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## PATRIOTS' INVASION OF CANADA IN 1837

### The Capture of Kingston Was the Purpose of One Expedition.

The Watertown, N.Y., Times published a copyright story, written by L. N. Fuller under the heading "Patriots Invade Canadian Territory." It reads as follows:

Northern New York was interested in the Canadian rebellion from the first and showed a lively sympathy with those who were seeking to throw off the British yoke. Editors in those days did not hesitate to color their news despatches. An Ogdensburg dispatch of Dec. 8th, 1837, published in the Jeffersonian said that "the sympathies of our citizens along the line are greatly excited in favor of the Patriots, and meetings are being called in all directions to embody and express the feeling of the public."

On the night of February 18th, 1838, an event occurred in Watertown that threw the community into excitement. That night the state arsenal was entered by an unknown band and 400 stand of arms were taken. The Jeffersonian did not become greatly excited over this affair and dismissed it with this brief notice:

"The state arsenal in this village was broken open on the night of the 18th inst., and a quantity of arms taken therefrom; it is supposed their destination is Canada, as a large number of loyal Canadians were said to have arrived in the village the evening previous. We understand that the keeper, Mr. J. Fairbanks, Esq., has repaired to Albany to notify the proper authorities, and to receive such instructions as the exigencies of the case require. A reward of \$250 is offered for the recovery of the property and the conviction of the offenders. It is not a little remarkable that the arms taken are of those taken from the British in the last war."

Simultaneously state arsenals at Batavia and Elizabethtown were entered and arms were stolen. Plans were under way for a military expedition to be fitted out in Jefferson county, the purpose of which was the capture of Kingston. Washington's birthday, February 22nd, was selected as the date. The two days previous men began to congregate at French Creek, now Clayton. A supply of arms and munitions consisting, it is said, of 4,000 stand of arms, 20 barrels of cartridges, 500 long pipes and some provisions were assembled there. Several hundred men under General Rensselaer Van Rensselaer gathered from all parts of Northern New York. Gananoque was to be the first objective and from there the force planned to march on Kingston. It was confidently expected

ed that hundreds of Canadians would join the Patriot army.

The force which had gathered at French Creek planned to move to Hickory Island, one of the Thousand Island group, about two miles from Gananoque in British waters. William Lyon Mackenzie, the leader of the Upper Canadian revolt, had come to Watertown and had joined the party. He had corresponded with friends in Kingston and they had agreed to spike the guns of Fort Henry and throw open the gates of the stronghold when the Patriot army should appear.

But the plans failed. The weather was intensely cold and the men at French Creek suffered greatly from exposure. The discipline was lax and there was practically no organization among the promiscuous assemblage. Many of the Jefferson county men who had driven their sleighs to French Creek wanted to return home. Mackenzie was dissatisfied with Van Rensselaer and declared that he would not accompany the expedition as long as he was in command. Thus mutual jealousy, which seemed to have been carried over from the Navy Island incident, was enough to put a damper on the whole proceeding. Volunteers were called for to go to Hickory Island. At the first call 33 responded. Seventy-five responded to the second call and 35 at the third call. From then on it was every man for himself and a large part of the force went back home.

Kingston was but poorly defended and a vigorous attack might have captured the place. There was much uneasiness in the city and the militia took up a position on Wolfe Island. Colonel Cubitt of the Royal Artillery commanded the force and he determined on a vigorous offense as the best defense and planned to launch an attack on Hickory Island, but the invaders of British territory had fled.

Mackenzie caused to be inserted in the newspapers a statement which was published in the Jeffersonian as follows:

"Allow me the use of your columns to state, with reference to the extract which you published from a letter of mine last week, that I have neither seen nor corresponded with Mr. Rensselaer in his recent movements on this frontier, but have earnestly and invariably urged my friends to withdraw all confidence from him in matters connected with Canada. As to his generalship I do not pretend to be a judge of its merits. Others will do that."

Yours very respectfully,  
W. L. Mackenzie.

