

was he able to take to the Quebec market. He suffered severe financial embarrassment. He continued lumbering in a small way on his Castleford holdings.

He caught a bad cold on a journey to and from Bytown in late December 1836, and died two days before Christmas. He was buried in the Church of England cemetery at Perth.

An Englishman of culture, Captain Bell was very popular along the Ottawa, and noted for his kind and obliging disposition. At his death his family returned to Perth where his son Christopher became Deputy-Sheriff of the Bathurst district. Another son, Michael, was for many years the popular master of the steamer 'Beaver' which ran on the Rideau Canal route.....*Doris Humphries 1986*



When Owen "Quinn arrived out the first survey of Horton Township in the summer of 1825 he found only two established settlers who had cleared land and could be classified as farmers. Both were on the shores of the Ottawa River.

Mr. Quinn reported thus: "only two farmers are found in the township. John Bulless has cleared the point between the Ottawa and the Bonnechere Rivers, in all 19 acres, 1 rood and 28 perches, cleared and fenced and cropped. Additional to the above, he has built a house, a capital barn, stable, ox shed, and cow house.

George Bissett has cleared 19 acres, 1 rood, 23 purchases, has a beautiful squared log house here, not yet roofed, and an old log house, along the 9th concession line on the bluff where it joins the Ottawa."

Bissett received mention from another traveller in the early days who had gone up the Ottawa past the Hudson's Bay post at Fort Coulonge. Returning downstream he described the rushing and violent river, with its white rocks and beautifully diversified by