

pany and in the very centre of Brockville, the "City of the Thousand Islands."

The place, however was not long left unclaimed, for in the following year WILLIAM BUELL, another U. E. Loyalist, arrived and "took up land" as it was termed. He was followed shortly by CHARLES JONES, who occupied a section directly east of MR. BUELL'S. In a short time it was made a distributing point for government stores, the British government supplying the settlers with certain provisions and implements. This soon gave the little settlement prominence in the surrounding settlements, and it began to grow. The township or district surrounding was called Elizabethtown, and the village was known by that name, and also Buell's Bay, for a number of years, until the residents thought it deserved a more dignified title. But right here trouble arose. MR. BUELL and his friends insisted on calling the place Williamstown after the first settler, WILLIAM BUELL, while MR. JONES and his followers were equally certain that the most suitable name would be Charleston or Charlestown, after CHARLES JONES. This caused a serious feud, and so bitter did the dispute become, that it secured for the hamlet the derisive but deserved name of "Snarlingtown," from the surrounding settlers. In 1811, however, MR. BUELL stole a march on the JONES section by having his property surveyed and laid out in town lots, which he offered for sale. A map was published showing a plan of the town, setting aside ground for a court house, public square, etc., and calling the place Williamstown. MR. JONES was averse to following suit in this matter, as he did not care to sell his property, preferring to become a large