

heart. By any curious explorer the thorn trees the poet must have had in his mind's eye may be easily found, twisted and distorted as described.

"O fair in summer time it is Niagara's plain to see,
Half-belted round with oaken woods and green as grass can be,
Its levels broad in sunshine lie, with flowerets gemmed and set,
With daisy stars and red as Mars, the tiny sanguinet.
Hard by the sheltering grove of oak, he set the holy thorn—
Where still it grows—
Contorted, twisted, writhing, as with human pain to tell."

The trees are of two varieties, called by the children early and late "haws," and give as much pleasure in October with the rich scarlet fruit as early in the season with their snowy blossoms.

DOCKYARD.

Many vessels were built at the dockyard here, where hundreds of workmen were employed, and the launching of a ship was a favorite sight. In 1795 the French Count mentioned before tells of six vessels, gun boats and schooners, two of them on the stocks. The Navy on the lake was really a branch of the Royal Navy. The first Canadian merchant vessel was built here in 1792; the York, of 75 tons, in 1800. At the Dockyard of the town were built the Gore, Queen, Admiral, Porcupine, Eclipse, City of Toronto (the first of that name was launched on New Year's day, 1840,) Traveller, Transit, Chief Justice Robinson, Arabian, Canada, America, Peerless, Zimmerman, and City of Toronto (second.) On an old warehouse may still be seen certain names which are often a source of wonderment to ennuied travellers waiting for a boat or train, and who exercise their ingenuity and imaginative powers in explaining these cabalistic signs, which refer to the period of Niagara's palmy days when many vessels called here, this being a distributing point. Space was kept in the warehouses for the lading of different vessels, whose names appear in faded letters: Great Britain, Cobourg, William IV., St. George, United Kingdom, Commodore Barrie.

At this wharf landed Gen. Drummond at daybreak, July 25th, 1814, in H. M. ship the Netley, with 800 men, having left York on Sunday evening. He marched his force to Lundy's Lane, and fought