

7th October, 1804, and with him died his body servant, Simon Baker. Simon's brother John lived till 1871, and died in Cornwall, Ont. But he, and all Mr. Gray's other slaves were freed by his will, which is proved in the Surrogate Court at Toronto. Lieut.-Governor Sir A. Campbell favored the reader with a note as to slaves in Kingston, stating his interest in the subject, and concluding:—"I had personally known two slaves in Canada; one belonged to the Cartwright and the other to the Forsyth family. When I remember them in their old age, each had a cottage, surrounded by many comforts, on the family property of his master, and was the envy of all the old people in the neighborhood."

Sir Adam Wilson also informed the reader of two young slaves, "Hank" and "Sukey," whom he met at the residence of Mrs. O'Reilly, mother of the venerable Miles O'Reilly, Q.C., in Halton County about 1830. They took freedom under the Act of 1833, and were perhaps the last slaves in the Province.

NEGRO SLAVES ON OGDEN ISLAND.

A description was given of Ogden Island in New York State, in the St. Lawrence River, opposite Morrisburg, Ontario, a beautiful place of 1,000 acres, where about 1810 Judge David A. Ogden built a mansion, and resided in patriarchal state, having 25 negro slaves, part of the dowry of his wife, a North Carolina Lady. They were happy and contented, and though free to go and come to the Canada shore, none ever deserted. At the rear of this house and in the yard may be seen the "negro quarters." Some of these servants were voluntarily set free by Judge Ogden. One of them, an intelligent, amiable man, was known as "Old Uncle Kit" on both banks of the St. Lawrence. He became a clergyman of the African Episcopal Methodist Church, and pastor of the old Leonard street and now Bleeker street colored church, New York City, and passed among his colored brethren, till his death about 1880, as Rev. Christopher Rush.

It is pleasant now to look back three score and ten years and see these contented servants moving about the grounds, or in company with white masters, and guests of this old and honorable family, pulling out to fish, among the green islands, or with bows and firearms seeking game, then abundant in the neighborhood.

Nova Scotian Slavery was referred to. The system was never there abolished by Parliament, but was unsuited to the climate, and fell into desuetude. The like was the case in the other Maritime Provinces.