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THE LATE JOHN DIBBLE, ESQ.

Two weeks ago we had to record the death of John Dibble, Esq., at the ripe old age of 92 years. We did not then possess data necessary for the notice we desired to make on the death of this estimable gentleman, whose life, extending back to the early days of the settlement of the Province, was a life of almost unbroken activity and industry, and one which was a credit to the Province.

John Dibble was born in the Parish of Kingston, Kings Co., on the 3rd of March, 1787, and was brought to Woodstock in the following year. His father, one of the Loyalists, was the late Rev. Frederick Dibble, of the Parish of Kingston, and the settlement extending upriver as far as the Arnots.

Mr. Dibble's first school master was Mr. York from whom, with the limited assistance then available, assisted by his father and supplemented by his personal determined self-application, he obtained his education.

On removing to this district, the family obtained a rude log house, covered with bark standing on the river bank, immediately in front of the site of the hotel, and which later the subject of this notice died, and which later he assisted in building, is being sufficiently finished for occupancy in 1881.

On January 1st, 1813, he went to Fredericton, as Lieutenant, with the first draft of militia, and was the command of Capt. afterwards Col. Ketchum, who was the grand-father of the present Lt.-Col. R. B. Ketchum.

Portions of this career were enrolled in the celebrated 104th regiment which, winter (1813), snowed through the woods to Canada on snow shoes.

Mr. Dibble was one of the Commissioners who laid the railway road through the site of the present Town of Woodstock, which was then all a wilderness.

In May, 1826, he was appointed a Justice of the Peace and of the Quorum for the then County of York; he qualified in 1827 and in 1830, for the first time, attended the Court of Sessions at Fredericton.

He was a Justice of the Peace for the new County of Carleton and in 1833 attended the first general session held, for Carleton, at the residence of the late Joseph Harvey, at Upper Woodstock.

He had command, as Major, of the militia called out for active service, from Feb. 2nd to March 12th, 1839, when Col. Allan came up and took command until the disembarkment on April 10th.

Subsequently he retired with the rank of Lieut. Colonel of Militia, and was appointed Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, which was senior Judge for several years prior to the incorporation of the County.

Among the public meetings at which Mr. Dibble actively participated, and which being so recalled suggest many recollections of local and general interest, was one held in 1842 to petition the Queen on the subject of the railway.

He was one of the 1846 to meet a Railway delegation, from St. Andrews, consisting of Col. Hatch, John Wilson and James Brown. All of these gentlemen died many years previous to the death of Mr. Dibble, who alone, of the five, lived to see the great undertaking, a railway from St. Andrews to Canada, which, on the 26th October, 1846, they discussed with the people of Woodstock, and about which their words, in its most important lines, a fact happily accomplished.

In 1848 Mr. Dibble sat in special sessions called to distribute five hundred pounds appropriated by the Legislature for the relief of those made destitute owing to a failure of the crops.

Wm. Mr. Dibble was thus called to take an active part in public relations with the militia, the magistracy and other matters of general concern, in all of which he discharged his duty faithfully and yet without ostentation, his favorite employment was agriculture.

His father in his diary refers to him as John J. in 1793, as John J. in 1800, as John J. in 1810, as John J. in 1820, as John J. in 1830, as John J. in 1840, as John J. in 1850, as John J. in 1860, as John J. in 1870, as John J. in 1880, as John J. in 1890, as John J. in 1900, as John J. in 1910, as John J. in 1920, as John J. in 1930, as John J. in 1940, as John J. in 1950, as John J. in 1960, as John J. in 1970, as John J. in 1980, as John J. in 1990, as John J. in 2000, as John J. in 2010, as John J. in 2020, as John J. in 2030, as John J. in 2040, as John J. in 2050, as John J. in 2060, as John J. in 2070, as John J. in 2080, as John J. in 2090, as John J. in 2100, as John J. in 2110, as John J. in 2120, as John J. in 2130, as John J. in 2140, as John J. in 2150, as John J. in 2160, as John J. in 2170, as John J. in 2180, as John J. in 2190, as John J. in 2200, as John J. in 2210, as John J. in 2220, as John J. in 2230, as John J. in 2240, as John J. in 2250, as John J. in 2260, as 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