

## *KEMPTVILLE, NOVA SCOTIA.*

destroyed. By this unfortunate accident Mrs. Hamilton and three of the younger children of the family perished. When the fire had made considerable progress, awakening the family, Mrs. Hamilton heroically rushed to the chamber to save her children. This brave and devoted effort was not successful and mother and children were victims together in the devouring flames.

Brevity, consistent with the retention of the necessary facts and the relation of what may be of interest to be preserved for the future, has governed the production of these pages. At many points material at hand would tempt an extension of the narrative. Should these records here made prove to be fairly correct and complete the writer will experience a degree of satisfaction that will be a sufficient reward for the effort made. It is hoped that this sketch will be the means of preserving the history of the commencement and progress of an interesting community for a period of nearly one hundred years and afford material for some one in the future, qualified for the task, to produce a history of the district that has here been under consideration, such as the time may demand.