

topmast and mainyard of the *Wolfe* being carried away, congratulatory report was made to headquarters by Commodore Chauncey, hence, no doubt, the issue of the print.

Both sides seem to have been equally well served by their crews. Being largely manned by officers and seamen of the Royal Navy, strict discipline was maintained on the British ships, as indicated in the report of a court-martial at Portsmouth.* The proprieties were also observed. One of the Orders issued for the guidance of midshipmen states, "the gentlemen of the quarter-deck are always to wear a uniform dress appropriate to their stations, and on no account to appear without stockings, but at all times to go on deck with brushed clothes and shoes and be very attentive to cleanliness."

Although rivals at war, the old-time courtesies, which in those early days were exhibited to one another by belligerents, evidently existed between the fleets. After the capture of Fort George by the Americans on 27th May, 1813, the *Kingston Gazette* records, "Arrived on Thursday evening, 3rd June, from Sackett's Harbor, with a flag of truce, the American schooner *Lady of the Lake*, bringing the ladies of Major Dennis and Mr. Paymaster Brock, of the 49th Regiment, who were politely accommodated with a passage from Fort George in the *Madison* by Commodore Chauncey." The American ships were also officered and manned largely by drafts from their regular navy on the Atlantic. We may be sure, therefore, that the ladies received every attention and were given pleasant passage, for a woman in distress always appeals to a sailor's feelings and he dearly loves a petticoat.

With the close of the season of navigation for 1813, the contest for the supremacy, by the building of new and larger ships, was energetically continued.

The Americans laid down at Sackett's Harbor two 22-gun brigs, which were launched in 1814, at end of April and May, as the *Jefferson* and the *Jones*, and another ship, the *Mohawk*, 42 guns, was also under construction.

At Kingston similar activity prevailed. The advertisements of the *Kingston Gazette* evidence the call for men and the prices for timber.

"All artificers wanting employment will have liberal encouragement on application at the Commandant Office at Point Frederic."

"Merchantable timber will be received at His Majesty's Naval Yard.

"Oak, squaring not less than 14 per cubic ft., 1s. 6d.

"Rock Elm, squaring not less than 14 per cubic ft., 1s. 6d.

"Red Pine, not less than 45 ft. long and 9 in. square, per cubic ft., 2s. 6d."

* Robertson's "Landmarks," Vol. II.