

Fitzgibbon's prompt action, his success, and his promotion for it, are matters of history. To Mrs. Secord he was ever grateful, and never failed to show it on occasion. Promotion came to him, but there was no reward for Laura Secord, whose self-denying devotion to her king and country led to it. Nor did she look for reward, save that achieved by the success of her errand. But to-day, when we are gradually awakening to a better appreciation of the heroes who gave us, by preserving to us, our liberties, we know that Laura Secord ought to find a place among them. We have been less susceptible to greatness than the ancients, in whose Pantheon the deities were not all gods. Nevertheless, we have not been wholly unmindful; we have contemplated doing the memory of Laura Secord some honor; we have approached our Provincial Legislature for a grant to be expended on marking her last resting-place, in Drummondville Cemetery, with a memorial stone somewhat worthy of her and of us. We are ready to open a subscription list on the part of the men and women of Ontario, if so be it should be desirable to supplement such grant as we may obtain, in order to carry out to the full our sense of the heroine's deserts.

Within the last decade a great awakening of interest in the details of our history has been remarked in our literature, and it is not to be wondered at that the romantic story of Laura Secord's heroism has touched the imagination of our poets. Mair, Machar, Jakeway, and others, have sung of her in harmonious strains, while many a green leaf has been laid on her lowly tomb by others. Mrs. Chamberlain, of Ottawa, whose first husband was Col. Fitzgibbon, writes: "I had heard so often from Col. Fitzgibbon all about Mrs. Secord. In my eyes she was more of a heroine than is generally known, for, like the Lady Godiva, her journey was performed, not exactly without any clothing, but next to nothing, being only a flannel petticoat, and what old-fashioned people call a bed-gown; in fact, a short night-dress worn over the petticoat. I am not positive about this last, but I rather think she had neither stockings nor shoes on. If fully and properly dressed, she never could