

the time to regard, in a true light, the effect that an adverse issue of the sharp contest then waged would have produced. Our position, at the above mentioned eventful period, is well described in the following extract from an address delivered by the late Hon. Wm. Hamilton Merritt, on the occasion of laying the foundation stone of Brock's Monument, on the 13th October, 1853 :

“ It will be in the recollection of many now
 “ present, that in the commencement of the
 “ war of 1812, only one regiment of British
 49 “ troops, the 48th, was left to defend Upper
 “ Canada, from Kingston to Michilimackinac,
 “ a distance of one thousand miles, and dur-
 “ ing the whole campaign, only two compa-
 49 “ nies of the 48th could be spared on this
 “ frontier.* Although this fact is one of the
 “ most striking events connected with that

* Recruiting and drilling were being briskly carried on about Quebec and Montreal. Some troops began to arrive, about the beginning of March, 1813, from the Lower Provinces. The 104th Regiment had arrived overland from Frederickton in New Brunswick, by the valley of the St. John's river, through an impenetrable forest, for hundreds of miles, to Lake Temiscouata, and from thence to Riviere-du-Loup, proceeding upwards along the south shore of the St. Lawrence.—*Rogers' History of Canada.*