

tower. There are some good churches, one a new Gothic structure, and a large plain college.' This was Fleming's first glimpse of Queen's College, of which he was many years later to become Chancellor.

The same evening they took passage on the *Princess Royal*, bound for Toronto, accompanied by several of their acquaintance from the *Brilliant*, who had come on ahead to Kingston. The *Princess Royal* was crowded with emigrants, chiefly Irish, an advance guard of the great exodus of 1847. At Cobourg they took leave of their friends, who were going on to Toronto, and turned north to their destination, Peterboro. 'Cobourg', says the diary, 'is a nice little town, and apparently thriving very well.' The lads were struck with the curious resemblance that this town, some seven hundred or eight hundred miles inland, bore to a seaport, and the novel experience of a limitless horizon on these inland waters.

A Peterboro farmer returning from Cobourg furnished a convenient means of transport. The luggage was tumbled into his wagon, and off they started. The first few miles were over a rough road, nothing much more than a track through the bush. Then they struck the corduroy road from Port Hope to Rice Lake. The elder, ambitious to drive the wagon over this pioneer highway, so different from the carefully-built roads of the old land, managed to get into a deep rut and was pitched headlong into the ditch. This experience satisfied him for the time, and he was glad to hand the reins over to the farmer, more accustomed to the eccentricities of Upper Canadian roads. They arrived at Peterboro about sun-down, where they had a warm welcome from their kinsman, Dr. Hutcheson, one of the pioneer settlers of the county of Peterboro. The journey from Quebec to Peterboro, which can now be made in ten hours, took them over eleven days!

Peterboro did not impress Fleming very favourably when he got his first sight of the town. 'It looks rather a poor little place, the stumps of trees still in the middle of the streets, a wooden house here and there, with a few good villas with verandahs in the suburbs.' But he was to make