

the allotment of land in Upper Canada after the survey had been made. Up to this time the territory which now forms the Province of Ontario was a dense wilderness. The survey began in 1783, and the settlement by the Loyalists in the following year.

The medical men who gave professional attendance to the English-speaking people living in Canada after the conquest, were at first mostly, if not altogether, British surgeons attached to the army or navy. As the number of English in the Province increased, the doctors connected with the service could not give the medical attention required. Some surgeons retired from the service and engaged in civil practice; and a few came from the Old Country to settle as private practitioners. The stamp of Englishmen who thus first practised medicine in Canada was as good as British medical education could at that time produce. That they were not wanting in knowledge, and a desire to introduce the latest discoveries in medicine, is sufficiently attested. One instance of this may be given. The *Quebec Gazette*, Sept., 1768, contains the following reference to the inoculation of small-pox, which was then receiving in England a good deal of attention :

*"To the Inhabitants of Quebec.*

"Mr. Latham, surgeon to the King's (or Eighth) Regiment of Foot, acquaints the inhabitants of Quebec that before he left England he entered into partnership with Mr. Sutton for inoculation. The great success, and the many thousands Mr. Sutton has inoculated by his invention and new method, induced Mr. Latham to become his partner, in order that he may be of some use to mankind in this part of the world. Mr. Latham, some days ago, inoculated some soldiers belonging to the regiment to which he has the honour to be surgeon, by which means he has procured sufficient infection for those who chuse to be inoculated. All poor persons, who are not able to pay, and who are desirous of being inoculated, may apply to Mr. Latham, who will inoculate, attend, and give them medicine gratis. Mr. Latham practises midwifery. He is to be spoken to at his house, upon the Battery, Upper Town." On the 3rd of November following, Dr. Latham announced "that as there