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During the past year the Department of Public Records and Archives acquired a valuable collection of water-colour paintings of places in Eastern Ontario. There are 115 items in three portfolios. They were made between 1826 and 1846 by Captain Thomas Burrowes of the Royal Engineers, Overseer of Works during the construction of the Rideau Canal.

A number of the paintings are of Bytown and the immediate district. The second group is of the Rideau River and Canal with connecting lakes, Perth, Westport, various mills and dams along the way, Kingston, Prescott and the River St. Lawrence. From Kingston, the artist turned westward, making another series, this one of places along the Bay of Quinte up to the mouth of the River Trent and the Carrying Place.

Anyone who is interested in the history of this part of Ontario will find these sketches worth studying.

AN INTERESTING DIARY

Mr. Redmond Thomas, K.C., Editor of the *Bracebridge Gazette*, Bracebridge, Ontario, is doing more than his share in keeping alive an interest in the history of his community. The *Gazette* for Thursday, 30 December 1948, contains extracts from the diary of Matthias Moore, first Postmaster of Falkenburg, member of the first (1868) Council of the old United Townships of Draper, Macaulay, Stephenson, and Ryde and of later councils and school boards, Chairman of the Muskoka Liquor License Commissioners, pioneer farmer and sawmiller, and a veteran of the Crimean War, where he served as a British army officer.

This diary is most interesting as it gives much information on prices, amusements, food, and life in general of the Bracebridge vicinity during pioneer days of the region. The project is to be continued.