

CHAPTER III.

THE WALKLEY HOUSE.

[1865-1867.]

THE house thus rented, having somewhat of an historical interest, a few details regarding it may not be out of place. It was built about 1833 by Enoch Walkley, one of Bytown's oldest residents, who owned a brick-yard where the Drill Hall and Militia Stores now stand, and made bricks, as did many others afterwards, from the clay dug up from the bottom of the Canal. At that time there was a "forced road" running through the Sparks property from where Parker's dye-house now stands, in a south-easterly direction, to where Laurier Ave. now crosses Bank Street. This road was afterwards called Elizabeth Street. On the west side of this road, Mr. Walkley bought land from Mr. N. Sparks on which to build his house, probably thinking it would always remain as it was; but when Bank Street was laid out at right angles to Sparks Street, and Elizabeth Street done away with, his house was out of line. Mr. Geo. Drummond, in his "Reminiscences of the Forties," says: "A solitary brick house stood prominently on a rising knoll on the vast common south of this (Sparks Street). It was a grand house in the olden time, and many a grand dinner party was given there." The Rogersons, Scotts, Grahams and others of Bytown's lead-