

I stated that it was a matter of opinion and debateable, but the two most heroic acts—universally accepted and acknowledged—I thought in my own mind would be—

1st. The fight against the Iroquois under Dollard des Ormeaux in 1600.

2nd. The gallant fight under Mdlle. de Vercheres in 1690-92.

But, beside the above, each competitor apparently had his, or her, own special pet hero or heroine, and he or she, the competitor, was for the time special pleader for the claimant. I give a few of the names at random:

Lallumant, Brebault, La Salle; Wolfe, Montcalm, and Brochu (the three were special favourites); Mrs. Secord, in connection with the battle of Beaver Dam; De Salaberry (with a better show of reason); nor must I omit the defence of Fort St. John in Acadia by Madame La Tour against Charnisey in 1643, in the absence of her husband,—down to some local hero, famous for saving some life or lives from fire or drowning.

I may say here, once for all, wherever a question was a little loose, leaving the door open for a "splurge" or "hifalutin" it was seized upon with avidity.

I will now tell you a secret, and it is not without interest, showing how the engineer may be "hoist with his own petard":

Question No. 37. *When was a minister put in gaol, in Lower Canada for preaching a sermon and what official acts did he perform in gaol?*

During the Episcopate of Bishop Mountain, a marriage was solemnized by a Congregational minister, who being a *Dissenter* (and all marriages not performed by an Episcopalian were considered by his Lordship as illegal,) the marriage was declared null. In his anger, he preached a sermon against Bishop Mountain from the texts—