

EXTRACT FROM THE DESPATCH OF GENERAL
DRUMMOND.

From Smith's "Canada, Past, Present, and Future."

I embarked on board His Majesty's schooner Netly, at York, on Sunday evening, the 24th instant, and reached Niagara at day-break the following morning. Finding from Lieutenant-Colonel Tucker, that Major-General Riall was understood to be moving towards the Falls of Niagara, to support the advance of his division, which he had pushed on to that place, on the preceeding evening, I ordered Lieutenant-Colonel Morrison, with the Eighty-ninth Regiment, and a detachment of the Royals and King's, drawn from Forts George and Mississauga, to proceed to the same point, in order that with the united force I might act against the enemy on my arrival, if it should be found expedient. I ordered Lieutenant-Colonel Tucker, at the same time, to proceed on the right bank of the river, with three hundred of the Forty-First, and about two hundred of the Royal Scots, and a body of Indian warriors, supported on the river by a party of armed seamen, under Captain Dobbs, R. N. The object of this movement was to disperse or capture a body of the enemy, which was encamped at Lewiston. Some unavoidable delay having occurred in the march of the troops up the right bank, the enemy had moved off previous to Lieutenant-Colonel Tucker's arrival.

Having refreshed the troops at Queenstown, and having brought across the Forty-first, Royals and Indians, I sent back the Forty-first and Hundredth regiments to form the garrisons of the forts, and moved with the Eighty-ninth, and detachments of the Royals and King's, and light company of the Forty-first, in all about eight hundred men, to join Major-General Riall's division at the Falls.

When arrived within a few miles of that position, I met a report from Major-General Riall that the enemy was advancing in great force. I immediately pushed on, and joined the head of Lieutenant-Colonel Morrison's column, just as it reached the road leading towards the Beaver