

Now the last argument, and a strong one, is the unanimity of writers, French, American and Canadian, in accepting the date given by Bishop Briand, and by Franklin. Let me quote only the following *inter multos* :

Samson, *Sketches of Lower Canada*, p. 62.

Silliman, *Short tour between Hartford and Quebec*, p. 284.

Carrington, *Battles of the American Revolution*, p. 134.

This last historian, who is an American, is very explicit :
“ It was not, says he, until the night of the thirtieth, when but one day of legal services remained for a large portion of the troops, that the preparations were complete.”

Perrault, Bibaud, Smith, Hawkins, Garneau, Roger, Withrow, LeMoine, Turcotte, and all those who have written on the American invasion, are of the same opinion, and give the 31st December, 1775, as the true date of the assault of Quebec.

I shall not insist any more, because I am sure that my readers are now convinced, as I am, that Kingsford, Clement and Calkin are wrong in trying to change a date which is consecrated by tradition, oral and written, and by the best historical authorities.

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