

whereon stands Woodstock College, and of which thirty-six acres are now owned and occupied by the college.

In the year 1812, Mr. Burtch married the daughter of Peter Teeple, J.P., who, during his residence here, married between 400 and 500 persons under the then existing laws, which authorised magistrates to marry persons, if not within 18 miles of the residence of an Anglican clergyman. A story is told in Shens-ton's Gazetteer that a couple applied to Squire Horner to be married, who, on figuring out the distance to the nearest clergyman's, found it to be only  $15\frac{1}{2}$  miles. The bridegroom suggested that they walk  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles in an opposite direction; this the squire agreed to, and there, standing on a fallen tree, made them one.

The issue of the marriage with Susan Teeple—Mr. Burtch's first wife—was two daughters and three sons; born in his own home on lot number 18, near where the present homestead stands. Belinda married the Rev. W. H. Landon, but died in 1837. Henrietta married John Blow, and, also, died in 1837. William married, but both he and his wife died many years before the father. Reuben Hamilton married twice, and both wives are dead. Henry Teeple Burtch married Mary Galloway, in 1843; and both live near Woodstock College.

On the 5th of June, 1824, Mrs. Archibald Burtch died, and on the 28th of October of the same year he married Jane Blow, who, at the age of 92, now lives with her step-son, "Deacon Burtch," in the old homestead, as before stated. "Grandma" proved not only a faithful wife and mother to his motherless children, but a "mother in Israel" in the truest sense, and one whose energy, zeal and hospitality were co-ordinate with her husband's in every good work and Christian enterprise. So great was their hospitality that their house became the stopping place of all new settlers and travellers, on what had become a public road through the Province—the Governor's road—and it became a serious drain on the resources of the household. To remedy this latter feature, they were induced to open a tavern and general boarding-house; and this is said to have been the first and only hotel in the settlement for some years thereafter.

In those days whiskey was the general beverage, and the price being but twelve to fifteen cents per gallon, few people refrained from using it, and no one questioned the propriety of