

"time of writing I had not received copies. Since this paper has been in the press I have received the two plans referred to, and they confirm in every respect the accuracy of the positions established on plan "A."

..... According to this plan "the army was not at any time drawn up upon the ground forming the present race course."

2nd. "The condition of the ground now forming the race course would have prevented operations there on the day of the battle." Id., p. 418. And the same is repeated, Vol. II, p. 295, more emphatically. "On the day of the battle the ground known as the race course was in such condition that it would have been impossible for an army to have been drawn up there in the position indicated on the several plans."

"The ground now commonly known as the Plains of Abraham, which has recently been acquired by the city for a park, formed no part of the famous battle field of September the 13th, 1759.—Id., Vol. II, p. 289.

To be brief let us point out the more striking errors of the plan "A," which crystallises the gist and purport of the whole paper, and then we shall put it in juxtaposition with the other plan, Vol. III, p. 96, the new one prepared for and approved by the authors, drawn and supervised by the same draftsmen, MM. Vallée, Charest & St. Michel, to be the true and final criterion of the position of the two standing armies.

The patience of the reader, if not of the earnest student, must necessarily be taxed by constant and tedious references to plans; but this course is unavoidable in order to thoroughly understand the controverted points on this subject.

Referring then to the said plan "A"—

1st. The spot where Montcalm is indicated to be in command, is next to impossible; topographically he is out of sight, as in a well, being at the foot of a hill and facing the rock called "La Roche Bernard" on John street.

2nd. His right wing is carried away down the St. Charles valley in Saint-Sauveur, reaching so far as the crossings of St. Monique and St. Luc streets, more than a mile from the site of the conflict on the Heights of Abraham.

3rd. His left is too near the town, cannot see the enemy, and is too far from the edge of the cliff, not to be easily outflanked there.

4th. The spot where Wolfe fell mortally wounded is carried much too far. He never reached there; this would be a quarter of a mile