

On the British side two frigates had been laid down at Kingston, the *Prince Regent*, 58 guns, and *Princess Charlotte*, 42 guns, and launched early in April, this time due, no doubt, to Sir James Yeo's energy, in advance of their rivals.

The additions of the winter of 1813 and 1814 to the fleets were:

AMERICAN—CHAUNCEY'S SQUADRON.

Name.	Rig.	Tonnage.	Crew.	Guns.
Superior	Ship	1580	500	62
Mohawk	Ship	1350	350	42
Jefferson	Brig	500	160	22
Jones Y.	Brig	500	160	22

BRITISH—YEO'S SQUADRON.

Name.	Rig.	Tonnage.	Crew.	Guns.
Prince Regent	Ship	1450	435	58
Princess Charlotte	Ship	1215	315	42

In reading the accounts of this period it is well to remember that the names of some of the British vessels of the previous year were changed, the *Wolfe* to *Montreal*, *Royal George* to *Niagara*, *Beresford* to *Netley*.

Another large ship, the *St. Lawrence*, 100 guns, was also laid down at Kingston, but was not launched until September, 1814, and, on Peace being declared, was never sailed.

The advance in the sizes of the ships constructed on both sides in the winter of 1813-14 over those of the previous years is most noticeable, and indicates increased ability on the part of the ship-builders.

It is not within the scope of this paper to enter into or explain the operations of the fleets during 1814. In the race for ship-building the British had this year made earlier gains, but the superior numbers of guns and range still remained with the Americans.

Previously it would almost appear that each fleet in turn, as additions had been made to the strength of the other, had been held in harbor until, by the completion of another ship, the balance of sea power had been more equalized. This year, the fleets, meeting on the open lake, manœuvred to obtain the advantage of position, the Americans, under Chauncey, with their long-range guns, to engage at long distance in calm weather; the British, under Yeo, being better sailers, but with shorter guns, for the weather-gauge, and to engage at closer quarters. The reports of the Commanders, particularly those of Chauncey, vary considerably in the motives assigned for the indecisive meetings, which may reasonably be accounted for by the disparity in