

rear. Vaudreuil had poked his nose out of one of the gates of Quebec when the flight began. He then galloped down to the bridge, telling the Canadians on the Côte d'Abraham, which was the road from the Plains to the St. Charles, to make a stand there. Having got safe over the bridge himself, he was actually having it cut adrift, when some officers rushed up and stopped this crowning act of shame. This saved the fugitives in front.

Meanwhile the flying troops were being saved in rear by the Canadians at the Côte d'Abraham, under a French officer called Dumas. These Canadians had not done much in the battle, where the fighting was in the open, to which they were not trained, and where the British used bayonets, of which they had none themselves. But in the bush along the crest of the cliffs overlooking the valley they fought splendidly. After holding back the pursuit for twenty minutes and losing a quarter of their numbers, they gave way. But a few of them made a second stand in a mill and bakery in the valley itself and were killed or wounded to a man.