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Perhaps there are but few institutions
established in a civilized community more
popular and really more necessary to that
community than a commodious and well-
kept hotel. To the farmer, the merchant,
the mechanic, as they go abroad for busi-
ness, to the agent and the commercial
traveller, the man of work and the man of
pleasure, to the poor man and to the
millionaire, a comfortable hotel is a neces-
sary and attractive stopping place. And
the pleasant smile of a cheery landlord,
the attentive hostler, the accommodating
waiters and the air of welcome which sur-
rounds such a place, stimulates a traveller
in his anxiety to get there. If there is
no place like home, a good hotel is next
to it, and were it not for the delirious
articles sold there they would be safe as
well as attractive resorts to the man of
business and to the man of leisure.
As soon as Yonge street became pass-
able for vehicles the necessity to the
travelling public for half-way houses be-
came apparent, and there were plenty
along the line of travel who were ready to
keep open house for rest and shelter to
man and beast.
The first hotel, or rather combination
of hotel and commercial house in our vil-
lage, was opened up by our old friend
Mr. Abner Miles, in 1802, on lot 45
Markham. The owner died in 1806,
when, from a public, it became a private
residence. The next was built by Col.
David Bridgford, a hero of 1812, on lot
47, near where the Temperance Hall now
stands. This house was a resort for
military gentlemen and early tourists to
and fro between the lakes, and it dis-
appeared as a public institution when its
owner, of whom we have spoken more
largely in previous letters, retired to
agricultural pursuits.
Another old land mark, which has now
disappeared, was a hotel built where the
brick tenement stands at the south end of
our village. It was the first frame build-
ing erected in our village and tenanted
when this century was in it's infancy. It
was a large-sized building, and, with
driving shed and stables, covered a wide
space on the front. To this hotel the ex-
tended body of the murdered Nancy
Montgomery, of whom a detailed account
in the Kinross tragedy was given in the
LIBERAL, was brought for a post mortem
examination, a sight never-to-be-forgot-
ten by those who witnessed it, and here
the jury sat during the investigation.
This hotel has been the scene of pretty
lively times. Up to 1850 Yonge street
had not been Macadamized further north
than what was known as Lynburner's
Corners, a mile and a quarter south of
our village. A Government grant then
gave it a start toward consummation. In
its construction a large number of men
were employed, and many of these, navvies
of various nationalities, boarded at this
hotel. The drinking and fighting was
something extraordinary. The men were
paid their wages on Saturday afternoons
and the most of it was spent in a general
carousal on Saturday night and Sundays.
The road ran so close to the building that
it laid bare the foundation, necessitating
a platform, six-feet in height, all along
the front. Over that platform has reeled
many a drunken man, and injuries have
been received which resulted in death.
As the stoning of the road proceeded
north, our village still continued to be the
place of gathering for pay-bosses and men
until it became a saturnalia. Of all the
landlords of this hotel, out of immense re-
ceipts, none ever made a fortune, very
few a competence, and many fell a prey
to their own imprudence and died bank-
rupt in pocket, body and soul. The old
building went down before the fire fiend in
1871, it was supposed by the hand of an
incendiary.
If those walls had left behind them an
autobiography of what they had witness-
ed during fifty years of their existence it
would have revealed some startling facts
that would have thrown fiction into the
shades.
Seventy-five years ago, the site now oc-
cupied by the large and commodious
building, with all its well-devised conven-
iences for the comfort of the travelling
public, called the Palmer House, was a
vacant spot known as the (public lot),
owned by Mr. James Miles, and intended
for church purposes. The first building
erected on the lot was the third hotel, and
dates back to almost the beginning of the
century. It was built and owned by Mr.
John Clark, who ran the distillery on lot
43, built in 1811. We may suppose that
when the landlord of the hotel ran the
supply department that his customers got
the "stuff" pure and unadulterated, and
minus the poisonous improvements of
modern days. An honest landlord in this
hotel, of a later date, was asked by a
fairly caller "If he had any good white-
key." "No," he replied: "There is no
such a thing as good whiskey; but we

have some of the best that is going." This house has changed hands more fre-
quently than any other hotel in the vil-
lage, but in it there has been an inter-
rupted succession of landlords for seventy
years, one of whom had been the unfor-
tunate tenant of Montgomery's Hotel
when it was made too hot for its oc-
cupants in the rebellion of 1837. This, like
all the original hotels in our village, was
built with the old-fashioned fire-place,
with its capacious chimneys, wide-brick
jams and broad, stone hearth. Wood was
then a superfluity, and the prodigality
with which those huge logs were heaped
on the fire, would be considered serious
extravagance now-a-days. The landlord,
anxious to please, would, as an encour-
agement to each new arrival, with his
long iron poker give an extra poke to the
back-log and look with self satisfaction on
the great blaze, as it roared and sparkled
up the throat of the wide chimney, illu-
minating the "bar" and its rows of glitter-
ing glass and polished pewter with an in-
viting brilliancy, until the tallow-dip, the
only "light of other days" would pale to
a modest glimmer in the presence of a
radiance superior to its own. The daily
newspaper was then a household luxury
enjoyed, but by a few—the receipt of the
latest news depended on "interviewing"
the latest passing traveller, so these
cheery public fire places were the "news
depots" of those days, where markets,
events past and passing, were discussed
each evening, interspersed with persons'
experience of "roughing it in the bush"
by the neighbors, illustrated occasionally
by "tales from my landlord."
The original building underwent many
changes, having been rebuilt, refitted
and finally removed to make way for its
present handsome, well-turned and
commodious successor. The fine struc-
ture, the Lorne block, and its places of
business, the fire hall, the council cham-
ber and the court of justice, is a vast im-
provement on the old, long driving-shed
and ruinous-looking buildings that for-
merly disgraced the front. Wealth and
good taste are wonderful revolutionizers
and dilapidated old-timers have to clear
the track to make way for modern im-
provements.

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