

**2.—What did she do, and why is it proposed to erect a National Monument to her memory ?**

*She was the heroine of Upper Canada : First of all, she saved her husband's life, and then she saved her country.*

When the invader prepared to attack the Province in 1812, her husband, being of U.E. Loyalist stock and a strong patriot himself, joined the Militia. On the morning of October 13th, 1812, the Americans landed at Queenston. Then followed the great battle of Queenston Heights, in which, while our Commander Gen. Brock was slain, the invaders either surrendered or were driven into the river. From her little home, hard by, Laura Secord watched the vicissitudes of the fight which at one time favored the King's troops, at another the invader. On the morning of that day James Secord greatly distinguished himself, kept close to the General in the great charge, and after his fall was one of those who bore the remains from the field to the village, where Laura waited, and watched. He then rejoined the fighting line on the hill.

During the third and last attack on the afternoon of that eventful day James Secord was wounded. Word reaching Laura, she hastened to his side, arriving there just as three Yankee soldiers had raised their muskets to club her husband to death. Rushing in their midst and covering their victim with her person, she called upon them to kill her if they chose, but to spare her husband. The miscreants still