

pay officers McMillan, Robertson, Powell, McKay, Sache, Alston, Frazer and Nichol were prominent. Few of these retired veterans engaged in any business, preferring to live upon their pensions and take the world easily. Usually they contrived to have what is called "a jolly good time," until death ended the scene. Mr. Boulton, Thomas Radenhardt and Daniel McMartin were lawyers of repute. John Wilson and Robert Lyon, two law-students, quarreled about a young lady and fought the last duel in Upper Canada. This was in June, 1833, a year before John Cameron founded the good old "Bathurst Courier," of which Sheriff Thompson, Charles Rice and the late George L. Walker were afterwards editors. Wilson sent the challenge, because Lyon slapped his face in the court house. At the second fire Lyon, who is said to have directed his second to load his pistol with peas, fell dead before assistance could reach him, pierced through the heart. The dreadful tragedy occurred on the right bank of the Tay, causing great excitement. Wilson hid a few days, then surrendered to the authorities, was tried and acquitted. He moved westward, rose to eminence at the law, was appointed to the bench, and ultimately became Chief Justice of Ontario. During his protracted judicial career he would never sentence a man to death, leaving the task to his colleagues. He bitterly mourned his participation in the duel, on each anniversary of which he would shut himself in his room to fast and pray and give vent to his sorrow. Young Lyon, a brother of Captain Lyon of Richmond and relative of Robinson Lyon of Arnprior, was tall, handsome, genial and exceedingly popular. He spent two nights in father's house the week before his untimely fate.

The modest little village had several humble school-houses, which would cut a sorry figure beside the present temples of learning. Messrs. Stewart, Hays, Kay and Tait taught the district school successfully, maintaining strict discipline. An important part of their duties was to sharpen the quills—steel pens had not been thought of—and set the copies of their pupils.