

on the night of November, at the junction of Fish the unsuspecting hamlet four mills, some thirty fortified brick mansion of and between the present Champlain canal), barns, stacks of sawed lumber, considerable quantities and made up the village of

while farmer and artisan members smouldered on the flames within the trundle along down the river fell suddenly. With fire and sword laid waste: fort, dwellings were reduced to ashes, or carried away captive, to tell the tale. Brave (of the General), was slain while gallantly descending sun rose upon the settlement, the fruits of people slain, or following savage captors through the

ers a fort on the north side of the Hudson had been houses, christened Fort Clinton, and garrisoned and fifty men. of French and Indians

under M. de La Corne St. Luc, surprised this stronghold and captured over half the garrison. A few months later the fort was abandoned and burnt by the English, leaving no fortifications between Albany and the northern frontier.

ENGLISH ACQUISITION OF CANADA.

From 1755 to 1759, yearly struggles between the French and English for supremacy in America dotted the valley with graves of brave men, and kept the settlements from Albany to Montreal continually harassed by scalping parties, tomahawk and secret arrows. Large bodies of troops, regulars, militiamen and Indian allies, were manoeuvred along the Hudson and through the Lake George and Champlain valleys. Forts with garrisons were established at Fort Miller, Fort Edward and Fort William Henry, by the English, while Ticonderoga and Crown Point were fortified by the French. In the summer and autumn of 1759, the English dislodged their adversaries from Ticonderoga and Crown Point and with the decisive victory of Wolfe over Montcalm at Quebec, the dominion of the French in America was ended. A treaty followed in 1763, and there was peace along the old trails until the struggle of the American Colonies for independence, in 1776-7, woke its echoes once more to the warwhoop, the rattle of musketry, the roar of artillery, the shout of victory and the groan of the maimed and dying.