

Canada at the time, were set in motion to assail it on all sides ; the chances were all against de Montcalm ; with a force inferior in numbers, and composed of inferior colonial troops, and without awaiting the arrival of de Bougainville and de Lévis, de Montcalm rashly attacked the British on the Plains of Abraham, and lost the battle and his life, and yet no one can venture the assertion that the result of that battle would have been the same, if de Montcalm had but awaited the arrival of de Lévis and de Bougainville, with their trained Irish soldiers ; for when again, on the 28th April, 1760, on the heights of Sillery and Ste. Foye, the Brigade met the British in the shock of battle, an expiring ray of glory was shed on Irish valor, and this time it was not the French who ran.

In conclusion, we all must feel some pride in knowing that our race has filled so large a space in the brightest pages of Canadian history ; it is also time that others should be made to feel that Irishmen cannot be considered aliens, or ostracized as such, on a soil made famous by their deeds, and hallowed by their blood.

The Lecturer sat down amid much applause.