

will no doubt in the course of time, become a place of commercial importance. It was nearly opposite this place, a few miles out on the lake, that Perry's victory was gained.

Note.

Lower Sandusky, county seat of Sandusky county, Ohio, is situated on the Sandusky river, at the head of navigation. It is a thriving business place and contains a court-house, 2 Methodist, 1 Baptist, 1 Episcopal, 1 Presbyterian, and 1 Catholic church, 2 newspaper printing offices, 30 stores, 1 woolen factory, 1 foundery, and a population of 2,500.

Lower Sandusky occupies the site of Fort Stephenson, erected during the last war with Great Britain. This fort, under Major Croghan, whose garrison amounted to only two hundred men, with only one six-pounder, was attacked on the 1st of August, 1813, by General Proctor, with a force of 500 regular troops, 800 Indians, and several pieces of artillery. Major Croghan's orders were, to burn the stores and abandon the fort, should the enemy approach in force, with cannon. Major Croghan had no idea of obeying these instructions, and accordingly on the approach of the foe prepared himself for a stern resistance. The summons to surrender by the British commander was disregarded, and the attack was commenced by a heavy fire from their artillery; which however had but little effect on the walls, so well had Major Croghan prepared for his defense. The firing continued for several hours, when the enemy thinking they had effected a breach, attempted to take the fort by storm. This attempt was so gallantly met by the garrison, that the enemy were repulsed with immense slaughter; which so discomfited General Proctor, that he immediately ordered a retreat, leaving the victory in the hands of a beardless youth, only twenty-one years of age. This circumstance to a veteran General, commanding a force more than six times as large as his opponent, must have been humiliating in the extreme. The gallant Croghan, although he disobeyed orders, was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and was presented with an elegant sword by the ladies of Chillicothe.

Sandusky City, county seat of Erie county, Ohio, is situated on Sandusky Bay, near its outlet into Lake Erie. It is finely located, commanding an extensive and beautiful view of the lake. It was laid out in the year 1817, under the name of Portland, which name was subsequently changed for the one it now bears. The business of this city is very extensive, and is rapidly increasing. Besides the immense amount of lake commerce which her advantageous position and excellent harbor afford, there are two lines of railroads, connecting with Cincinnati, and many of the most important places in Ohio. Sandusky suffered severely during the summer of 1849, from the terrific disease of