

or two (*e.g.*, Taranto) as may happen with a strange term taken down by ear.

In 1793, the site of the trading post known as Toronto, was occupied by troops drawn from Niagara and Queenston. At noon on August 27th, 1793, the first royal salute was fired from the garrison there, and responded to by the shipping in the harbour, in commemoration of the change of name from Toronto to York, a change intended to please the King, George III., through a compliment offered to his son Frederick, Duke of York.

Accordingly, on the 26th of August, we find the following General Order issued :—"York, Upper Canada, 26th of August, 1793. His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor having received information of the success of his Majesty's arms, under His Royal Highness the Duke of York, by which Holland has been saved from the invasion of the French armies,—and it appearing that the combined forces have been successful in dislodging their enemies from an entrenched camp supposed to be impregnable, from which the most important consequences may be expected ; and in which arduous attempts His Royal Highness the Duke of York and His Majesty's troops supported the national glory :—It is His Excellency's orders that on the rising of the Union Flag at twelve o'clock to-morrow a Royal Salute of twenty-one guns is to be fired, to be answered by the shipping in the Harbour, in respect to His Royal Highness and in commemoration of the naming this Harbour from his English title, York. E. B. Littlehales, Major of Brigade."

These orders, we are to presume, were punctually obeyed ; and we are inclined that the running up of the Union Flag at noon on Tuesday, the 27th day of August, and the salutes which immediately reverberated through the woods and rolled far down and across the silvery surface of the Lake, were intended to be regarded as the true inauguration of the Upper Canadian YORK.