

are nearly raised to their proper height, and the window frames put in, but the roof, floor, etc., are wanting. The commanding officer's house, the indian and engineers' stores are without the fort. There is only one front of the fort that has flanks, which is opposite to the commanding ground." * * * *

"Considering the foregoing circumstances and situation of the place, I cannot help being of the opinion that as a military post, the greater part of the expense bestowed here has been a waste of money." And he added good military reasons for this view.

The transfer of the British Posts south of Lake Superior to the United States having been accomplished in 1796, our author skims over that and the period to the war of 1812 in less than two pages. To the capture of the Post at Mackinaw on the morning of July 17, 1812, by the British, and the subsequent attempts at recapture by United States forces, he devotes considerable space, but in a manner which seems to indicate an absence of the historical sense and the spirit of research. After a short preliminary statement which