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"The first to deal in a thoroughly adequate manner with the siege itself, and to supply us with all the picturesque details of the denouement of the drama. Other writers, it is true, have handled the subject ably, so far as their limited information could go, but the student has hitherto looked in vain for those daily incidents during the progress of the siege, which culminated in the battle of the Plains, and the end of the French regime in Canada. Even Parkman, in his admirable work on "Montcalm and Wolfe," in three volumes, devotes fewer than one hundred and fifty pages to the actual days of the siege. The work is mainly what it professes to be — a full history of the siege, and of the famous battle of September 13, which extended British domination over half a continent....

The narrative of the siege is written in an attractive style, and furnishes many new and interesting incidents... every important statement made is founded on contemporary documents. Much of this material, though of the utmost value to all students of history, has hitherto remained practically unknown.... An entirely new light has been thrown on several points heretofore obscure, for want of clear evidence — many "gaps" so to speak, have been successfully filled..... The two leading spirits in the drama—Wolfe and Montcalm—are displayed to the public in a changed light....

Public opinion in regard to de Bougainville must, also, materially change, in view of newly established facts concerning him.... By no means written from a purely English point of view, and there is quite as much new evidence produced on the French side as on the English. The character of Montcalm, for instance, stands here revealed