

cans in order to excite the American people to revenge. General Sullivan, who was sent by the United States Government to make raids on the Loyalist settlements of New York State, is reported to have been guilty of just as much cruelty as the Rangers were ever charged with. A Ranger descendant told the writer that his father always said the stories of the cruelty of Butler's Rangers were at first manufactured and afterwards adopted as American history ; yet we well know that in American history there has been a great deal of falsification of the actual facts when relating to anything pertaining to Canada, and they even now admit some of the mistakes themselves. When war is being waged there is a great tendency to exaggerate and falsify, anyway. Take, for instance, the reports sent out by the Boers during the late Boer-British War in South Africa. It is not denied that some of those who had belonged to Butler's Rangers were a rough class—there are always such who follow the fortunes of war—and were known to boast of the cruelties they had committed ; but how do we know that they were always telling the truth ? They may have told these stories to excite the awe and terror of the children of the people among whom they lived. We all know the proneness of such characters to exaggeration. The poet Campbell has given a pathetic description of the descent of the Rangers into the Valley of Wyoming, in his poem entitled "Gertrude of Wyoming." It was proved to him