

given a letter by Procter from Ancaster in which he stated that the enemy appeared in the offing on September 26th, and on the 27th landed nine miles below Amherstburg. This letter, doubtless, is Kingsford's authority.

How long did the Americans hold Amherstburg? On page 104 of the Life of Lewis Cass, it is stated that on 1st of July, 1815, Malden was surrendered to the British.

On page 630 of Vol. XXV, of the Michigan publications, will be found part of a letter from Sir Gordon Drummond to Earl Bathurst, dated Quebec, August 15th, 1815. He says:

"I consider it necessary to apprise Your Lordship that it will be necessary to place the Post of Amherstburg, which was delivered up to us on the 1st ultimo, in a suitable state of defense; Fort Malden, at all times insignificant, having been rendered totally useless as such during its occupation by the United States Troops."

This settles the date of the evacuation—July 1st, 1815. Drummond, it will be noticed, here applies to the Fort the name that is generally found in all U. S. records.

Kingsford says, page 579: "They held nothing of Upper Canada to cede except Amherstburg, of which they had been in possession since the defeat of the gallant Captain Barclay on Lake Erie."

Lieutenant J. E. Portlock, Lieutenant of Royal Engineers, in 1826 prepared for Major General Sir James Carmichael-Smyth, a report of the Posts of Amherstburg and Drummond Island. We make an extract from the report on Fort Amherstburg:

"Amherstburg.—The Fort is a square, consisting of three bastions and one semi-bastion, and in its present form was constructed by the Americans. The original works, which had progressed very slowly and stood unfinished on the approach of the enemy, during the last war were (as far as it was practicable to do so), destroyed by the British Troops prior to their retreat from the western frontier. The Americans had advanced but a little way towards the completion of the present Fort, when the renewal of peace placed it in the hands of the British."

"Since the re-occupation of Amherstburg by the British troops, the Fort