

THE STAGE COACH

The first public vehicle to travel Canada's roads was the caleche. It was described as being "a gig upon grasshopper springs with a seat for two passengers; the driver occupies the site of the dashboard, with his feet on the shafts, and in close proximity to the horse, with which he maintains a confidential conversation throughout the journey, alternately complimenting him and upbraiding him and not failing to impress him with his many virtues." It was also described as being high, creaky and shaky.


The first stage coach from Kingston to York went on January 1st, 1817, using a converted sleigh. Fare was eighteen dollars (converted from ~~£~~ currency), and 28 pounds of luggage was allowed.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DRIVER</u>	<u>TERRITORY COVERED</u>	<u>SERVICE EACH WAY</u>
1817	Samuel Purdy	Kingston to York	Once weekly
1823	J. Powers	Kingston to York	Winter, uncertain
1827	Jonathon Ogden	Bay of Quinte to York	Twice Weekly
1827	Jonathon Ogden	Kingston to York (winter)	" "
1829	William Weller	Carrying Place to York	" "
1841	William Weller	Kingston to York	Six times weekly

There were many problems when travelling by stage. Robbery of mail and passengers on Upper Canada stage coaches was reported as early as 1821. A coach upset near Trenton in 1828 when the driver fell asleep and the unguided horses wandered off the road in search of water.

...to his identity! Summons was immediately arrested, and the servant girl brought in as a witness. Her testimony more strongly strengthened the suspicion of the guilt of the accused son. She stated that she went into the kitchen limping, having stepped on a nail. Jim Summons was there, and told her to get a piece of fat bacon and put it on the wound, and it would get well. She went and got a piece of bacon and returned to the kitchen with it, when Summons told her that it was not big enough, she must go and get a larger piece, and on her return, saw Jim Summons shaking the tea kettle, which he had taken off the stove. The accused, under these strong convicting circumstances, was remanded to jail for further examination. In conclusion, it may not be improper to add that an inquest was held by Coroner Lowry, upon the body of Mrs. Reeves, and that the jury returned a verdict that she came to her death by poison administered by James B. Summons. —[Cincinnati Commercial, July 22.]

## VICTORIA Daily Line of Mail Stages.

1849.  1849.

*The Cheapest, Shortest, and most Expedient route, between Peterboro' and Lake Ontario.*

**T**HE Proprietors, in returning their sincere thanks to their friends and the public generally, for the liberal support they have received since they commenced their Line of Mail Stages, beg leave to state, that at a GREAT EXPENSE, they have completed the same; and they hope by moderate charges and unremitting attention, to merit a continuance of the patronage heretofore so liberally bestowed upon them.

One of the above line of Stages will leave Cobourg daily at 8 o'clock A. M., and Port Hope at 9 o'clock, for Peterborough. RETURNING: Will leave Peterborough at 9 o'clock A. M., for Port Hope and Cobourg daily (Sundays excepted) calling at all the principal hotels in the above towns, and if required, at private residences for passengers.

Applications as to fare, &c., may be made at the principal hotels in Cobourg, Port Hope, and Peterborough, or to J. McCarty, North American Hotel, Cobourg, W. Bletcher, Port Hope, and J. Bletcher, Stage Office, Peterboro'.

### EXTRAS

*Always in readiness at Port Hope & Peterboro'.*

W. & J. BLETCHER,  
Proprietors.

P. S. All Luggage and Parcels entrusted to their care will be carefully attended to.  
Port Hope, May, 1849. 14

**B**LANK DEEDS and Memorial with or without the Bar of Dower for sale at this office.

Reed David  
Russell William  
Smale James  
Smith Grace Ann  
Swanton William  
Scales John  
Stenion George  
Smith Ed B.  
Shead William  
Stevenson Ann Miss  
Saiter Peter  
Shaw E. R.  
Smith R. D.  
Sculthrop James  
Sowden William  
S. er Ellen Miss  
Trim Hulbert  
Thompson Henry  
Trick William  
Thompson Francis  
Trick Mr.  
Thompson Leonard  
Taylor Eliza Miss  
Vannatta Cornelius  
Vint John  
Vughan T. W.  
Wood Jesse  
Wilcox Thomas  
Wilson John  
White Richard  
Wilder Mrs. H. M.  
Walton Nathan  
Walton Gordon  
Wilson Catharine  
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Wallace Mary  
Watson William

D. SMART, P. M.

### LIST OF LETTERS

**R**EMAINING in the Post Office, Cavan, Ia, August, 1849, and not previously advertised.

Abercrombie John	Mitchell Eileenor	
Best Thomas	Morrow William	
Brown James (Manvers)	Marshall Thomas	
Bradburn Lucinda	Mitchell James	
Calvert Thomas	McPaul Daniel	
Christy George	McPherson Job	
Coulter Hugh	Richell William	
Dignan W. William	Richardson Edward	
Davis Hugh	Sharp Thomas	2
Elliott William	Sharp Joseph	
Fee William	Scott Wm.	
Gillis Samuel	Shaw Mr.	
Graham Hyram	Sudler John	
Goggin Thomas	Therston John	2
H. n. er John	Tigert James	
Howe John	Twigg George	
Jones Henry	Wood Robert	
Lowes Joseph	Walla William	2
Magill Robert	Walsh David	2
Mares Francis	Walsh Richard	
Magill John		

J. KNOWLSON, P. M.

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**R**EMAINING in the Millbrook Post Office, 1st August, 1849, and not previously advertised.

Armstrong Arter	Kennedy John
Burnet Alexander	O'Brian John
Clark William	Powers Thomas
Eagleson Mrs.	Sugden James
Hall William	

M. KNOWLSON, P. M.

### TO LET.

**T**HE House lately occupied by Mr. Robert Lang, on John Street, also, the Dwelling House, and Carpenter Shop in rear, lately occupied by Mr. Win. Lec, both in good repair, for particulars apply to James Lang Jr.  
Port Hope, May 7th, 1849. 14

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Port Hope

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**R**ESPECT and the stantly for as in his line at liberal terms. All order attended to.  
April 19, 1

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Port Hope, C

**J.** JOHNS Academy Port Hope and an agreement v the District Ser- ing on Tuesday per Quarter.

Private lesson English, Latin a- tice, &c. - Also, an Ever those at the Durk Port Hope, Ap

### AGE Columbus I

Capital \$300,

**R**OBERT DEMAS A **T**HE public may of this Compo reliable assets, and s most perfect indenu. arise will be treated promptly, it being a customers upon princ losses will be adjust issued upon steambon their cargoes, navigat also upon manufactu dwellings, merchandis premium.

March, 1849.