

QUEENSTON HEIGHTS

THE MEMORIALS

IT was not long before measures were taken for the erection of a monument to perpetuate the memory of Sir Isaac Brock, and on October 14th, 1815, the Legislature of Upper Canada passed an act granting the "Necessary funds for constructing and erecting at Queenston, near where Brock fell, or such other spot as might be agreed upon by the Commissioners, a monument to his memory."

A lofty column was erected and, on October 13th, 1824, the anniversary of the Battle of Queenston Heights, the remains of General Brock and Colonel Macdonnell were removed from Fort George and, with solemn procession, in the presence of ten thousand persons, many from across the border, deposited in the vault beneath the monument, not then quite finished.

On Good Friday, April 17th, 1840, the monument was blown up with gunpowder and partially destroyed by a rebel, named Lett, who had fled from Canada to the United States because of his share in the rebellion of 1837. General indignation followed this act of vandalism, and it was at once decided to build another monument, the necessary funds to be raised by subscription. A prize offered for the best design was awarded to Mr. F. Young, Architect to the University of King's College. It was not long before the subscriptions, which poured in from comrades-in-arms, military organizations and private individuals, ensured the erection of the memorial, completed in 1854 and standing today a tribute to the memory of "The Hero of Upper Canada." On the pedestal is the inscription:—