

persisting in their dastardly attempt, she hung on to her wounded husband, protecting him as well as she could from their assaults until the arrival of Captain Wool, U.S.A., who arrested the cowards, had them sent to Lewiston under guard, and ordered a party to escort James and Laura Secord to their home in the village.

Thus by her truly Spartan devotion *Laura Secord saved her husband's life on the field of battle.*

And then she saved her country.

During the second invasion of the Niagara Peninsula by the Yankees under Gen. Dearborn in 1813, and after the battle of Stony Creek, in which two Yankee Generals, two field guns and over 100 prisoners were taken by General Vincent in a night attack, Lieut. James Fitzgibbon, Adjutant of the 49th Regiment, organized a Company of fifty Rangers, which with a few troopers of Merritt's Horse occupied De Cew's house as a depot for stores and also took up a commanding position at Beaver Dams on the heights overlooking the plain of Niagara, posts being established on the tops of the tallest trees on the hillside.

("The Fight in the Beechwoods," *Cruikshank.*)

("The War of 1812," *Coffin.*)

Later on this small force was strengthened by a party of Caughnawaga and Mohawk Indians under the command of Captains Ducharme and Kerr. From their vantage ground and point of outlook Fitzgibbon's men scouted the country and harrassed the enemy for miles and miles around.