

his home here for several years, and many associations were to make the place dear to him. Indeed, a good night's rest and a bright sun the following morning had already made Peterboro more interesting and attractive. 'Went out with the doctor to see the town,' he says. 'There are some good shops, and a large court-house and cells which we went through. There were one debtor, a man and wife condemned for burning a house, and a lunatic here, this being the prison for the whole district of Colbourne. The place looks very well down about the river, which is more than half the size of the Clyde at Glasgow. A small steamer plies between Peterboro and Rice Lake. Part of this town is on the other side of the river, which is crossed by a wooden bridge. It contains about two thousand inhabitants.'

The following day Sandford and David drove out to Mud Lake with Dr. Hutcheson, calling at different farm-houses where the doctor had patients. For several miles from Peterboro the land was cleared and good farms under cultivation; the houses were only log shacks, but the farmers appeared to be prosperous. A visit was paid to an Indian village at Mud Lake, and the young Scotch lads were for the first time brought face to face with a live Indian chief in the person of Peter Noggy.

About two months were spent very pleasantly in the little town on the banks of the Ottonabee; not idle days by any means. The lads had been brought up in a community that abhorred idleness, and there were innumerable opportunities of usefulness about the home of the good doctor. Still they found time for fishing excursions, picnics, and rambles about the country, in which they discovered many familiar acquaintances among the birds and flowers of the Canadian woods, and many too which were altogether unfamiliar.

Congenial friends were also found among the families of Peterboro, including members of the talented Strickland family, Catherine Parr Traill, her sister, Susanna Moody, and their brother, Major Strickland. Here, by the picturesque waters of the Ottonabee and in the neighbouring woods,