

ciplined New England farmer, commanded by William P. Phipps, a merchant ignorant of the art of war, was one of the most extraordinary events in the annals of history. The zealous crusaders set forth upon a task of the difficulties of which they had no conception, and they gained a triumph which should make their names as immortal as those of the "Noble six hundred." It was a feat without a parallel—a marvel among the most marvellous deeds which man has dared to do.

Restored to France by the peace of Aix la Chapelle, Louisbourg was again the stronghold of France on the Atlantic coast, and French veterans held Cape Breton, the key to the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The brief truce was soon broken, and then came the armies of England, and Wolfe sought and won his first laurels in the New World. Louisbourg fell once more and the knell of its glory was rung. The conquest of Canada achieved, the edict went forth that Louisbourg should be destroyed. The work of demolition was begun. The solid buildings, formed of stone brought from France, were torn to pieces: the walls were pulled down, and the batteries rendered useless for all time. It took two years to complete the destruction, and then the once proud citadel was in shapeless ruins. Years passed by: the stones were carried away by the dwellers along the coast; and the hand of time was left to finish the work of obliteration. Time has been more merciful than man; it has covered the gloomy ruin with a mantle of green and has healed the gaping wounds which once rendered ghastly the land that nature made so fair. The surges of the Atlantic sound mournfully upon the shore—the requiem of Louisbourg, the city made desolate.

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