

A CHRONICLE
OF
ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY ON THE HUMBER.

THE Province of Upper Canada, now known as the Province of Ontario, in the Dominion of Canada, was first set off from the Province of Quebec, and established as a separate colony by the Imperial Act 31st Geo. 3rd, Ch. 31, (A.D. 1791.)

Its first Governor, Colonel John Graves Simcoe, (who was afterwards a Lieutenant-General in the British Army.) was appointed in the winter of that year, and at the same time Peter Russell, Esq., was appointed by Commission to administer the Government of the Province in the absence of its Governor.

Governor Simcoe, accompanied by Mr. Russell and other officials for the new colony, sailed from London on the 1st May, 1792, bringing with him the constitution of the Province, and arrived at Kingston, a French fort formerly called Frontenac, in the July following.

John Denison, the head of the Denison family of Toronto, who in his younger days had been a Lieutenant in the 2nd York Militia (afterwards the 65th Regiment of the Line) for seven years on active service, was an intimate friend of Mr. Russell, who had retired from the army as a Captain, having served as Military Secretary to General Sir Henry Clinton in America during the revolutionary war. Mr. Russell's sister and Sophia Denison, the wife of John Denison, had been friends from childhood.

Through the influence of Mr. Russell and his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Denison were induced to leave England with their