

after that march till midnight, maintaining possession of the field after the most sanguinary and closely contested battle of the war.

FIRST UPPER CANADA PAPERS.

Much curious light on the manner of life in those days may be gained by a few quotations from the early papers. The first newspaper published in Upper Canada was the "Upper Canada Gazette" of Newark, the first number, April 18th, 1793. In 1798 it is dated West Niagara, and in 1799 was removed to York, and the same year the "Canada Constellation" was started in Niagara, but expired in one year, as did the "Herald," suspended in 1802. In 1817 appeared the "Gleaner," by Mr. Heron. Since then the "Reporter," "Spectator," "Chronicle," "Mail." Dr. Scadding in his "Toronto of Old," where much curious information has been industriously gathered together, mentions as a remarkable fact that the "imposing stone" used in printing the "Constellation" by Tiffany in 1799, was used in the office of the "Niagara Mail" as late as 1870. Extracts from these early papers are often amusing, and throw much light on the manners of those primitive times, often clearing up some disputed historical point. In the first number, 15x9½ inches, \$3 per year, by Louis Roy, is mentioned that a brewery is to be started, \$1 per bushel being offered for barley. "May 30th, 10 guineas reward offered for Government grindstone, it having been stolen from King's Wharf, Navy Hall." Although there had been an act against slavery, it had only provided for the gradual emancipation, and we find advertisements frequently referring to slaves, as in 1797: "Wanted to purchase, a negro girl from 7 to 12, of good disposition, W. & J. Crooks, West Niagara." 1802: "For sale, a negro man, Isaac, has had smallpox." In the "Gleaner," published every Thursday, price \$4: "Arrived from York, Mary Anne, with passengers, Dec. 17th, 1817." "Dec. 18th, sailed for York, with cyder and passengers." "Jan. 24th, sailed with cyder and apples." We see from this that even then fruit was an export to Toronto. Books advertised for sale are standard works and high priced: "Scott's Lady of the Lake, £1, 8s. Burns' works, 4 vols., £3, 6s, 6d. Watts' works, 9 vols., £7, 10s. Hogg's "Queen's Wake," £1, 2s, 6d." "January 16th, disagreeable and melancholy news of