

houses in different parts of the country were repaired, and cannon were mounted at the entrance of the principal harbours. Privateers were also fitted out and sent against the enemy.

Halifax was a busy place during the war. A militia force was brought in from the country, and British war ships thronged the harbour. Vessels and other property taken from the United States were brought here to be disposed of. Prisoners of war were kept on Melville Island in Halifax Harbour. Increased demand for provisions of all kinds raised the price of produce, and made good times for the farmers of the country.

**Capture of the "Chesapeake."**— The story of the capture of the "Chesapeake" is almost a household tale. Captain Broke, of the British frigate "Shannon," came up before Boston Harbour, where the "Chesapeake" was lying, and challenged Captain Lawrence to single combat. As the two ships sailed out to the battle ground, they were followed by a fleet of sail boats filled with the citizens of Boston, eager to see the battle and take part in the expected triumph. As the "Chesapeake" drew near, there was great excitement among Broke's men. "Don't cheer," said Broke, "but go quietly to your quarters."

In fifteen minutes after the first shot was fired, the "Chesapeake" was in the hands of the British; on her masts the British flag floated above the stars and stripes; seventy of her men, besides several officers, lay dead; and her captain was dying of a mortal wound. The British lost thirty men in the action, and Captain Broke was severely wounded. On Sunday, June 6, the "Shannon" with her prize sailed into Halifax Harbour. Captain Lawrence was buried in Halifax with military honours. Broke was rewarded by his sovereign with the title of baronet.

**Dalhousie.**— The Earl of Dalhousie became governor in 1816. He studied in every possible way to promote the welfare of the province. A district called Castine, on the coast of Maine, had been held by the British during the late war, and the duties collected here, amounting to over \$40,000, were given