

the walls and all approaches to the fort, both from the water and the land. Here a large trade was carried on with the friendly Indians, frequently interrupted by fighting with the hostile Iroquois, who seem to have, at least on one occasion, succeeded in setting fire to the building. An attack by the Mohawk tribe, on the upper end of the island of Montreal, near the fort, is recorded as having taken place on the 21st June, 1747; in consequence, garrisons of soldiers and militia were kept there in 1747 and 1748. The fort was finally dismantled by a detachment of American troops despatched for this purpose, on the march upon Montreal, in 1775. The property, in its original extent of two hundred arpents, finally in 1865 came into the possession of the late Sir John Joseph Caldwell Abbott,

