

heard the officers say that a portion of the troops were to go that way to attack the post at Ten-mile Creek, and she must, therefore, take a circuitous path.

9. She started in the middle of the night. The illness of a brother at St. David's was the excuse that induced the sentry to let her pass. Her relatives at St. David's tried in vain to dissuade her from the journey; in a few minutes she proceeded on her way, accompanied by a niece. Heavy rains had made the road difficult, and in places she had to wade the streams or creep across fallen trees on hands and knees. Fear of interception caused her to make a detour, which after a long and arduous walk brought her to St. Catharines—then called Shipman's Corners. Here her companion's feet became so sore that she could go no further.

10. From St. Catharines Mrs. Secord followed the course of the Twelve-mile Creek, crossing and re-crossing that stream. As she drew near to Beaver Dams she had to fear FitzGibbon's Indian allies, who were apt to pay small respect to women. Here is her own statement: "I left early in the morning, walked nineteen miles in the month of June to a field belonging to Mr. DeCamp, in the neighborhood of the Beaver Dams. By this time daylight had left me. Here I found all the Indians encamped. By moonlight the scene was terrifying, and to those unaccustomed to such scenes might be considered grand. Upon advancing to the Indians they all ran and said, with some yells, 'Woman!' which made me tremble. I cannot express the awful feeling it gave me, but I did not lose my presence of mind. I was determined to persevere. I went up to one of the chiefs, made him understand that I had great news for Fitz-