

amidst the cheers of the inhabitants who had gathered in the square on hearing the news of the attack, which was confirmed by Staff-Surgeon Smith of the 52nd Battalion, who had just then arrived from near Eccles Hill. Major Rowe and Captain Robinson, with a small detachment of the 60th Battalion, which was concentrating at this place, also left in waggons with a quantity of ammunition for the front, likewise Captain Muir's troop of cavalry at a hand gallop. As the last trooper disappeared in a turn of the road every one in the village looked quite serious, and several young ladies who had stayed in the place, despite the threatened storm and attack by the Fenians, waved their handkerchiefs as an encouraging adieu to the volunteers, given, however, not without a tear. A knowledge of their isolated situation, within a few miles of the frontier, and a lively remembrance of the plundering scenes by the Fenians in 1866, blanched the cheeks of the villagers, who now felt that a crisis was at hand.

Leaving the Montreal volunteers on their way to the front, let us go back to Eccles Hill. Just before the arrival of Colonel Smith, and after the enemy's column had broken and scattered, Lieut. Baker, with a picket of ten men of the 60th, which was posted on the right rear of the hill, and nearly a mile distant from Colonel Chamberlin's position, as soon as they heard the firing commence, started for the scene of danger. The post which they vacated was an important one and commanded the road which leads from the United States up through the valley, about three miles to the right of Eccles, between the latter and Pigeon Hill, and flanking the Canadian position. It was of the first importance that this road should be guarded against surprise: and, accordingly, Lieutenant Baker and his picket, who had ran all the way through the wet heavy fields and underbrushwood to the front, were sent back immediately, much against their will, to re-occupy their outpost. About a dozen of the 60th, and fully more of the Home Guards, including Mr. Asa Westover, were absent, procuring their dinners at neighbouring farm-houses, between Cook's Corners and Eccles Hill, when the Fenians opened the attack. As soon, however, as they heard the firing they rushed to the front and arrived at Eccles Hill immediately after the repulse of the enemy's column; as did also several officers of the 60th who were about the vicinity or at Cook's Corners. Among the first of those who thus arrived were Captain and Paymaster Pattison, who was coming down the road from Frelighsburg towards the front when he heard the firing. Staff Surgeon J. B. Gibson, M.D., arrived on the scene a few minutes earlier with his case of surgical instruments ready, but was agreeably surprised in looking around the field to see that his professional services, so far, were not required. Soon after the above arrivals came Major S. Rowe and Captain Robin-