

shaking hands; Cameron, lamenting that matters had been brought to an extremity so suddenly without an opportunity for explanation and conciliation, said that his principal had come to the ground with the determination to receive Baldwin's fire only. Baldwin took this as an acknowledgment of error, as he had a right to do. The parties shook hands, and the affair ended. Macdonell resented the course taken by Baldwin and did not return his ceremonious call after the duel; and the two barristers were never reconciled.

Perhaps time would have softened the feelings of resentment; but a few months later the wretched and fratricidal war of 1812-14 broke out.¹³ Macdonell, who had a Lieutenant-Colonel's Commission in the Militia, was appointed Provincial Aide-de-Camp by Brock, accompanied him to Detroit, and took part in the capture of that place. In October, 1812, he and his general both met a hero's death at the Battle of Queenston Heights.¹⁴

therefore *children's play* must be dishonourable on one side or the other, and is accordingly prohibited:" Barrington's Personal Sketches, Vol. 2, p. 19. The regular course would have been first to exchange fires, rule 7, and then reconciliation would be in order. But where one party had so injured the other that an apology could not be an atonement, it was not unusual for the guilty party to take his opponent's fire, as was done in a duel more than a quarter of a century later on the Island by Mr. (Lieutenant) Grogan, who had taken away the wife of John Stuart, a grand-daughter of Chief Justice Powell. See the Statutes of Upper Canada, 1840, 3 Vic. ch. 72.

¹³As early as April, 1812, war was expected in York, from what Baldwin calls "the brawling, Jacobinical and damnable disposition of the American Government"—and some may even yet (or at least might till the summer of 1914), think that he has justification for his statement that "a more unprovoked, immoral and impious war was never engaged in than this the Americans are threatening us with." But even with war imminent, "business as usual" and duels must be attended to.

¹⁴Macdonell had been engaged to Mary Boyles Powell, daughter of Chief Justice Powell and aunt of Elizabeth Van Rensselaer Stuart, referred to in note 12. Several letters to her and her mother from her brother John Powell and his friend Samuel Peters Jarvis are extant, which describe Macdonell's suffering. By his will Macdonell left his fiancée a choice between £100 and a lot of land north of King Street between Yonge and Church Street, York (Toronto). She took the money. The land is now worth probably \$10,000,000, but was then of little value, taxes came heavy, and the family was land poor. She afterwards married Samuel Peters Jarvis; her descendants are amongst the most respected people of the Province.