

invaded the gaol, it was Mr. McNab who released the surviving prisoners and assumed the responsibility. When the conflagration of November broke out, it must needs begin in Mr. McNab's building. At the outbreak of our domestic "unpleasantness" in 1837, Colonel the Hon. Allan McNab was Speaker of the House of Assembly, and Colonel Fitzgibbon (whom we met at Beaver Dam) was Clerk. Within thirty minutes after receiving a despatch from Sir Francis Head's courier, McNab was mustering the militia, and within three hours he was steaming away for Toronto in command of "The Men of Gore." On the morning following his arrival, he led the charge up Yonge Street that dispersed the "rebels." He organized the flotilla on the Niagara River which, under Captain Drew's dashing command, cut out the *Caroline*, and sent her blazing over the Falls.

One of the great thoroughfares of Hamilton commemorates Sir Allan's long services to his adopted city; and numerous minor streets serve by their names to indicate how closely the fortunes of Hamilton have been identified with his romantic career. McNab Street runs the whole depth of the city from the Mountain to the Bay, and midway it passes the Market. Less than a century ago the Market Square



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