

Brown put the matter in a few words when he said in a letter to Governor Tompkins, "The militia of New York have redeemed their character—they behaved gallantly."

The raising of the siege was completely decisive, and the pioneers along the frontier could again rest in peace without the disturbing thought that they might be scalped or burned out, or both, before another day dawned. The fort was occupied until November fifth, 1814, when it was blown up and destroyed and the stores and garrison withdrawn to Buffalo, its possession being no longer of value.

The War of 1812 has been overshadowed by the more important events which preceded and followed it, but when an adequate history of this trying period of our country's history is written, and the battles along the Niagara frontier are recounted, Chippewa, Lundy's Lane, and Fort Erie will be awarded places high up in the record of the many valorous deeds the history of our country affords. And while the history of our brave men is written, let due praise be accorded to our former foes, who, through the mutation of time and circumstance, are now our nearest neighbors and best friends.

THE END.

