

Fires have frequently ravaged the upper and lower town, and the suburbs.

The most memorable spot contiguous to Quebec, is Abraham's plain. This is an extensive flat ground about a mile in width, extending in a line with the river towards the south-west. Near the river the bank rises suddenly, and forms a precipice not easily to be ascended. On the north side, this hill gradually descends to the river St. Charles. The neighbouring region then rises in a gentle slope, and we are entertained with a view of the pleasant country, farm houses, and villages, until the prospect is lost in the distant hills and the horizon. On this plain Wolf fell. The spot is shewn, but it is not marked by any monument to distinguish it. He landed at a place now called Wolf's cove, made by the river, covered by the circular form of the neighboring height or precipice. He ascended by an hollow way, which nature had formed by a small rivulet caused by rains from the water collected on the plain.

Nature had thus prepared a landing place and a pass from the beach, which was covered from the view of the besieged, and gave an opportunity to surprize the enemy within the walls.