

number of brave soldiers. His bewildered troops did not even attempt to carry off the body of their commander, but beat a hasty retreat, leaving him to be covered by the thickly-falling snow. They could not have done otherwise; for ten minutes the small-arms, of the soldiers rang out, and in the narrow defile no one could have shown himself without meeting instant death. So ended the attack from the *Près-de-Ville* side of the city, and it might be added that the siege itself was virtually at an end, for the hope of the Americans lay dead in the narrow pass with three death-wounds, one in the chin, one in the groin, and one through the thigh.

The sound of this conflict had reached the Upper Town, and every bell in the city was ringing furiously to call the people to arms. The walls were soon lined with anxious faces, and the troops of Arnold, now slowly advancing along *Sault-au-Matelot* street, through a blinding storm of sleet, had a vigilant foe awaiting them. Several barricades had been erected to guard this entrance to the city, and on these they bodily advanced. Arnold was wounded, and had to retire, but as he was carried to the rear he urged his brave followers on with cheering words. Nothing daunted they bent forward in the face of the stinging blast, and plunged through gathering snow-drifts till the first barrier was reached. Here, a short, sharp fight took place, but with heroic dash they entered the embrasures, and overpowered the guard. They advanced to the second barrier, but this was more powerfully and skillfully constructed, and was guarded by a stronger and more determined force, and after a desperate struggle they were compelled to meditate a retreat. But before they could put their thoughts into action, Captain Laws at the head of two hundred men marched out of *Palace Gate* and captured a large body of them. Some of the more daring, seeing that the retreat was cut off, boldly dashed across the uncertain ice in the bay of *St. Charles*, and found safety on the opposite shore.

Once more the rocky citadel had withstood a siege, for although Arnold remained in the vicinity of *Quebec* till spring with some eight hundred men, it was never again in danger of being captured.

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