

near their junction with Edward Street. Two or three trees have grown up on the deserted site where for many years vitrified portions of brick were seen scattered about. Stephen Jeffery was a prominent figure in Penetanguishene during its busiest naval and military period and his family at one time occupied a large place in the affairs of the town and the history of its progress. Stephen Jeffery, the founder of the Jeffery family, was born in Cornwall, Eng., whence he with his brother Joseph came to Canada in 1827, settling near York (Toronto) in the Home District. There is a venerable, well-built stone mansion near the Humber River, which has an interesting history, and is known as the Jeffery Mansion, but we have not been able to trace any connection between the two families. Shortly afterwards Joseph Jeffery went west and has never been heard from since. Stephen Jeffery, it is also stated, spent a short time in the Niagara District. In the fall of 1829 he sailed the first vessel through the Welland Canal on its being opened for traffic and coasted around to Penetanguishene, where he engaged in a contract with the government for supplying stone for building the Officers' quarters and the Soldiers' barracks. Official records inform us that the Welland Canal was opened for traffic on the 27th Nov., 1829, and that the first vessel, the schooner "Annie & Jane," of York, Upper Canada, Capt. J. Voller, left Port Dalhousie on the same date, arriving at Buffalo on 2nd Dec., 1829. It will be interesting information and probably news to many to learn that the route of the original Welland Canal was from Port Dalhousie to Port Robinson on the Welland River, thence down the Welland River or Chippewa Creek to Chippewa, where it forms the junction with the Niagara River and up that river to Buffalo. The second vessel which passed the canal, as we learn, was the schooner "R. H. Boughton" of Youngstown, N.Y., following immediately after, "precedence," it says, "being given to the British boat." In the Canadian Archives Report, 1898, page 202, a dispatch from Maitland to Earl Bathurst, dated Nov. 8th, 1829, contains a petition from the Welland Canal Company for a grant of land, but objection is taken as to the route of the canal, also that half the stock is subscribed in the U.S. The above facts are reminders that loyalty and patriotism insisted on due recognition in the early days.

Mr. Jeffery has left no record as to the time occupied in coasting around to Penetanguishene, but his arrival must have verged close on Dec. 10th, either way, which points to a rough