

Gibbon, and that he must let me pass to his camp, or that he and his party would all be taken.

11. "The chief at first objected to let me pass, but finally consented to go with me to FitzGibbon's station, which was at Beaver Dams; where I had an interview with him. . . . Benefiting by this information Captain FitzGibbon formed his plans accordingly, and captured about five hundred American infantry and fifty mounted dragoons, and a field-piece or two was taken from the enemy. I returned home the next day exhausted and fatigued. I am now advanced in years, and when I look back I wonder how I could have gone through so much fatigue with the fortitude to accomplish it."

12. FitzGibbon said: "Mrs. Secord was a woman of slight and delicate frame and made the effort in excessively hot weather, and I dreaded at the time she must suffer in health in consequence of fatigue and anxiety."

13. A frail and delicate woman walked most of the night and all next day under a tropical sun to warn men of the approach of her country's enemies! No words of praise are needed. The country that can boast such mothers is, upon its own soil, impregnable.

14. Laura Secord lived fifty-five years after the performance of her heroic deed. She died on the 17th of October, 1868, and was buried in the churchyard at Niagara Falls, where a stone has recently been erected to her memory.