

aforesaid. Given under my hand and seal at arms, at York, this twenty-sixth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and three, and in the forty-fourth year of his Majesty's reign.—Peter Hunter, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor. By His Excellency's command, William Jarvis, Secretary." The establishment of this weekly market was another step towards the permanent building up of the town. Farmers came here with their grain and other produce, which they bartered with the storekeepers for groceries, dry goods, and other necessities.

The town continued to expand north and westward, much more rapidly than the first settlers anticipated, in spite of the difficulties which they experienced with regard to roads from the marshy nature of the soil around what was then the principal portion of the town. Farmers entering the town from Yonge Street (which then only came south as far as Queen street) had the utmost difficulty in threading their way through the stumps, mud, and pitfalls, which on every side beset them from this great thoroughfare to the market place.

In this year (1803) also, a movement was originated for the erection of a church for the Episcopalians, who had been for about seven years holding services in the Parliament buildings. Up to this time York could not boast of a single church or school house.

The *Oracle and Gazette* of January 22, 1803, contains the following report of a meeting of subscribers for erecting a Church in the Town of York, "held at the Government Buildings on Saturday the 8th day of January instant—the Hon. Chief Justice (Elmsley) in the chair. Resolved unanimously: That each subscriber shall pay the amount of his subscription by three instalments; the first being one moiety in one month from this day; and the second being a moiety of the residue in two months; and the remainder in three months; that Mr. William Allan and Mr. Duncan Cameron, shall be Treasurers, and shall receive the amount of the said subscriptions, and that they be jointly and severally answerable for all monies paid into their hands upon the receipt