

But Newark was destined not to remain the permanent Capital of Upper Canada, when Fort Niagara on the opposite side of the river, was delivered up to the Americans in 1796. Lieutenant Governor Simcoe was determined to move the Capital to a more central point in Upper Canada and Little York, now Toronto was selected.

Only one Parliament was held at Newark, the sessions which were held each year, from 1792 and including 1796. I may not be known by the people of the Counties of Lincoln and Welland, that slavery to a certain extent existed here, but such is the fact. When Great Britain by force of arms took Canada from the French; they found that slavery existed, which had been introduced among them, about the beginning of the eighteenth century. About the year 1784 a census of slaves in Lower Canada was taken and the number at that time was found to be three hundred and four. Some of the U.E. Loyalists that were driven from their homes in the revolting colonies, during and after the Revolution possessed slaves and brought them with them; and it was looked upon as legal to hold them. Slavery was abolished by an Act of Parliament July 9, 1793. We copy the following from the Gazzette of Newark.

FOR SALE:::

A negro slave 18 years of age, stout and healthy; has had the small-pox and is capable of service, either in the house or out door. The terms will be made easy to the purchaser, and cash received in payment. Enquire of the printer.

Niagara: November-28, 1802.

FOR SALE::: Indian Slave.

All persons are frbidden harboring or employing, or concealing my Infian slave named Sal, as I am determined to prosecute any offender to the utmost extent of the Law: and persons that suffer her to remain on their premises for half an hour, without my written concent will be taken as offending; and dealt with according to the law.

During the second session of the second Parliament, which took place in 1798; Upper Canada was again devided, this time being into eight districts of twenty three counties, and one hundred and fifty eight townships. From the divison at this time was made the Townships of Clinton, Grimsby: Saltfleet: Barton: Ancaster: Glenford: Binbrook: Gainsborough: and Caistor. These formed the first riding of the County of Lincoln. The Townships of Niagara Grantham and Louth, formed the second riding: the Townships of Stamford Thorald, and Pelham , formed

the third riding; and the fourth was made up of the Townships of Bertie: Willoughby: Crowland: Humberstone: and Wainfleet.

Various changes have since been made; by joining some of the above mentioned Townships to the other Counties.

On June 16, 1812: the United States declared war against the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

Inf. "This account taken from " The Official Atlas of the Counties Of Lincoln and Welland: 1876.