

## JOHN REID

Robert Reid came to Canada from Ireland in 1822, and settled in the Township of Douro near Auburn, in the County of Peterboro, U. C., where he was granted 1,200 acres of land on condition that he settled it within five years. His residence was about two miles north-east of the City of Peterboro.



John had three brothers, William, Henry and James, also several sisters. One sister Frances married Stewart, and the Stewarts came out to Canada with the Reid's from Belfast in the sailing frigate "George" landing in Quebec.

There is another tradition in the family that John's father, Robert, gave the following valedictory when bidding him good-bye at the Liverpool docks: "Well John you are a full fledged professional man now and going to Canada to make your fortune. There's your steamship ticket to Canada, and there's £50 to keep you go-

ing. John, I am an old man and will never see you again in this world, so John, remember the last words of your old father. John, remember these three bits of advice, Fear God, honor the Queen, and John when you get to Canada never trust any of those d—— Methodists."

It is quite probable that it was Robert's father gave this advice to his son Robert.

John Reid was born in Ireland about 1807. He was a clever man, well educated. He qualified as a Deputy Land Surveyor on March 3rd, 1837, and continued to practice his profession and prosecuted farming operations in Duro until the close of his life.

In 1842 he married Frances Hilton. They had one son, Robert W., now living in Peterboro unmarried, and four

daughters, Catharine, Frances, Elizabeth, now dead, and Louisa N., unmarried, living in Peterboro. A. F. Hilton of Trenton, is a nephew of Frances. John Reid died at Peterboro in August, 1883.

The following incident has been contributed by Mr. C. H. Clementi, whose father was a contemporary of Mr. Reid's.

When hunting in the Township of Burlough, Mr. Reid wounded a black bear. The enraged bear hugged him until Mr. Reid's ribs cracked, but the bear succumbed to its injuries before ripping Mr. Reid in pieces. Mr. T. B. Clementi who was present asked Reid if he thought the bear did it on purpose, and Reid replied "Why you ——, ——, of course the bear did it on purpose. Did you think he was trying to kiss me?"