

seems founded on tradition rather than authority, he gives entire, Lieut. Hanks' official report of the surprise and capitulation of the garrison. This report was not written until August 12, after his arrival at Detroit, with ample time to think it all over, and closing as it does with a request for a court of inquiry is, as might be expected, a labored attempt at justification.

It is an undoubted necessity in arriving at the truth of military operations, to put together the accounts of both sides. If there was no information accessible relative to the surrender of Fort Mackinaw other than Lieut. Hanks' report, a failure to look farther might be excusable. But the Dominion Archives' office, at Ottawa, is a vast storehouse of historical data in original letters and public and private documents, without an examination and comparison of which no historical study of these northwest countries can be complete.

The reports of the capture of Mackinaw made by Capt. Charles Roberts to Gen. Brock and Adj. Gen. Col. Baynes, are very concise, and indeed too much so to be entirely satisfactory. This may be accounted for by the aid