

and passengers sooner than be taken back to suffer for their crimes. On arriving at Waterford a note was received on board from Mrs. Gowan's brother, Dr. Burkitt, inviting the family to stay at his house until the vessel should be repaired. After three weeks pleasantly spent at Dr. Burkitt's, the family again set sail for the New World, much against the wishes of their relatives. When but a short distance down the river, James, while fishing from the side of the vessel, ran a fish-hook in his thumb and was sent back to his uncle to have it cut out; he had hardly got on board again when a favourable wind sprang up and they were once more at sea. After a long and stormy passage they arrived at length at Quebec, and immediately continued their journey to Little York, now Toronto.

Mr. Gowan, after spending some time looking for a desirable place to locate, finally decided to purchase a large property in the Township of Albion, about thirty miles from Toronto. James remained at home for nearly a year, when his father decided to have him educated for the law, in preference to the medical profession.*

He was accordingly, on 12th December 1833, articled to the Hon. James Small, and throughout his whole course as a student was noted for

* James had a decided taste for surgery and medicine, and, while a law student in Toronto, he frequently attended the hospital to see important operations, and in after years he was a regular reader of medical journals, and found his knowledge in that direction of great service in his practice at the Bar.