

ing manner in the published Journal of Rev. Peter Jones, (Toronto, 1860). When the Matchedash Chief who had three wives, "all drie broders," as he called them in broken English, was asked what he would do, replied "I have embraced Christianity and am willing to do as you say." So he agreed to keep the first and release two of his wives and support their children. The discarded wives agreed likewise, saying they wished to serve the Great Spirit. Chief Ke-ne-wah-senoo, a brother of Chief Yellowhead, had two wives and as he wished to be enrolled with the Christians, he left the choice with the last wife whom he discarded agreeably to her decision. (Rev. Peter Jones' Journal, pp. 151-2). Chief John Assance was one of the Signatories to the Penetanguishene surrender of 1798, and grandfather of the late David Assance of Christian Island. He fell from his canoe while intoxicated, and was drowned in three feet of water near Penetanguishene in 1847.

The next year, 1831, Rev. Peter Jones spent mostly travelling and lecturing in the U.S., securing funds in aid of Canadian Indian missions. His visit here in 1832 has been recounted in previous pages. His last visit in 1833 at the annual distribution of presents was via Mackinaw, Sault Ste. Marie and Manitoulin embarking at Buffalo on the Steamer "Henry Clay."

CHAPTER XVI.

DRUMMOND ISLAND AND EARLY STEAMBOATS.

Drummond Island, to which frequent references have been made, is situated in the northern part of Lake Huron and was formerly Canadian territory to which the British forces under Col. Robt. McDouall retired, when on July 18th, 1815, Mackinaw was restored to the Americans, after the War of 1812-15. It forms therefore a very interesting connecting link between Mackinac and Penetanguishene, with both of which, it was at various times intimately connected. The Island was purchased by the British military authorities from the Potaganassee Indians on the ratification of peace in 1815. (See Canadian Archives for 1896, p. 89; also 1898, pp. 234-35). The Potaganassee was a tribe speaking a dialect of the Pottawattamies who formerly roamed the northern and western shores of Lake Michigan. Hon. Thos. Ridout, sometime Surveyor-General of Canada, met a Pottawattamie chief as