

national ill-feeling which subsequently gathered round the Maine boundary question would have been avoided.

Naval encounters on the high seas.

Sherbrooke and Griffith had not found serious difficulties to contend with in their enterprise, but what work they had to do they did thoroughly well, and the promptness with which each step was followed up, together with the absolute harmony between soldiers and sailors, stands out in marked contrast to the unsatisfactory record of the Plattsburg expedition. Meanwhile soldiers and sailors were also co-operating in invasion of American territory further down the Atlantic coast of the United States. On the ocean and in neutral waters, in isolated combats such as have already been noticed, the Americans more than held their own. At the end of March, 1814, the British frigate *Phæbe* and sloop *Cherub*, under the command of Captain Hillyar, overpowered and captured the American frigate *Essex* off Valparaiso. The *Essex*, commanded by Captain David Porter, had made a memorable cruise. Putting to sea at the end of October, 1812, early in 1813 she had gone round Cape Horn into the Pacific, and had there captured a number of British whalers, before she was forced to succumb to superior strength. At the end of April, 1814, the British brig *Epervier*, on her way home from Jamaica, was taken by the American sloop *Peacock*. At the end of June, the American sloop *Wasp* encountered the British sloop *Reindeer* in the English Channel. After a desperate fight the *Reindeer*, in the words of the American commander, 'literally cut to pieces in a line with her ports,' surrendered and, as soon as her crew had been taken on board the *Wasp*, was burnt. The *Wasp* then put into the French port of L'Orient to refit, and, coming out again, on the night of September 1, sank another British ship, the brig *Avon*. The sea-fights went on into 1815, after peace had been signed. On January 15, 1815, the *President*, one of the large American frigates which proved so formidable during the war, was taken by a British squadron which was cruising off New York harbour. On February 20, another of these frigates,