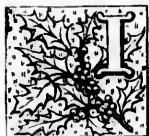


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IT has long been desired that the history of the seven months' occupation of Niagara, by the Americans, till now an unwritten chapter in our history, might be given to the public; and we rejoice that the story is now to be told by one who is at once so able and so well informed, and who has made the history of this period and this locality the study of his life. Major Cruikshank needs no introduction to those interested in the history of Canada, and who are already familiar with the close research, patient investigation and judicial impartiality which mark his historical papers. "The Blockade of Fort George" is the sequel to pamphlet No. 1 of the Society, "The Taking of Fort George," and brings the story down to the burning of the town in December, 1813.

The Niagara Historical Society, in sending out this third pamphlet, desires to do its share in proving the fact, so long denied, that Canada has indeed a noble history, and would hope that the same favor granted to its other publications may be accorded to this.