

house, and the "Seceders," who erected and for many years worshipped in "The Old Log Church." Social, religious and race prejudices are not dissipated in a day, even in the free and levelling air of Canada, but some of them at least have virtually disappeared.

VII.

Nichol : Notes and Corrections

Mrs. James H. Black, of the Owen Sound Road, Nichol, is the possessor of an old map of Nichol, which she has kindly volunteered for the purposes of these sketches. It belonged originally to her late father, Mr. David Allan, of Allanbank, the well-known farm on the Owen Sound Road, and was drawn by Alexander Dingwall Fordyce, jr., in 1845, and lithographed by F. Sebenck, Edinburgh. No doubt a considerable number were printed and distributed, and several other copies are probably extant. On one side is the map of Nichol from which Miss Grant drew her manuscript one in 1848; outline plans on a small scale of the villages of Fergus and Elora; a view of each of these villages; a sketch showing the western peninsula; and a printed description of the township. On the other side is a detailed plan of part of the village of Fergus. This map is the earliest yet procured of the whole of Nichol. There is reason for conjecture, however, that Mr. Fordyce drew one as early as 1838. Mr. John Cadenhead's map of North Nichol is dated 1838, whereas Mr. Cadenhead appears not to have come to Canada till 1839. Hence it would seem that he either based his map on one drawn by somebody else in the previous year, or on the assessment roll of that year. It seems more likely that he had another map to draw from, and if such a map is still in existence it would be a satisfaction to know what it contains, more especially if it gives details of South Nichol.

The map of 1845 furnishes material for two or three articles on matters which it is now advisable to refer to, and first, the time is opportune to make certain corrections and additions to previous articles, to some of which errors and omissions correspondents have kindly called attention.

David Chalmers, "of Westburn, Aberdeenshire, Scotland," as the map of 1845 has it, seems to have purchased nearly a thousand acres of Nichol in 1835. He had land on both banks of the River at Aboyne mostly on the south bank, however, on the Broken Front. He also at one time owned the whole of lots 5 to 10 on the first concession. Lot 5 was deeded to John Watt and George Fergusson in 1857; lot 6 to John Moore in 1852; lot 7 to David Morice; and lots 8, 9 and 10 to Robert Shortreed in 1849.