

It is dated 1846, and was given personally by Mr. Brown to Mr. Munro, when the former, in the day of small things, was on a canvassing tour for his paper, the name of which was soon after changed. Mr. Munro has been a regular reader of the journal ever since the first subscription, sometimes he and sometimes his father subscribing for it.

John Munro was a native of Banffshire, Scotland, and was by trade a carpenter. He taught that trade to the father of the present Lord Mountstephen, a cousin of whom married David, son of John Munro. The latter was an earnest and consistent Christian worker, even before he left the old country. One of the heirlooms his surviving children still show is a silver medal presented to their father on the eve of his departure for America, which on one side bears the following inscription: "John Munro, from his fellow teachers of the Northach Sabbath School, as a mark of esteem for his unwearied exertions as a teacher for six years." And on the other: Given at Dufftown, 27th March, 1832, by Al'r. Ragg, postmaster; Wm. Shand, joiner; Wm. Gordon, watchmaker; John Grant, auctioneer; James Dey, jr., joiner, with a sincere wish for his prosperity." Is not a token such as this of more real worth than many a trophy won on field of fame? Having bidden his family farewell for a time, John Munro arrived in the year of the cholera. Seeing people die all around him in Quebec and Montreal he pushed on to Upper Canada. He and John Malcolm (father of Mrs. A. Duncan, of Belwood, and grandfather of Mrs. James Lindsay, of Nichol, came up to Nichol and took up 200 acres apiece. Mr. Munro then returned to Toronto and worked at his trade there till his family came out, after which he was identified with the early history and progress, not only of Nichol, but largely of Fergus. He was one of the original Kirk Session of St. Andrew's Church, Fergus, which was opened in August, 1835, the other members being Messrs. Geo. Skene, Francis Anderson, Chas. Allan and Dr. P. B. Henderson, whose place was soon taken by A. Dingwall Fordyce, sr. He, with the rest of the Session, except Mr. Fordyce, went out with Mr. Snellie at the disruption in 1844, and assisted in founding Melville church. He was one of the first carpenters in Fergus. He and Mr. Andrew Burns had the contract for building the first Melville church. He died on his farm on the Fergus and Guelph road on July 23rd, 1866, aged 82 years. His widow, "who never missed a Communion since there was a Kirk in Fergus," died four years later at the age of 86 years.

The Munro family came out on "The Molson of Dundee," with the Dows and others. The voyage to Montreal lasted seven weeks, and it took a fortnight more to reach Hamilton. In the party were the mother, two sons, David and Alexander; three daughters: Ann, afterwards Mrs. David Black; Jean, afterwards Mrs. John Martin, of Mount Forest, and Margaret; and two aged relatives, David Dunbar, who was then 89 years old, and who lived six years in the bush; and