"I was at the old Market house in

disaster, when over thirty persons

Gibbons, were impaled on two large

the basement, the iron points pene-

trating their bowels and both dying

in terrible agony. Henry T. Hart,

since a lawyer at St. Louis, Mo., then

a student at Osgoode Hall in Toronto,

and who was standing beside me, was

felled like myself by a piece of tim-

ber, the beam saving our lives as it

protected us from the crushing

weight above. I dragged myself

out, badly bruised, and aided in tak-

ing out Mr. Hart, who was unconsci-

Company Called Out.

"When my company was called

out, in Décember of 1837, to capture

the arms stored by order of Sir

Francis Bond Head in the city hall

at Toronto and to take possession of

the city, I was laid up with an attack

of influenza and unable to report for

duty. Sir Francis, to show the peace-

ful condition of Upper Canada, had

sent all the troops off to help put

down the uprising at the villages on

the Sorrell in Lower Canada and had

put all arms under charge of the

mayor at the city hall, without even

a guard over them. In this state of

things Mackenzie determined to cap-

ture the capital. He ordered the

Liberator lodges to assemble on Dec-

ember 4th on the great road called

Yonge street leading to Lake Simcoe.

and hurrying by crosspaths through

the forest they assembled at Mont-

gomerie's tavern four miles from

town to the number of 500. To ef-

fect a surprise they stopped everyone

sisting was wounded and died in

lew hours. Ald. Powell who drove

up in a gig, was halted, but pulled

a horse pistol and shot the picket

escaped, and roused the governor and

gave the alarm. When Sir Francis

ran into the town hall he found the

shoulder, and the citizens came pour-

ing in, were given muskets, and

guarded the windows and out-flank-

ing buildings. By morning 300 were

Mackenzie by deferring an attack let his opportunity slip; for next morning Sir Allan McNab, speaker of the house of assembly and known as "the Fighting McNab," marched in front the Gore district, with sixty Scots carrying guns and broadswords and with a piper leading and by

night 500 were assembled to help Sir Francis. Next day Sir Francis sent a

messenger to Mackenzie inviting his

party to lay down their guns and save

effusion of blood, and Mackenzie offered to comply if promised that a national convention should be called allowing until two o'clock for an

"On December 7th the whole force

marched out, led by Sir Allan Mc-Nab and his Scots, and found Mac-

kenzie's party posted on a high

ground in front of Montgomerie's

tavern, protected by outlying barns and haystacks. McNab and his Scots

rushed to the charge, dispersed and chased the 'Liberators' for miles, and

captured two of their officers, returning to burn the tavern and all

buildings to the ground, Mackenzie

escaped to Navy island in the Niagara

channel where he issued a proclama-

tion in the name of the 'Provisional government of Upper Canada' and as-

sured volunteers that out of the 10,-000,000 public acres of the province, each should receive 300 in full

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ninety-nine years, plans to revisit the Toronto on the night of the terrible scenes of his three-year exile. With the death last January of were killed and many maimed by the Nelson H. Truax, long a resident of collapse of a floor at a Mackenzie this city and the last survivor of the mass meeting. The Market house was battle of the Windmill of patriot war a large building with market stalls days, it has been generally supposed on the ground floor and above an ashere that the last participants in the sembly hall with a circular railed stirring insurrection of 1837-8 in opening in the center supported by Canada had departed, but from notes posts through which the light from in Canadian papers appearing since the dome illumined the basement. It it seems that here and there in the having gone out that Mackenzie, the Dominion a scattering few of the Canada rebel, was to speak, a crowd long-lived Scotch-Irish or French of three or four thousand were pack-Habitants who participated in the war | ed in the assembly hall and its for Canadian emancipation either as galleries, while several hundred, myrebels against the king's government | self among them, found standing or members of the military corps room in the basement, looking up called out to put down the uprisings, through the circular opening in the are still left. But among the little center. The orator had not advanced handful who fought in the "Papineau | far in his speech when the pillars war" are none who claim to have gave way and the human freight of participated in the famous Windmill the assembly hall were preciptated fight at Prescott, "finis" having been into the basement below upon the written at the foot of that chapter of heads of the throng gathered there. Reep the vital organs healthy by Canadian history with the death of Two brothers, sons of Maj. Fitzregularly taking the world's

> Conquest of Hickory Island. The "Conquest of Hickory Island, as the abortive attempt to invade Canada across the ice-locked bosom of Ontario in February, 1838, has been mockingly styled, when thousand men, armed with muskets looted from the old Watertown arsenal, marched out to the little island above mentioned just over the Canadian boundary in the lake and then marched back again without a gun being fired (save one old musket that was accidentally discharged by a careless invader and riddled the coat tails of a patriot officer), was the occasion of Andrew MacNierney's taking up arms against his king and country, which resulted in his self-exile for three years thereafter. Several years ago Mr. Mac-Nierney related the story of his experiences in connection with the "Papineau war" as a follower in the Upper Canada province of the leader there, William Lyon Mackenzie, his tale being recorded by a nephew to be read at a reunion of the family held in Victoria county, Ontario, and this narrative was copied by the granddaughter, now living in Alex-

andria, and is here appended : "In the summer of 1837 I was working as an apprentice to a ship carpenter, at Toronto, being then in my eighteenth year, and was induced to join one of the companies of 'Liberators' who, under the leadership of William Lyon Mackenzie, editor of the Colonial Advocate, and going to town, and Col. Moodie, rea member of he legislative assembly. proposed to free the province of the abuses of the 'family compact' under Lieut. Gov. Sir Francis Bond Head. Mackenzie, it was claimed, had been defeated at the election of 1836 by illegal votes, and the interference of the government with the elections had decided the people to resort to armed force. The governor, after dis-

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came for the reformers to hasten to a

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