

CHAPTER IX.

THE GARRISON AND ITS PIONEERS.

In addition to the original block-house built by Colonel Head, Commander Roberts' establishment, Admiral Bayfield's residence and the Naval Depot, there had been built up to 1828: Mr. Wilson's shipwright's house, seaman's barracks, mess house, soldiers' barracks, hospital, guard house, Dr. Todd's surgeon's dwelling, Mr. Chile's (Clerk of Stores) dwelling, Lieut. Jackson's house and several artificers' dwellings, all of logs in crude pioneer style. The guard-house was located half way up the hill back of the naval depot. Admiral Bayfield's establishment was in the extreme north and the hospital in the extreme south, considerably isolated, while the remaining buildings were located at intervals between, occupying varying positions on the hill slope. In 1830 the original block-house had become too narrow and circumscribed in its quarters for the growing needs of naval and military expansion, especially since the recent transfer of the Drummond Island military forces and appointments to Penetanguishene. Accordingly, in that year the original log house, shingled from top to base, was superseded by a stone structure 60 x 180 feet, two stories high and square-roofed, situated between the site of the present Officers' quarters and the bay towards the west, affording an effectual command of the entrance to the harbor. The original block-house, or fort, was afterwards used as an annex or kitchen to the dwelling used by the military chaplain, Rev. G. Hallen, till his own parsonage was built, the residence latterly occupied by E. W. Murphy, so long a teacher in the "Ontario Reformatory for Boys." The old building was sometimes used by Mr. Hallen as a school-room, as some of the older residents still living remember attending Sunday School there, and which stood till after the 40's. The new barracks were built by Jacob Gill, and the Officers' quarters at the same time by Stephen Jeffery who had the contract for supplying stone for both, which he brought from Quarry Island in his own schooner, "Annie and Jane." Sergeant McCarthy, father of the late James McCarthy, who was a stone-cutter by trade, had the contract