

dismantled, although some of the cannon still lie in the water near Sailors Encampment; the North-west Company's Post was destroyed by fire and the fort which had been laid out for erection on Drummond Island was abandoned and never built.



From 1815 to 1849 matters military were dormant along the North Channel, but on May 24th, in the latter year an attempt was made under Mr. Joseph Wilson to establish a permanent rifle company the idea, no doubt arising in part from excitement among the surrounding Indians at the Government's lease to an American Company of the mines at Point Maimanse the Indians claiming that the Imperial Authorities had unjustly alienated the lands.

In November of the same year the Redmen gathered at Sault Sainte Marie under the leadership of a half-breed named McDo-
naid and set out in boats for the scene of dispute taking along a cannon which they had seized at the point of embarkation.