

Deseronto, with its small Anglican church and the communion service presented by Queen Anne to the Indians—the communion service which was presented shortly after the visit of the four Indian chiefs to England in 1710 and which has always been so highly prized by the Indians. This service when there was danger of its being seized by the enemy during the troubles in 1776, was buried in the earth, the plate being wrapped in the communion cloth. After the close of the war it was recovered and the precious relics taken to Canada and divided between those Mohawks who settled on the Grand River near the present City of Brantford and the smaller branch that settled on the Bay of Quinte. Upon each piece of the service the following is engraved:

“The Gift of Her Majesty Queen Anne by the
Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland,
of Her Plantations in North America. Queen of Her
Indian Chapel of the Mohawk.”

That a number of Indians did offer their services is proven by original records which the writer has seen.

The strength of the militia was gradually increased as time went by and conditions did not improve in the United States where the war party, composed principally of the Congressional representatives from the south and west, finally forced President Madison to declare war on June 19th, 1812.

Very shortly after this date the volunteers of the various Battalions were ordered to hold themselves in readiness for actual service and they were supplied with arms by the Quarter-Masters of the different districts. The order to march to Kingston soon followed and before the middle of July we find that stronghold well surrounded with the camps of the volunteer militia. An attack upon the fort was expected to be one of the first moves made by the enemy and it was deemed advisable to concentrate a large force there, not only to protect the large quantity of stores and ammunition for the army but to hold the key of the line of transport to the western settlements.

When it was seen that Kingston was in no danger of immediate attack many of the volunteers were ordered home. The first call proved to the officers in command that they could rely upon the colonists for aid when needed and after this time, although