

died of peritonitis in the Military Hospital, Bloemfontein. Mingled with the terrible loss sustained is the feeling of satisfaction—not to say of pride—that he was true to the old flag, to the military history of his family, of his country and of Haldimand. From a human standpoint, it was his one ambition to serve these unto the end.

CHAPTER XV

TOWNS AND VILLAGES

“Show me a town where there’s perfect repose
An ideal place to wear out old clothes—
That’s Cayuga! as everyone knows.

CAYUGA is beautifully situated on the banks of the Grand River, at the head of navigation of this notable stream, about sixteen miles from its mouth. It is situated in the centre of the County of Haldimand, and is the county town. It is backed by the thickly populated agricultural district of great fertility and wealth, but until quite recently was not of great importance commercially. La-Salle was first attracted by the scenery on the Grand River, around Cayuga, and in our own time, Goldwin Smith places the picturesque beauty of the Grand River as first of its kind in Canada, while that of the Blue Mountains near Collingwood, and that of the Thousand Islands, comes second and third respectively. Part of the town, including the Gaol and Court House, is built upon the only hills in an otherwise flat country which extends for