

The other wrecks, so far as known, are the "Bull Frog" (no connection with Commander Barrie's yacht "Bull Frog"), the "Bee," "Wasp," "Mosquito," "Fire Fly," and "Water Witch," all built in the naval dock-yard here and names all suggestive of a fine appreciation of the natural history features of the backwoods of Canada, and a vivid experience in contact with the same. These were all of small calibre and dimensions. The gun-boat "Bee" had the honor of sailing round Cabot's Head into Lake Huron with John Galt of the Canada Co. in 1827 for the purpose of examining the River Min-e-se-tung (Maitland) and the future site of Goderich. This expedition gave rise to that curious and amusing specimen of geographical "lore" in which the Admiralty issued an order to the Commander of the "Bee" to "convey Mr. Galt from Penetanguishene to Lake Huron in Lower Canada." It affords an interesting and instructive comment on the general business condition at that period, that so many of these discarded gun-boats, effective, sea worthy and costly, could not have been turned to account in the trade and commerce of the country, instead of being permitted to rot away in idleness.

Lady Edgar in "Ten Years of Upper Canada in Peace and War," page 107, details a conversation which took place in London, Eng., in 1811 between a young man and Governor Gore, who had just arrived from Canada on leave of absence, in which the latter remarked, that "the town of Penetanguishene, is coming on rapidly, that is, the North-West Co. intend carrying the trade through it and in a few years it will be of some consequence." It transpired also, through other sources, that "Young John Radenhurst of Toronto had been appointed to the command of a Co'y. in the 'Newfoundland Regiment.' " The first young man referred to was Thos. G. Ridout, of Toronto, then in training in a counting house of old London, who, in the following year, was appointed Deputy Commissary-General of Canada during the war of 1812 and was soon to become one of the prominent figures in that conflict. The other young man later became Lieut. Radenhurst who, under Lieut. Col. Worsley, commanded one of the boats in the attack which resulted in the capture of the "Scorpion" and "Tigress" on Lake Huron in 1814. The two young men were first cousins. Thos. G. Ridout's mother was Mary Campbell, daughter of Alexander Campbell, a U. E. Loyalist pioneer of Adolphustown, who married Hon. Thos. Ridout, Surveyor-General of Canada for many years and M.