

P. for York. Lieut. Radenhurst's mother was Anne Campbell, sister of Mary Campbell, and who married John Radenhurst, Esq., Clerk in the Commissary Department, Toronto. Geo. Radenhurst, Esq., Police Magistrate, Barrie, is a descendant. Thos. G. Ridout was Cashier of the old Upper Canada Bank from its inception in 1820 till his death in 1869. The writer was personally acquainted with him and from him obtained many incidents and occurrences of early days and strenuous war times. The late Lady Edgar was his daughter.

Penetanguishene Post is nearing the hey-day of its naval and military history. The Duke of Richmond took the oath of office as Governor-General of Canada on 30th July, 1818, and Sir Peregrine Maitland, his son-in-law, assumed the Lieut.-Governorship on Aug. 13th of the same year. About the same time, or a little later, the original block-house built by Col. Sir Geo. Head was superseded by a more pretentious log structure for the residence of the new Commander, also a dwelling, office and stable for the naval surveyor in preparation for the survey of the lakes.

It is fitting, just here, to pause on this the Centenary Anniversary of the death of Sir Isaac Brock, Canada's honored and cherished hero, and in a short review of his achievements to pay some slight tribute to his memory and to his energy and worth. Gen. Brock was essentially a man of action and by his initiative Penetanguishene and the command of Lake Huron, one of the numerous projects in the public interests, was set under way. As before stated Gov. Gore obtained leave of absence and Major Gen. Brock was appointed President and Administrator on 9th October, 1811, to act in succession during his absence. It will be remembered that by his direction the Military road was ordered to be surveyed in 1811. In a letter of Major-Gen. Brock to the Earl of Liverpool, he says: "I have directed a survey of a tract of land on Lake Simcoe, belonging to the Indians, to meet your views. The merchants are particularly anxious to obtain a route for their goods unconnected with American territory." This was dated York, Nov. 23rd, 1811. War was declared by the Americans on June 18th, 1812. Gen. Brock immediately sent a despatch to Capt. Roberts in command of St. Joseph's Island to organize an attack on Mackinaw, and by the 28th of July that stronghold was surrendered to the British. On Aug. 6th following Gen. Brock left York (Toronto) for Burlington Bay, crossed overland to Long Point, on the 8th embarked with 260 militia and 40 regulars in boats for Amherstburg, 200 miles