

main body, and then ordered all his mounted men to charge. This charge was badly executed and failed before the first two volleys. But the cavalry were quickly rallied and then launched in another charge that really did get home. The British line wavered, broke, and was ridden down. The American infantry came up, and the battle was won and lost. Procter and the few mounted men with him escaped at a gallop. Tecumseh kept up the fight, even now that it seemed hopeless, with odds of six to one against him. At last he fell and his warriors fled to the bush. He was the very incarnation of the Red Man at his best. The whites had never seen his like before and never did again.

3. MINOR EVENTS.—Ill-luck pursued the British elsewhere. The two flank companies of the Watteville regiment were captured on their passage from York to Kingston in October. But Colonel Bostwick and a party of militiamen killed, captured, or dispersed every man in a gang of marauders at Woodhouse, sending the prisoners across the Grand River to Burlington. This little action, on the 13th of November, put new heart into the inhabitants of the invaded Ontario peninsula, though of course it had no effect on the campaign. Unfortunately, it was followed by a much bigger fight on the 4th of March, 1814, in the same area of operation, at Longwood, near Delaware. Here Captain Basden of the 89th was surrounded and his men were shot down. Captain Stewart of the Royal Scots called this "our unfortunate and truly lamentable expedition," and expressly disclaimed the action of his junior officer in proceeding without his own "advice, knowledge, or consent." Stewart was absent at the time and was very much disconcerted to find out what had happened.