

Egremont road through Lobo and Adelaide, while the Canada Company opened one through London, Biddulph and McGillivray to Goderich.

In 1793, Governor Simcoe granted to Ebenezer Allen, for duty in the Indian department during the revolution, 2,200 acres in this vicinity. Before the beginning of the century he sold the lot for £3,000. Ebenezer Allen, with his sons, Ethan (the only educated one), Gregory, William and Ira, were the first settlers. He was heard of first among the Mohawk Indians, and built the first mill at Rochester, N.Y., at the Falls. During the Revolution he was a general plunderer against Americans and Loyalists taking refuge from justice among the Tribes, from which fact the name Indian Allen was bestowed upon him. In 1783 he came to Canada, and in 1793 was granted lands by Governor Simcoe, on condition that he would build a grist and saw-mill on Dingman at its junction with the Thames (Delaware Township). The mills were to be his own property; but the church building and glebe lands, also to be built and granted by him, were to form a part of the Government's property. During the erection of the buildings--1797 to 1807--he ran short of money, and began counterfeiting, for which crime he was arrested, and sentenced to a term in the prison at Long Point. On his return from prison he completed the buildings, which were standing in 1822-3 when Robert Summers visited the locality for the first time. The church building rotted away, while the mills were