

banks of beautiful Lake Ontario. The ground was thickly covered with underbrush and fallen trees, and required much work to make it ready for a campground. As soon as the decision was formed, and the place selected—before a blow was struck—the committee, with bared heads, knelt before God in the woods and invoked His blessing upon their undertaking. Then the Rev. Dr. Wakefield seized an axe and struck the first blow towards the clearing of the ground, and all the machinery was set in motion as quickly as possible to prepare for a successful meeting, which was to begin on the last Thursday in August, 1859. The men turned out in goodly numbers, with their teams, to draw lumber for the tents, the preachers' stand, the seats, and other things. The light-stands, or platforms, had to be erected, and dry pine roots and stumps gathered for their fires. The spring had to be cleaned out for water for the use of the campers, the board tents had to be built, and much arduous work done; but ministers and laymen alike took off their coats and rendered willing service until all was ready for the day of assembly.

The Rev. Dr. Wakefield was chosen to preach the first sermon, and his text was from 1 Kings, 18th chapter, 41st verse: "There is a sound of abundance of rain."

This meeting lasted about a week, and the results were very satisfactory. The people dispersed full of resolve to continue the good work begun here, and many revivals on the different circuits resulted.

From this time Grimsby Camp-meeting became an annual gathering, and until the fall of 1862, when there was no meeting there, but one at Niagara Falls South,