- Their brief respite the French had used, to build within their fort,
- An earth-wall pierc'd with loop-holes,—some two score musket-port.
- When, therefore, to th' attack the foe with fury press once more,

From out these breaches volleys dart, and o'er them Death-hail pour.

Again and yet again they come—that dreadful savage band,

And still unflinching, man to man, the brave defenders stand!

- By day, by night, the Indians like angry hornets swarm
- Around that redoubt,—all in vain! its walls they cannot storm!
- But see! upon th' horizon the allies fierce appear,
- And now the Hurons craven turn, and flee, o'ercome by Fear!
- The French, with cries of "Vive la France," still bravely hold their ground,
- And for three days the Iroquois in vain the fort surround!

But now at last Might doth prevail,—the Foe have won the day!

The patriots die: but Canada is saved to white man's sway!

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