

for the present and long toil for the rising generation. The only mail in the early settlement of West Canada between Kingston and Montreal, was, in the winter, carried three times by an old French Canadian, Jacques Morriseau, who travelled the whole distance on snow shoes. His food was sea biscuit and fat pork which he ate and enjoyed sitting on a snow bank, and would afterwards puff away dull care in clouds of smoke curling from his old clay pipe, the stem of which was just long enough to keep the burning punk with which he lit it about two inches from his nose. From Lachine to Cornwall, he was obliged to sleep out of doors three nights—the settlers were then so few and far between, he could not always reach a house—and the only bed he had on those occasions was of green boughs under him and a blanket to cover him. He always rested a night going either way under Captain Anderson's roof. In 1785, Capt. Anderson was appointed a magistrate previous to the division of the Provinces of Quebec into Upper and Lower Canada, and continued in the Commission of the Reeve until his death. He was Judge of the Eastern District Court, from 1794 to 1814, and of the Surrogate Court, from 1794 until 1812, and drew half pay as a Captain until his death, which occurred in June, 1836, (born 1736), not from any bodily ailment, but, accidentally falling, his hip joint was broken; and from his great age the bones would not unite. Five members of this family died from the same cause, including Joseph, the elder son, and grandfather of Mrs. Johanna Hills. He served in his father's company during the Revolutionary War, and died in July, aged 95 years, having been 75 years on half pay. He was one of the "King's bad bargains."

There is a tile in the wall of the U. E. Loyalist Memorial Church at Adolphustown in memory of the late Capt. Samuel Anderson, placed there by three of his grandchildren, the late Rev. G. A. Anderson, of the Mohawk Reserve, Bay Quinte, and his sisters Mrs. Sophia Rowe and Mrs. H. D. Rowe.

The sixth son, Thomas Gummersall, was born at Sorel, on 12th Nov., 1779. He was a Volunteer or Cadet in his father's company and held his discharge under date 1783. In those days it was not unusual for the nurse-maid to say to her mistress, "The Major won't take his *pap* this morning, ma'am." The children of officers were from their birth placed on the strength of their regiments, and when interest could be made were permitted to fill vacancies. Hence commissions were granted to boys under ten years of age. This was intended as a gracious reward from the King to mark his approbation of the conduct of those who joined the British standard in the Revolutionary war.

In 1795 young Thomas G. Anderson was apprenticed to Mr. Thomas Markland, merchant, of Kingston, and remained with him five years, when he went with a Mr. Robert McKenzie, a fur trader, to the Mississippi river, and did good service at Prairie-du-Chien