

and largely circulated in England, the United States and Canada: The 3rd edition of "The Battle of Lundy's Lane" has just been issued this month. It is much enlarged and improved. To the able and vigorous writers who have done so much work and labor of love the Society feels most gratefully indebted. Letters of commendation and press notices are very frequent in reference to each book issued under its auspices.

Not only may we refer to the Society's publications, but we have also great pleasure in referring to a series of historical papers, of about 200 columns, which have appeared and are still continued in the (weekly) *Welland Tribune* newspaper, by Capt. Cruikshank, in relation to the U.S. Revolution; also to another most interesting series of documents, etc., of 1812, hitherto unpublished, which have appeared in the columns of the (weekly) *Welland Telegraph*, by Capt. Cruikshank; also to a series of letters, by an unknown writer, in the *Welland Telegraph*, relating the stirring events of 1837. Gladly would we wish to see these excellent series printed in book form.

The committee also desire to notice the very recent publication of a bright and most interesting volume of 350 pages, entitled, "A Veteran of 1812," (Lieut. Fitzgibbon, the hero of Beaverdams, 1813) by Miss Fitzgibbon, grand-daughter of the hero. This volume is an important addition to what has been written of the war of 1812 and the rebellion of 1837.

Canada has a history—a splendid history, at which we need not blush nor feel ashamed; it needs only to be unfolded and brought to light that all men may read and learn more about U. E. Loyalists and others, the pioneers and settlers of Canada one hundred years ago, and about her defenders, her statesmen and people ever since. But here we must remark that the process of unfolding the pages of Canadian history has hitherto been very slow. The reason is obvious. More help is wanted—County Council help and Provincial Legislature help. The archives of Ontario and the records of counties are numerous and precious. Biography of useful lives is interesting and instructive—no other secular reading is more so. The County Council of Welland, one alone among many, has done well in publishing "A Century of Municipal Records," a large and useful work, by Capt. Cruikshank. The same council has lately donated \$100 to the L. L. H. S. to assist it in its work. The Society desires on this occasion to publicly thank the County Council of Welland for its recent handsome donation to its funds. It is a well known fact that each state across the border-line has long since acted upon this plan of an annual grant of money to assist in producing one or more volumes of State historic value every year, thus cultivating intelligence and patriotism among their people.

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