

differently. Mr. Edward Byrnes of Barrie was a son of the late Sergeant Byrnes.

The 24th Regt. of Foot in 1852, commanded by Lieut. James, was the last Regt. stationed here. We have not been able to gather any particulars regarding this detachment, further than that Dr. A. R. Stephen was the Surgeon, he having been appointed Medical attendant for the enrolled pensioners who were here at the same time in command of Capt. Hodgetts, who figures as a witness to the marriage recorded in St. James' Register of Widow Mary Lloyd and Dr. Hore, who succeeded Surgeon Stephen.

A personal letter dated 1907 from the latter contains the following sketch of his career: Dr. A. R. Stephen was born in Kent, the son of a Waterloo veteran who carried the Regt. colors and was wounded in that historic battle. His father received a military appointment at Sorel in Quebec, and in time he himself received an appointment at the hands of Sir Benjamin Durban (D'Urban) as an ensign in the Incorporated Militia with a force detailed to guard the Welland Canal. He afterwards studied medicine and surgery and when qualified as a surgeon was appointed by Lord Cathcart about 1852 as Medical Officer to one hundred pensioners at Penetanguishene then in charge of Capt. Hodgetts. Soon after, the Canadian Government installed him as Medical attendant of the Indian tribes on Beausoliel Island whose chief was J. Aissance at that time, and who were shortly afterward removed to Christian Island. The pensioners were given ten acres of land each and provided with a house to live in, and were to enlist for four years and then retire. The scheme proved a failure as the land was well timbered and the men could not handle an axe. Dr. Stephen lived at the Garrison two years and then moved to the village where he remained another year. (The leading men then were: W. B. Hamilton and Alfred Thompson, merchants.) He then went to Collingwood, known then as the "Hen and Chickens," which the Northern Railway Co. had chosen as their terminus, and which was "boomed" as the future Chicago of Canada, having been christened Collingwood after the famous British Admiral. In coming to Penetanguishene, he took stage from Toronto to Holland Landing, then by boat to Orillia, from there by stage to Sturgeon Bay, thence by Steamer "Gore" to the Garrison. He went from Penetanguishene to Collingwood by boat, which we further learn was built by himself.

Surgeon Stephen was active in military affairs and be-