

TO THE EDITOR,
The Cobourg Daily Star.

During the latter part of June, the writer while on a stroll down Division Street, towards the lake, observed sewer excavation work in progress below Albert Street. To the south of the former freight sheds, large pieces of old timber had been cast aside and apparently came from the excavation. One piece in particular had been a tree log some eighteen inches to two feet in diameter with the rounding edges still intact. The top and bottom edges showed broadaxe marks leaving a log approximately twelve inches thick. These pieces of timber, without doubt, had been part of the first crib of the East Pier and installed in the lake in the year 1829.

An Act was passed on the 20th of March, 1829, by the Upper Canada Legislature "To Improve the Navigation of Lake Ontario, by Authorizing the Construction of a Harbour at Cobourg by a Joint Stock Company." "The President, Directors and Company of the Cobourg Harbour" was composed of local business men and without any outside financial aid proceeded at once to construct the Cobourg Harbour. It is reported that a landing pier of sorts had been erected to the south of Third Street earlier, but the start of the Cobourg Harbour took place at this spot on Division Street, a short distance below Charles Street and between the present Parks Board storage shed and the tourist camp.

The writer returned to this place a week later to have a closer look at the old timbers, but by this time they had been removed.

In the latter part of the year 1832, the Cobourg Steamboat Company was organized and proceeded at once to build a steam boat that was later named "COBOURG". A ship building yard was set up on the Cobourg Beach adjacent to the Harbour Company's pier for this purpose.

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Here are two important historical events that took place at this location on Division Street. The writer believes these two events rate an historical marker that should be erected on Division Street adjacent to the tourist grounds.

Yours very truly,



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