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ADOLPHUSTOWN (ONTARIO) MEMORIAL CHURCH.

winter in log huts, bark camps, and tents covered with spruce, or rendered habitable only by the heavy banks of snow which were piled against them. A number of persons died through exposure, and "strong, proud men," to quote the words of one who lived in those sorrowful days, "wept like children," and lay down in their snow-bound tents to die. The difficulties of the settlers appear to have been aggravated by doubts as to the location of their promised grants of land, and the coldness and jealousy with which they were received by the old settlers on the St. John River, who, in the majority of cases, had little sympathy with the resolute loyalty that had driven them from their old homes in the United States.

However, the provincial authorities, in accordance with their instructions, did their best to ameliorate the condition of the refugees. Supplies of the necessities of life were granted to the people for three years. At Port Roseway, now Shelburne, and at the mouth of the River St. John - to quote the words of Colonel Morse, in 1784 - "astonishing towns have been raised in less time, perhaps, than was ever known in any country before." Shelburne was for some years a place of great expectations, and had a population larger than that of Quebec and Montreal combined, but it transpired after a short and bitter experience that it

had none of the elements of stable prosperity, largely owing to the rugged nature of the country around it; and when the British Government stopped the supplies and withdrew the troops, its people began to leave and seek homes elsewhere in the provinces, and a few even in the United States. A pretty town now nestles by the side of the beautiful and spacious harbour which attracted the first ill-fated settlers, and its residents point out to the tourist the sites of the buildings of last century, one or two which still remain, and show you many documents and relics of the days when the old inhabitants were full of hope. Parrrtown was the first name of the infant settlement which became the city of St. John in 1785, when it wa