

received credit for the affair at the Beaver Dam, whilst in point of fact the party to whom that credit was due was Major Delorimier, a relative of his own, and a native of Lower Canada, but instead of being rewarded for his services Major Delorimier could not obtain the life of his son when he afterwards solicited it.\*

Now I think it proper that Mr. Aylwin should be informed and that the country in general should know in what way Col. FitzGibbon achieved so much honour for the affair at the Beaver Dam. My mother, living on the frontier the whole of the late American war, a warm supporter of the British cause, frequently met with the American officers and upon the occasion of the capture of the American troops at the Beaver Dam, after our troops, consisting of a small detachment under Col. FitzGibbon, then Lieut. FitzGibbon of the 49th Regiment, and some Indians, had taken up their position at that place, overheard an American officer say to other of the officers that they intended to surprise and capture the British troops at the Beaver Dam. Without waiting for further information my mother, a lone woman, at once left her house to apprise the British troops of what she had heard, and travelled on foot the whole of the way, passing all the American guards and many of the Indian scouts who were placed along the road, until she arrived at the Beaver Dam, and enquiring for the officer in command was introduced to Col. FitzGibbon, (then Lieut. FitzGibbon, as I said before,) as the officer in command; she then told him what she had come for, and all she had heard,—that the Americans intended to make an attack upon them and would no doubt, from their superior numbers, capture them all. Col. FitzGibbon in consequence of this information prepared himself to meet the enemy, and soon after the attack being made the American troops were captured and one or two field-pieces taken—as the Colonel's certificate of my mother's services on that occasion, accompanying this communication, will shew. It might perhaps be as well for me while upon this subject further to state that I never heard my mother speak of Major Delorimier or any other officer being at the Beaver Dam at that time. Col. FitzGibbon was the only officer who appeared to be in command, to whom my mother gave the information, and who acted the part he so nobly did on that occasion.

I am, Sir, your most obedient servant,

CHAS. B. SECORD.

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\*Major DeLorimier was the Lieut. J. B. Lorimier mentioned in Capt. Ducharme's narrative and elsewhere in this volume. One of his sons was executed for participation in the insurrection of 1837-8 in Lower Canada.—Ed.