

at which the great assembly feasted together. There were over two thousand persons present to enjoy the programme of band music and speeches from the eloquent men who graced the platform. Two of them belonged to the famous Ryerson family. They were Egerton and William, whose names are still remembered. On this occasion the latter gave one of his masterpieces and the great congregation was spell-bound by his fervid eloquence. The meeting was a great success.

Grimsby Camp-Meeting came into existence in 1859. In the autumn of 1858 a camp-meeting for the Hamilton District was held on the farm of Mr. Camp, near Smithville. The Rev. Samuel Rose was Chairman of the District, and had charge of the meeting, which was attended by persons from the whole Niagara Peninsula, then included in the Hamilton District,

At the next Conference the Hamilton District was divided and the Niagara District formed, with the Rev. Samuel Rose, who was stationed at Thorold, as its Chairman. Early in the Conference year a committee was formed to select a ground and make the needful preparation for a camp-meeting for the new district. This committee was composed of the Revs. Samuel Rose, Michael Fawcett, John Wakefield, and John Shaw, and the following laymen, John B. Bowslaugh, David Houser and Jacob Beamer. This committee met at the house of Mr. Bowslaugh, and after some discussion selected the ground where Grimsby Park now is.

There were many things to be considered in the selection, such as a suitable ground, good water, available pasturage for horses, a sympathetic neighborhood, and plenty of pine roots and wood for lights. All these things seemed to combine in the spot chosen on the