

Concerning Bonnechere Point he says: "The hotel and storehouses at Bonnechere Point are in lease to Edward Burke. There have annually, on the average for the last 24 or 25 years, not less than from 20 to 30 rafts of timber been taken down the Bonnechere River, being not less in value than from thirty to thirty-five thousand pounds. This is rafted at lot No. 6 on the 10th Concession, at which place a good bridge has been erected across the Bonnechere River on the line of the road from Bytown to Pembroke. There is also an excellent hotel and steamboat landing at this place where the steamer "Oregon" lands passengers and goods three times a week during navigation. All the goods for merchants and stores, and supplies for the lumber trade on the Bonnechere and Madawaska Rivers are landed here, amounting in 1851 to upwards of 300 tons, and the produce of the surrounding Township is sent from this place to market, such as butter, potash etc. the amount of which it is difficult to ascertain, but from one store alone, that of Robert McIntyre, Esq., the potash amounts to over 200 barrels last season. At this part of the township there is a small place of worship, being one of the stations occupied by the Free Presbyterians. A school has been in operation for some years past."

Describing the First Chute in 1851, Mr. Forrest says: "P. McIntosh, agent, occupies a large house on lot 5, 9th concession, formerly occupied as a store in connection with the timber slide on the falls of the Bonnechere River at this place. Water power could be obtained at this place for machinery of all kinds and almost to any extent. At one time there was a grist mill and saw mill. The flour mill has been long out of use and the saw mill about one year. It is one mile from the union of the Bonnechere and Ottawa Rivers and named Castleford. The property as well as the water privileges having fallen into the hands of absentees, who ask a very high price for them, retards to an incalculable amount the progressive improvement of the Township and surrounding country."

CENSUS OF 1861

It was ten years later, in 1861, when the next census was taken. The enumerator at this time was Edward Ferrall, and it is thus he spells his name in the affidavit he signed with the census returns. Mr. Ferrall was Postmaster at Castleford at this time.

His family had increased in the persons of Joshua, aged 7, and Robert Powell Ferrall, aged 5.