

Another Nova Scotia privateer which gained fame and considerable returns for her owners was the schooner "Charles Mary Wentworth," named after the son of the governor of the province. She was built in Liverpool. In May, 1799, the "Charles Mary Wentworth" returned from a cruise, bringing with her four valuable Spanish prizes, including a letter of marque brig mounting 14 guns, which had fought nearly an hour before striking her colours. The "Wentworth" was commanded by Captain Thomas Parker, and Enos Collins was 1st lieutenant, afterwards the Hon. Enos Collins, of H. M. Council, and who died at the advanced age of 96 years, the richest man of his day in the Province of Nova Scotia. Hon. Mr. Collins was the owner of Gorsebrook, on Tower Road, and all that property known as Collins' field, now used as golf links. The "Wentworth" while on the Spanish Main, spent the days in search and pursuit of the enemy's vessels, and at night stood in towards the land and sent off her cutter ashore to capture anything of value to be had on land. Lieut. Collins often commanded the cutter on her night cruises, and seldom returned empty handed. In conversation on this subject with a friend of his in later years he was wont to say: "You will observe sir, that there were many things which occurred on these visits we don't care to talk about."

Besides the "Rover" and "Wentworth," there were several other privateers of note, commanded by men of daring and enterprise, who gave a good account of themselves during this war. They are as follows:—The Lord Spencer, Duke of Kent, Lord Nelson, General Bowyer, and the brig Eliza, and the ship Aria.

1812.

Strained relations between the governments of the United States and Great Britain culminated in a declaration of war by President Madison, on the 18th of June, 1812.

On the breaking out of the war of 1812-15, privateers were fitted out in Liverpool, N. S. Among them were the Liverpool Packet, Retaliation, Lively, Wolverine, Shannon, Sir John Sherbrooke, Saucy Sixteen, Rolla and a Sloop. The Liverpool Packet was owned by the Hon. Enos Collins of Halifax, and a number of Liverpool merchants. She was originally a tender to a slaver on the coast of Africa, but was captured

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