

to the beautifying of the town, or the advancement of its people. The Caledonia annual fair has become a landmark in Haldimand.

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## CHAPTER XVI

### THE LAST CANADIAN DUAL\*

AT THE close of the War of 1812, there settled on the Grand River a shrewd middle-aged Scotchman, by the name of John Norton, known in later days among the settlers as Col. Norton. Norton, like the majority of his countrymen, sought to improve his possessions, and seldom lost a chance to accomplish this purpose.

The great Mohawk, Chief Brant, was alive at this time and exercised unbounded influence among the Six Nation Indians, settled on the Grand River. The canny Scott, who was a real soldier of fortune, took a cool survey of the whole position of affairs, and laid his plans accordingly. Securing the friendship of the great Chief, he contrived to make him understand that he, John Norton, would not at all object to bestow his name on any dusky maiden, who was the possessor of a good token in silver, or broad lands. Brant assured Norton that if he selected a Squaw, his influence would be given at the Pow-Wows. He finally selected a very fine Squaw, the possessor of a

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\*A true story of love and tragedy on the Grand River.