

# Old Times Recalled

## RECORD OF 104TH REGIMENT

(By Brigadier-General Cruikshank, Chairman Historic Sites and Monuments Board).

(Continued)

A note in pencil written by the Governor General at the foot of this letter shows considerable irritation.

"Very much obliged to Genl. D. for his opinion. Unfortunately for him it is not founded on fact as not one soldier intended for Upper Canada has been prevented from moving forward by the enemy's demonstrations in the vicinity of Oldtown."

His secretary was instructed to inform Drummond that the Nova Scotia Fencibles would be sent to Kingston, "where they will probably prove a useful corps, having many men who are used to boats." He was at the same time given leave to send the 104th to Fort Wellington, selecting from it a detachment of its most effective men for Cornwall and draw it to Kingston, the Canadian Fencibles stationed there.

"His Excellency trusts that the great increase of force in the upper province to that which has been hitherto allotted to its defence will enable you to meet and completely frustrate the meditated designs of the enemy," with the chilling comment made upon Drummond's latest letter.

Events very soon proved the correctness of Drummond's forecast. On July 9 he learned that the enemy had landed and taken Fort Erie. General Riall had attacked them and had been repulsed with severe loss. Four companies of the 89th Regiment were sent as the sole available reinforcements, "as the garrison of Kingston is extremely deficient in strength, consisting only of the 104th and De Watteville's Regiments." Next day Drummond announced that he had "placed the two flank companies of the 104th, completed to 60 each under Lieut. Colonel Drummond, for the purpose of acting with the Indians in that direction also, as circumstances may require." The remaining companies of that regiment were to remain at Kingston until further orders. The flank companies were detained at York in apprehension of a naval attack on that place, until General Drummond arrived at that place on July 22, and ordered them to cross the lake to Fort Niagara, for the purpose of attacking the siege-batteries the enemy had begun to construct. As these batteries were hastily abandoned the flank companies of the 104th joined General Riall's division at the Twelve Mile Creek and accompanied its main body in its advance to the field of battle at Lundys Lane, where they arrived about nine o'clock at night and were ordered to prolong the front line on the right, where an enveloping movement by the enemy was frustrated. Lt.-Col. Drummond, having been per-

mitted by the General to go forward early in the day to act as staff-officer, Captain Richard Leonard commanded these two companies, which General Drummond reported to have "behaved with great gallantry and firmness." As they lost but one private killed and five privates missing, it appears that they were not seriously engaged. Lieut. H. N. Moorson of the 104th, serving on the staff as Deputy Assistant Adjutant General, described by General Drummond as "a very intelligent and promising young officer," was killed by one of the last shots fired. Captain R. H. Loring was wounded and taken prisoner.

On the night of 2nd-3rd August Lieut.-Colonel Tucker with six hundred men crossed the Niagara river below the rapids near Fort Erie with the intention of attacking the enemy's positions at Black Rock and Buffalo. They found that the bridge over an unfordable creek had been destroyed and being suddenly exposed to rifle-fire from breastworks on the other bank, were thrown into great confusion and obliged to retreat.

Colonel Tucker reported that "the men displayed an unpardonable degree of unsteadiness, without possessing one solitary excuse to justify their want of discipline. The officers were perfectly unaware of the sudden impulse of panic, which threw their men into a tumultuous confusion, their exertions and spirit however succeeded in reforming our Column, and I am happy to express my approbation of their conduct."

"Lieut. Col. Drummond commanded my advance, and cheerfully afforded me every assistance that I could wish or expect from an officer of zeal and judgment."

The flank companies of the 104th composed part of the advance guard and sustained a loss of one sergeant and five men killed, one man wounded, and four men missing, out of ninety-five engaged.

Lieut. Colonel Drummond was selected to command the centre column formed for the assault of the breach at Fort Erie at two o'clock on the morning of August 13. It was composed of fifty Royal Marines, ninety seamen of the Royal Navy, twelve men of the Royal Artillery, and the flank companies of the 41st and 104th, being in all about 350 of all ranks. Flints were removed from their muskets and the men were advised to "make a free use of their bayonets" after entering the fort. This column was bravely and skillfully led and forced its way through the abatis, passed the ditch, and climbed the wall of the bastion. A desperate hand-to-hand fight followed, in which Drummond killed an artillery officer, and his men were overpowered and their guns taken and turned against the garrison of the stone barracks. Here they were repeatedly attacked by fresh troops

## A. O. DAWSON DECLARES AGAINST POLITICAL INTERFERENCE IN BUSINESS

Speaking in July to the Board of Trade In This City General Manager of Canadian Cottons, Ltd., Discussed This Question — His Ideas of Business.

Speaking before the Fredericton for our own economic integrity. Board of Trade in this city, A. O. Dawson, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, stated emphatically his opposition to the Bennett government wheat policy. He also declared against political interference with business. As Mr. Dawson is General Manager of the Canadian Cottons which has a large factory at Marysville, his remarks are of particular interest to the employees of his company in that town. His outstanding statement was: "We believe in the desirability of less government in business. We do not believe in government monopolies and on unwarranted encroachments in the business world, nor do we accept the economy of fixed prices. If the state has rights the individual has liberty."

Dr. Dawson stressed the need of harmony in business affairs if the people were to be happy and progress. This harmony could not exist if business and political affairs were to be mixed up.

After reviewing the work of the Canadian Chamber, President Dawson went on to say:

### A Platform For Business

Political manifestos are being issued. It seems to me we have need today of a Business Platform for Canada.

What then, in short, are some of the features of the programme for business as the Canadian Chamber of Commerce sees them?

1. We believe in a unified country, each for all and all for each. Canadianism and not sectionalism should inspire us as citizens. Our thinking and action should be on the high plains of a consuming patriotism. As a Dominion, our household goods should be national and not parochial, even though we must needs have strong communities and flourishing provinces on which to build the national structure.

2. We believe in loyalty to the King and hold firmly to our associations in the Empire. To that end we are proud of our British background and would strengthen the bonds of Imperial commerce. At the same time, we would do business with our neighbors and with foreign countries, always having due regard

from the intrenched camp which were invariably repulsed. But in one of these encounters Drummond was mortally wounded by a bayonet-thrust. (To be Continued)

## THE BIG THREE

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