotel. Distance 49 miles.

COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX.

In the year 1788 Upper Canada was divided into four Districts—Lunenburgh, Mecklenburgh, Nassau and Hesse—which names were subsequently changed to Eastern, Midland, Home and Western.

In the year 1792 Sir John Graves Simcoe, the first Governor of Upper Canada, divided it into nineteen counties, represented by sixteen members, and the first Parliament was held at Niagara, 17th September, under a tree, a large stone serving for a table; and on the 5th of June, 1798, the Parliament was held at York, (Toronto), and among other measures it was enacted that "The counties of Norfolk, Oxford and Middlesex, with the tract westward of the Home District and the District of Niagara, to the southward of Lake Huron, and between them and a line drawn due north from a fixed boundary, (where the eastern limit of Oxford intersects the river Thames), until it arrives at Lake Huron, do constitute and form the London District."

From 1793 to 1825 the courts were held at Detroit, township of Charlotteville, in the present county of Norfolk, at Turkey Point, and at the village of Vittoria, respectively. Afterwards two sessions were held in St. Thomas, but were ultimately permanently removed to London.

In 1803 or 1804 the Hon. Colonel Talbot was authorized to form settlements of the Crown Lands, and he with great wisdom and forethought opened up the southern part of the District by cutting out the road since known as Talbot street, extending from Long Point to St. Thomas, thence through the counties of Kent and Essex to the Detroit river, thus preparing the country for settlement, which was then done by the free grant system. Col. Talbot located the township of London to actual settlers, himself setting the example by cutting down the first tree. In 1812 large numbers of immigrants, chiefly English, arrived, among them many officers and soldiers who had fought the battles of the Peninsular campaign.

The townships of London, Caradoc, Delaware, Adelaide,

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