"Watertown, Feb. 22nd, 1838."  
On the same day the Jeffersonian published this news item regarding the invasion; under the heading "Rumors of War."

"It is said that a large collection of men are assembled at the port of French Creek in this county, having no ostensible object in view. Yesterday afternoon Judge McKnight, Sheriff Baker, District Attorney Sherman and Major General Coras repaired thither with a view of ascertaining whether any military preparations were going forward. They returned last night and report that a large number of persons had collected but that no movement of a military character had been discovered. All was peaceful, quiet and orderly. Today many persons have left this village for French Creek—probably to gratify curiosity, etc."

The Jeffersonian was not greatly impressed with the military prowess of Van Rensselaer, as the next week's issue referred to him as "Mr. Van No General." In the following article: "A number of the Patriots under the command of Mr. Van No General, congregated on Hickory Island in the St. Lawrence Thursday of last week, for the alleged purpose of visiting Canada; but owing, as is alleged, to the stupidity, cowardice, drunkenness or some other trait in the said Van Rensselaer, the Patriots dispersed."

"The state arms taken from the arsenal have mostly been recovered; some indictments have been found against individuals charged with aiding the seizure. William Johnston has been arrested and held in bail in the sum of \$5,000 on the charge of setting on foot a military expedition against Canada. Mackenzie has left for Washington. Several companies of militia are stationed at French Creek and Cape Vincent. These will probably soon be disbanded."

Two citizens of Clayton, John Packard and George Hulsenberg were captured by the British and lodged in the Kingston jail. The Jeffersonian said that they were in no way connected with the expedition but went to Hickory Island out of curiosity. The two men were imprisoned six months and were finally released.

On March 1st the Jeffersonian recorded this interesting item: "On Tuesday evening Colonel Philpot of the British army, aid to Sir John Colborne, arrived at the American escorted by a guard of 12 men and a part of the staff of Major-General Coras detailed for that duty. Colonel Philpot was not only guarded to the American but in it was escorted by a guard to and from the supper table, a guard placed at the door of his rooms, and on Wednesday morning he and his staff returned to French Creek. He came to investigate the Hickory Island affair."

"Two more arrests have been made. D. Henstis, of Watertown, and Benjamin Collins, of Evans' Mills, for setting out a military expedition to Canada."

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## FROM WHIG FYLES.

OF TEN AND TWENTY YEARS AGO.

April 16th, 1913.

Herbert C. Tresemer, formerly organist at Brock street Methodist church, published his first song composition in Washington, D.C.

A number of Queen's students left for Western Canada to teach school through the summer vacation.

Robert Meek elected president of Board of Trade. G. Y. Chown and J. M. Farrell are vice-presidents.

Kingston stands fourth with \$88,295 in list of Canadian cities issuing building permits for first three months of year.

City baseball league re-organized under the "wing" of A. W. Wheatley, general manager of the locomotive works.

April 16th, 1903.

Veterans of Kingston arranging an excursion to New Ontario with the view of taking up lands there.

J. G. Elliott elected president of the trustees' section of the Ontario Educational Association.

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The members of St. James' church children's missionary guild stage successful cantata.

To Take Charge of Mission.

Earl A. Knechtel, B.A., Stratford, has passed his second year examinations at Queen's Theological College, and also received the Urhart Kay Gray scholarship for general proficiency in his year. He is visiting in Stratford at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Knechtel, prior to leaving for western Manitoba, where he is taking charge of a mission field for the summer.

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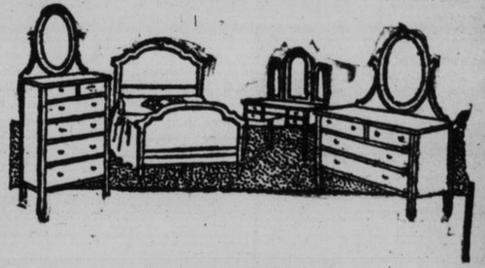
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