

Since writing the above, the old account book of a family living on the banks of the Niagara River has been presented, dating from 1806, one page of which may be reproduced here. In reading of the War we often meet with accounts of property destroyed, sometimes by the enemy, sometimes by our own troops to prevent it falling into the hands of the invaders. Claims were afterwards made of war losses, some of which were paid, in part, after tedious delay, for some no compensation was received. In many cases claims were bought up for a small sum from those in dire need. The amounts claimed as damages seem large but we must remember that prices in war time ran enormously high. The following is the list :

Statement of property lost and destroyed by the army since the commencement of the war from 1812 to 1815 :—

One piece of broadcloth, 30 yds. at 40s.....	£ 60
12 blankets, at 2£ 5s per blanket.....	27
Clothing, three fine coats, one Surtoul coat.....	20
Family clothing.....	50
Seventeen hogs.....	34
Two day books, containing accounts.....	150
Taken out of the shop in 1813.....	40
One house burned, estimated at.....	800
One kitchen, estimated at.....	200
Furniture of the house.....	500
One barn with hay and forage.....	150
One sleigh, plough, horse and two barrels of salt....	40
Eight acres of wheat, estimated at 150 bushels.....	93 15
Garden and orchard and other damage in the place..	100
In the blacksmithshop, part of two sets of tools with one and a half tons of steel and iron.....	450
400 barrels of coke coal, at 5s per barrel.....	100
Lost on upper farm in hay and grain.....	50
One set of books supposed to contain accounts to amount of.....	800
One set of harness for two horses, one saddle and two bridles.....	20
52 days of captain's pay and other acc'ts. passed the Board of Claims and burned in Mr. Crook's office	33

The total amount reached almost £4,000, and the old leather bound book with its contents brings up the names of many of those early pioneers who did and dared and suffered so much to keep their heritage as British soil, a heritage which we now enjoy.