

SESSIONAL PAPER No. 15

the government of that day appointed a commission, with power to call upon all persons in the district to bring to them such deeds, mortgages, &c., as might be in their possession, so that copies might be made and the records thus preserved. The documents copied at this time are contained in two large volumes now in the Registry Office at St. Catharines, and known as 'Commissioners' Books.'

CHRYSLER PAPERS.

These papers, which are in the possession of Mrs. Chrysler of Niagara Falls, form a somewhat voluminous and very interesting collection. They date back to 1775, when John and Adam Chrysler, U.E. Loyalists, left the United States and came to Canada, settling in the Niagara district. John and Adam Chrysler were brothers of the Chryslers who located in Dundas county about the same time, and on whose farm the battle of Chrysler's Farm was fought. The more important of these papers are being copied for the Dominion Archives by Miss Chrysler.

HAMILTON PAPERS.

In the old Hamilton home at Queenston, the documents and papers left by the family still remain. The Hamilton family was very prominent in the commercial, military, political and social life of the Niagara district during the latter part of the eighteenth and the earlier part of the nineteenth century. Some of the members took a prominent part in the war of 1812-15. Permission has been obtained from the representatives of the Hamilton estate to examine these papers, but this cannot be done until next summer.

CHEWETT PAPERS.

These belong to the estate of Wm. Chewett, Surveyor General of Upper Canada during the early part of the nineteenth century, and are in the possession of his descendants in Toronto and in England. They are being collected, and will be presented to the Archives.

JOHN WILLSON PAPERS.

Mr. Frank Willson, of Beaver Dams, Niagara district, has quite a large collection of papers dating back to 1775. These were carefully examined, and found to contain accounts, receipts, mortgages, deeds, bonds, &c.

UPPER PAPERS.

These belong to the family of the late Col. Upper, of Allanburg, Niagara district, and go back to a very early date. Mr. Upper will hand them over to Mr. J. H. Thompson, President of the Thorold and Beaver Dams Historical Society, who will forward them to the Archives for examination.

TUCKER PAPERS.

These are in the possession of Mr. Baruch Tucker, of Allanburg, and date back to very early days. They will also be handed over to Mr. Thompson to be forwarded to the Archives.

BRENNAN PAPERS.

Mr. E. H. Brennan, of Welland, has a number of papers dealing with Indian affairs. They are copies only, and will not be copied at present.