

fidence in its reliability. Without this quality it could not be valuable. Wherever dates are given they have been taken from records. Where oral information only has been obtainable regarding events, statements are made in general terms without conveying the idea of positive certainty.

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WILLIAM JOHNSTON.

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