

MACKENZIE'S REBELLION IN 1837

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Five hundred British captives seized,
And all our native friends displeased.

Ere long with Brown at Lundy's Lane
Brave Drummond fought and not in vain,
For though at first our foemen gained
At last our friends the field retained.

Like ships at sea, by tempest tossed,
Sometimes we gained and sometimes lost,
Until at Ghent a peace was signed
And every captured point resigned.

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Miss Canada,—As soon as the country settled down after the War of 1812 Mackenzie and his friends in Upper Canada and Papineau in Lower Canada demanded responsible government. Finally they rebelled and took up arms, 1837. They were, however, quickly and easily defeated. Mackenzie and other leading rebels fled to the United States. In 1848 a general pardon was granted to all those who had taken part in the rebellion.

Mackenzie returns to Toronto, where he has an interview with Fitzgibbon, the hero of Beaver Dams, and the general who commanded the force which defeated the Upper Canada rebels near Montgomery's Tavern.

(Enter Fitzgibbon and William Lyon Mackenzie.)

Fitzgibbon:

Mackenzie, come you here once more
To raise rebellion as before?

Mackenzie:

No civil war your land need fear,
The people now are masters here.
The men who pay a tax or rate
By careful votes control the state.
Lord Durham showed for this we fought,
And Britain granted all we sought.
When once our claims were thus approved,
Our former wrongs were soon removed.