

The fortifications which consisted only of the fronts towards the land, were little more than half finished, and could have held out but a for a very few days after the opening of our batteries : for there being neither ditch, covered way, nor out-works, the scarp wall was seen in many places from the top of the parapet to the foundation. The inside was equally imperfect, and its defence in many places impracticable even for small arms. There were found in the town and along the coast of Beauport 234 pieces of cannon, 17 mortars, and 4 howitzers, brass and iron of all sorts included, 694 barrels of powder, 14, 800 round shot, 1,500 shells, 3,000 muskets with bayonets, with 70 tons of musket shot, and a good many other articles of less value.

There remained but a small quantity of provisions, scarcely enough to serve the garrison for four days, and that was distributed to the women and children of the poorer inhabitants. The reason of this want was that the enemy never had above a fortnight's provision in the garrison at a time, lest they might be burnt, but were supplied from above and the army at Beauport, as occasion required. This scarcity of provisions was undoubtedly one of the principal causes of the sudden capitulation for they had but little hopes of obtaining any further supplies.

The number that carried arms in the town at