

## THE GENERAL MYERS.

Through the courtesy of Lieut. Black, the Secretary of the Tecumseh Historical Society of Chatham, and of "The Globe" Toronto, we are enabled to publish views of this interesting relic of the War of 1812 which has only recently been recovered from the bottom of the Thames and placed in Tecumseh Park, Chatham.

During the retreat of Proctor from Fort Detroit four small gun boats accompanied the retreating column and were fired at Chatham upon the approach of the American column. Their hulks were abandoned and left to sink into the mud of the river's bed where they had laid quite forgotten for nearly a century. Recently two of the wrecks were accidentally discovered and some of Chatham's citizens formed the Tecumseh Historical Society and appropriated sufficient funds to raise one of the boats and procure her relics. She now lies in Tecumseh Park, Chatham, where it is hoped she will be preserved and kept as an object lesson of the war and of the marvellous change that has taken place in naval architecture since the days of Nelson.

The lines of the boat are declared to be beautiful. Her keel and kelson are tremendous sticks of oak; her ribs are set so close together that they touch, her stem is the root of an immense walnut tree. She was a two master, built for strength and speed, intended to handle the light, rapid work around the fleet. The tannic acid of her oak, mingling with the iron of the water of the Thames, turned to a sort of ink, and the wood of the boat is now like bog-oak, but tough as whalebone.

The relics consist of about two tons of cannon balls, of various kinds and sizes, 42lb. shells, 24, 8, 6, and 2lbs. solid shot,