

APRIL 10, 1825.

Died in the gaol of Montreal, Samuel B. Sheldon, aged 30 years.—*Monthly Register*, 1825.

Judge Mackay has written as a foot note,
"Imprisoned for debt."

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On the green sward in front of the court house at Perth, Ont., are two brass field-pieces (three-pounders), to which an interesting history is attached. They were originally taken from the French by the Duke of York, in Flanders, and did service for the British in the American war; when they were taken from General Burgoyne at the battle of Saratoga. They were retaken from the Americans by the British at the battle of Chrysler's Farm, on the 11th Nov., 1813, which Mr. Marrion's father took part in, and Mr. Marrion himself,* then a youngster of about seven years old, was an eye-witness. He relates how the women and children belonging to the troops engaged in the fight were sent down Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence in *bateaux*, and the one in which he was with his mother was struck in the bow by a round shot, which fortunately did no injury to those on board. With a boy's curiosity, and of course not knowing the danger he was in, he crawled up the bank, under which the *bateau* was moored, to close to where his father's regiment was, and from there he saw the repulse of the American dragoons when they attempted a passage across a bridge.

In the same year (1813) Mr. Marrion crossed Lake Ontario from Kingston to Niagara with Mr. Peter White, the pioneer settler of Pembroke, in the man-of-war "Earl of Moira," with the 49th regiment on board..

The two guns, before alluded to, have still the original trails and axles, and they bear the inscription on the breech: "J. & R. Verbruggan, fecerunt 1775 and 1776,"—showing by

* Still living.