

"On graduation, Dr. Taylor went into partnership with his father at Aylesham, where he remained until June, 1839, when he emigrated to Canada, and practised for a year in Montreal. During the summer season he had a paying practice waiting on English emigrants, but in winter he had little to do, and spent his summer earnings. He therefore determined to leave, and came to Ernesttown. Here, and in the adjacent villages of Camden, Wilton and Portland, he practised for twenty-six years, sixteen of which were spent in the latter place. He endured all the hardships incident to the practice of medicine in a Canadian pioneer settlement, and never refused to attend a poor patient. He was held in high esteem, socially and professionally. The poverty of his patrons bore hardly on him at times, and more than once his chattels were sold for debts contracted for medical supplies. He did not take out a Canadian diploma, and he was once hauled up for practising without a license, but the validity of his English diploma was maintained, and he was acquitted. For a time he kept three horses hard at work in making his professional calls. In earlier years he frequently travelled on foot, by the aid of a compass, between points where there was not even a foot-path. On one occasion, while waiting on a woman in confinement in a lonely house, a large pack of wolves crossed the door-yard in full cry.

"Dr. Taylor never took an active interest either in municipal or provincial politics. For three years, however, he was Master of the Orange Lodge in Portland, while for twelve years he was a member of the Sons of Temperance in Wilton. Rum and whiskey were the common beverage of the people, the former selling at 3s 6d per gallon, and the latter for 6d per gallon, in Kingston. In 1867 or '68, he removed to the township of Brook, Lanark County, where he remained a few years, but did not practise much. September 25, 1875, he settled in Ryerson Township, Parry Sound District, near to where a son was living. It is astonishing the amount of professional work, travelling for the most part on foot, he has done in Ryerson and vicinity. To-day, March, 1890, his memory is good, walks without a cane, and shaves himself. About seven years ago the writer met Dr. Taylor in consultation, he having walked that day fourteen miles to meet him. At that time, he fre-