

Why Dr. Kingsford did not say all the truth on this testimony of Badeaux? In his manuscript, Badeaux has written in the margin, in his own writing, the following words: *the 31st December, 1775* (1), and underneath this marginal note, Mr. Jacques Viger, who is a very respectable authority, has added: *And it is exact.* (2)

That is all Dr. Kingsford could find to illicit truth on the subject. I will go further.

Six days after Montgomery's death, Wooster, one of the most brilliant officers of the American army, wrote to Colonel Warner: "With the greatest distress of mind I now sit down to inform you of the event of an unfortunate attack made upon Quebec, between the hours of four and six of the morning of the 31st last."

Smith, in the second volume of his *History of Canada* quotes the *Journal* of an officer who was evidently present at the whole conflict. This gentleman puts it on the 31st *December* :

"Mr. Montgomery with 900 of the best men attacked at Près-de-Ville, and Arnold with 700 chosen fellows attacked at Sault-au-Matelot. . .

"*January 1st, 1776.* The bodies that lay outside of Près-de-Ville were brought in thirteen in number. . .

January 4th. . . M. Montgomery, it terred privately" (and not the 2^d of January, as Kingsford writes in his *History*.)

There is a fact absolutely sure, and which, for me, is the best argument in favor of the 31st December. The population of Quebec celebrated for many years afterwards the

(1) "Le 31 décembre 1775."

(2) "Et c'est exact."