

## CHAPTER XIII.

## WAR BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

**How the War began, 1812, A.D.—** In continuing the history of Nova Scotia, it is necessary to speak briefly of a war between Great Britain and the United States. As it usually happens in every quarrel, there was fault on both sides. The United States encouraged sailors to desert from the Royal Navy, and Great Britain persisted in searching American ships in mid-ocean for the runaways. The war began in 1812, and continued till the close of 1814. It was carried on chiefly on the border territories of the United States and Canada, and on the ocean.

**Privateers.—** During the war, privateers from the United States did much damage to Nova Scotia. They plundered the coast settlements, and captured many vessels engaged in trade and fishing. Chester was attacked several times. Hall's Harbour, on the Bay of Fundy, was the headquarters of a band of pirates. They made frequent raids upon the Cornwallis valley, plundering houses, stores, and farmyards.

An exciting scene was witnessed in Mahone Bay. A privateer, named "Young Teazer," ran up the bay pursued by two British war vessels. On the point of being captured, suddenly the privateer blew up. Of thirty-six men on board only eight were saved. From these it was learned that the destruction of the vessel was caused by an English deserter on board, who, to save himself from being captured, threw fire into the powder magazine.

To defend the country, the old forts and block-