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REMINISCENCES OF COLONEL CLAUS.

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I.

During the past summer it was the writer's good fortune to find in the possession of a gentleman living at Niagara, Ont., a small volume which had evidently been used as a letter-book by Col. Wm. Claus, Deputy-Superintendent-General of the Indian Department in Upper Canada in 1813. Into this book he would seem to have copied all official letters written or received by him between the 24th of June and 15th of August of that year, and abstracts of the principal speeches delivered by Indian chiefs at the various Indian Councils held by him during that period.

Besides amplifying and elucidating Claus's interesting MSS. "Account of the Operations of the Indian Contingent," preserved in the Canadian Archives, these documents will materially assist in filling up certain gaps in the military correspondence of that campaign. Besides some thirty letters of more or less importance, it contains a record of the proceedings of seven Indian Councils. On the fly-leaf there is written a nominal return of the Indians killed at or near Niagara from the 13th October, 1812, to the 6th of