

Chambers, and thence to anticipate the American army which had already inaugurated the war of 1812 by crossing the Detroit River. Near the Eau Claire his bold little contingent of Imperial troops and Canadian Militia had encamped; and from there was issued through A. D. C. J. G. Glegg his memorable general order of Pointe aux Pins, 12th August, 1812. "Old Mortality" places this historic camping spot at a point a few rods east of the mouth of Bisnett's Creek, where, in early years, grew on the dry bar at the lake the famous land-mark "Brook's Tree," a large elm bearing on its trunk the blazed record of the fact recited and which, years ago, fell as did its successor, from the wash of the lake, for the "Lone Tree" which until recently stood out several rods in the lake, and now lying prone along the water's edge, and well known to the past and present generation, and for years forming an interesting object to patriotic visitors to the beach, was not the original blazed elm around which Brock's soldiers bivouacked, but a sapling which grew up near the site of the former.

Along the old shore trail, patriots, enrolled as His Majesty's Loyal Canadian Militia, laboriously and dubiously strode its devious and brush-tangled length at the call of duty. And their enemies were not slow to follow. In the Crown Lands Department on the original map or plan of Romney is written the following: "The point A in front of No. 177 is the place where Capt. Holmes of the United States army left the field pieces and ammunition wagons a few days previous to the battle of Longwood in the time of the late war of 1812. The wagons were burnt and the field pieces deposited in the swamp by the Loyal Essex Militia, where they remained until the treaty of peace." A piece of history giving corroboration to the story of old settlers that at the bottom of the steep bank at the point referred to, a patrol or company of Canadian Militia, under command of a Dr. Mackenzie, of Colchester (?) surprised an American officer and a number of soldiers unloading ammunition and stores from boats, and attacked them with such determination as to put the invaders to inglorious flight. Men of Romney and Tilbury, plant a stake at this point!

The Talbot colonization scheme which had been inaugurated in Kent County as early as 1812 by the survey of the road and a double line of 200 acre lots as far as Lot 91, when operations were interrupted by the war outbreak, and where it is said Surveyor Burwell's instruments and stores fell a prey to American filibusters, was resumed in 1815, and the survey continued the same year nearly to the Raleigh line. Talbot Street is so named after its promoter, Col. Talbot. Its construction formed a condition of his agreement with the Government. He undertook to place on each lot of 200 acres a settler, to whom should be given a free title to 50 acres so soon as he had erected an 18x20 log house and cleared within twelve months 100 feet across the front, the balance of the lot being sold to the occupant at a mere nominal price. A draft agreement for the construction of this road (?) which old settlers say was completed by the father of Richard Green, of Howard, ends as follows:—"Make or cause to be made a road one rod wide, all trees of one foot and under to be cut even with the surface, and all fallen trees removed, all bridges to be built of sound logs fifteen feet wide, all causeways to be made with logs or facines fifteen feet wide, with a ditch at each end and covered with earth, to commence at the east line of the Township of Orford and thence to the Communication Road between the Town of Chatham and Pointe aux Pins, now laid out by order of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor; the whole of said road, bridges and causeways to be done, completed and finished by first of December next, 1816." On the reverse side of this draft is written an account dated 1821:—"Miss Dolly Wilcox to Elizabeth Dolsen; in which the prices of the period for the follow-

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