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1812

To the Editor of THE LIBERAL

In the war of 1812 when the Americans  
made their ungenerous attack on Great  
Britain and her colonies, when as cham-  
pion of human liberty England was en-  
gaged in a death struggle with the great  
Napoleon, some of the incidents of those  
stirring times have for us not only a  
national but a local interest. War was  
declared by the American Congress June  
18th, 1812. A people with a population  
of 8,000,000 against another with less  
than 300,000. Sparse as was the popula-  
tion of that time, postoffices few and far  
between, and newspapers rarely ever seen,  
yet the news spread with wonderful rapid-  
ity from town to every village and even to  
the back woods shanty that a foe was  
about to invade our shores, stirring the  
patriotism of every pioneer and rousing  
the bellicose spirit of the U. E. Loyal-  
ists, who had risked and lost so much in  
the recent contest with the same foe.  
From all parts of Canada there came a  
burst of loyalty in support of the Govern-  
ment, an enthusiasm that animated  
every man, prompted a ready response  
to their country's call and to deeds of  
daring until the invader was driven back  
across the boundary line. General Sir  
Isaac Brock, then provisional governor of  
Canada, of whom Canadians are justly  
proud, was particularly active in prepar-  
ing to give the enemy a warm reception,  
and called upon every effective man,  
whether volunteer or militia, to be in  
readiness for active service. During the  
summer of 1812 there was a muster of all  
available men in Richmond Hill and the  
adjacent townships about half a mile  
south of our village in the front of Col.  
Fulton's, now the Vanderburg farm.  
This was a personal inspection by Sir  
Isaac Brock, who commended the men for  
their patriotism and promptness in re-  
sponding to the call. After the customary  
drill under the eye of the commander-in-  
chief the governor requested that all who  
were willing to go to the front for active  
service to advance one step forward.  
Every man all along the line took the  
step but one, and he, perhaps, thinking  
of a home surrounded by loneliness and a  
family that might be left without a bread-  
winner, hesitated; but only for a moment,  
for almost immediately he, too, stepped to  
the line. It was not long before some of  
these men had their patriotism put to the  
test, for the same fall many an old veteran  
had to shoulder the musket that had done  
duty at Brandywine and Germantown,  
and many a young Canadian who had  
never heard the cannon roar marched  
away from all that was dear to them to  
the tune of "The British Grenadiers,"  
many of them to remain to fill the ghastly  
trench at Niagara, where friend and foe  
so recently arrayed in deadly conflict were  
laid uncoffined side by side to await the  
single call that shall summon them to the  
last Review.

We are told of two brothers of the  
Canadian militia who, at Queenston  
Heights, fought side by side in defence of  
their Canadian homes, when, in the  
moment of victory, a shot pierced the  
lungs of the younger, a youth of seven-  
teen years with a fair innocent face, and  
he fainted and fell. The brother clasped  
him in his arms, and amid a tempest of  
shot and shell, bore the dying boy from  
the field and laid him on the grass. He  
revived for a moment and, with a loving,  
lingering look into his brother's face,  
while the life-blood ebbed from his fatal  
wound, he feebly breathed, "Kiss me,  
Jim—Tell—mother—that—I—was—not—  
afraid—to—die!" when the blood gushed  
from his mouth and the brave spirit took  
its flight. Many as fearless of death as  
he were re'erred to by the gallant Brock,  
when he, struck by the bullet of an Amer-  
ican sharpshooter, while the death-agony  
was upon him, shouted: "Never mind  
me. Push on the York volunteers." Those  
were times of grief and sorrow, for it  
is said that there could not be a gather-  
ing of any kind, even in the far woods,  
but in the rustic congregation a widow's  
cap or a bit of crape would show that  
isolated as they were they had not been  
passed unscathed by the horrors of war—  
and all along the front when the sun rose  
on the tragic scenes of the slopes of the  
Queenston Heights of Chippewa,  
Lundy's Lane and Fort Erie it shone  
upon the pale, cold faces of many a  
young Canadian, there pride of many a  
home.

Early in the fall of 1812, while the  
regulars and the volunteers were assisting  
General Brock and Sheaffe at the front,  
the York militia were ordered to York to  
defend the town and "hold the fort."  
Capt. John Arnold's company, the 1st  
Regiment of York militia, consisted of  
fifty men, many of whom did duty that  
winter at the barracks. In looking over  
an old parchment bound muster-roll is-  
sued by the Government, which covers  
the eventful period between 1812 and  
1816, which lies before me, I find the fol-

lowing names as officers:—John Arnold,  
captain; James Miles, lieutenant; Mercer,  
ensign; sergeants—Samuel Forster,  
Jacob Brown, Christopher Hills, John  
Langstaff. Among the privates—David  
Sprague, Henry Proctor, Thos. Frisby,  
Obediah Rodgers, Joseph Woodard, John  
Maliard, Peter Stover, Henry Phillips,  
Simon Teal, Abraham Van Horne, Josiah  
Heumenway, Jacob and Charles Lunaw,  
John Nigh, Jacob, John and George  
Hills, Mark Shell, Joseph Walls, Dan  
Horner, Christian Hendricks, John Pier-  
heller, Aquilla Bennett, Fred Quance,  
John Stiver, Richard Stooks, John Tippi,  
Allan Perkins, Henry Teal and Wm.  
Hollingshead.

There is also a list of all the Tunkers  
and Mennonites living on the 3rd and 4th  
concession of Markham, within the limits  
of Capt. Arnold's company. Among these  
are Bakers, Doners, Eyners, Nighs, Shells,  
Stakeleys, Heisies, Horners and Hoovers.  
The names are interesting to us, as they  
show who were some of the early settlers  
in this locality.

In the muster-roll are the following en-  
tries:—

York Garrison, Oct. 16, 1812.  
"Yesterday between the hours of one  
and two o'clock, p. m., I visited the  
different guards and found them all  
properly posted, sober and alert. I went  
the guard rounds last night, between the  
hours of eleven and two o'clock, and  
found the guards sober, steady and alert."

Signed—Lieut.-Col. Short, commander  
York Garrison; John Arnold, cap-  
tain 1st Regiment York Militia

Oct. 17, 1812.

"After guard-mounting I visited the  
different barrack rooms at 9 o'clock; found  
the dinners put down and everything in  
good order. At 12 o'clock I saw the men's  
dinners dished up in good order. At 2  
o'clock I again visited the men's rooms,  
found the men all present and sober.  
Visited my sentries frequently during the  
day and found them sober and alert, and  
gave them their necessary instructions. I  
declare that all orders, respecting the  
duty in which I have been employed,  
have been strictly attended to."

Signed—John Arnold, captain.

While doing duty in the barracks at  
York the men do not appear to have got  
much in the shape of pay, and shared  
their expenses equally. In the same  
book are twenty-five entries, all exactly  
alike, name excepted, and many of them  
witnessed by Mr. James Miles. For the  
sake of gratifying curiosity I will select  
one, the last of the list:—

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