

ROYAL NAVY VESSELS

Ship-Sloop ***H.M.S. WOLFE***, Christened ***SIR GEORGE PREVOST*** - Renamed for the hero of Quebec soon after launching on April 25, 1813-
WOLFE (1) And a Year Later ***MONTREAL***

She was an enlargement upon the *Royal Georges* 637 tons burthen, 107' length, 30' beam, 12' depth, 13' 6" draught, crew 220, faour 68 prs., ten 32 prs., one 24 in her upper deck, eight long 18s on her gun deck.

As the *Wolfe* It was Sir James Yeo's flagship in 1813. She fought through the war, distinguished in the "Burlington Races" Sept. 28, 1813, and after being renamed *Montreal* took part in the capture of Oswego, May 6, 1814. She is now sunk in Kingston Harbour.

Ship-sloop ***SIR ISAAC BROCK***, built at York, U.C., in the winter of 1812 -13, was burned on the stocks to prevent her from being taken away by the Americans when they captured Fort York April 27th 1813. She would have been more powerful than the *Wolfe* being designed for 30 guns. Silas Pearson was *Brock's* master-builder at York.

Schooner ***GOVERNOR HUNTER***, 36 tons, belonging to Joseph Kenderick of York, was caught and destroyed in harbour when the Americans invaded. Considering her private property the Americans handsomely paid the owner compensation. This small commercial vessel is not to be confused with the *General Hunter* of the Lake Erie Naval establishment.

Schooner ***LADY GORE***, 46 tons, more familiarly called *Bella Gore* and *Arabella Gore* after Governor Gores lively wife, had been built at the Humber in 1809. She escaped notice of the enemy on the occasion of the capture of York, though her master and part owner Captain Mathias Sanders, was killed, fighting gallantly in the defense of York at the head of the dockyard men. Possibly the *Lady Gore* was then lying concealed in the Humber River.

Captain Sanders and the other owner, Joseph Dennis of Mount Dennis, had offered her to the Provincial Marine service in the preceding February saying she would carry a 24 or 32 pounder in a war, "*a strong vessel, a good sailer, spreads as much canvas as most vessels carrying topsails - a cabin abaft, 4 double bertjhs and a single, a cabin forward for 5 or 6 hands, draught feet when light, 6½ in good sailing trim and 7½ loaded*"

The vessel did become a 3-gun transport, and was captured off the Ducks with troops for Kingston, part of De Watteville's German Regiment, by Chauncy's fleet Oct. 6, 1813.