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211 East Wood,
the residence of Mrs. Leonard General.

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S P E N C E R W O O D .

THIS beautiful spot is the residence of the Governor General of the British North American Provinces, when at Quebec. Formerly the property of Mr. Justice Powell, and called Powell Place, it became possessed by M. Lehoullier, and was rented as a summer residence by the Governors Sir Robert Shore Mills, and Sir James Henry Craig; and having been ultimately purchased by Michael Henry Perceval, Esq., Collector of Customs at Quebec, it received its present title of Spencer Wood, after the Right Honorable Spencer Perceval. It subsequently passed into the hands of Henry Atkinson, Esq., and was purchased by the Government of Canada in 1851.

Its situation is on the Cap Rouge road, distant from the city about two miles. Its scenery and views are very fine, overlooking the St. Lawrence a short distance beyond where the immortal Wolfe just one century ago, effected a landing; ascended the cliffs to victory; and converted this country into a British Colony. When Sir FENWICK WILLIAMS, the hero of Kars, recently visited Quebec and was shown over this scene of action, the following anecdote was related; and as it does not appear to have found its way into any of the histories of Canada, it may not be out of place to relate it here.

Near the top of the ravine, up which the British forced their way, stood a redoubt commanded by a French officer. Major H. Hale, who was the first to ascend, when preparing for an assault, was not only astonished at the silence which pervaded the redoubt, but at the appearance of the officer in command, whose drawn sword was pointing to the ground, in token of submission. Advancing, he told the Colonel that "his men having all, one by one, deserted him, he now surrendered himself prisoner, as a French officer never runs." It may also be worthy of note that there are still living in Quebec or its vicinity, three individuals, sons of men who fought under Wolfe at the battle of Quebec one hundred years ago, [1759], viz. :—

The Honble. Edward Hale, son of the above Major Hale, then commander the 47th Regiment, who received his Lt.-Colonelcy on conveying the news of the victory to England.

The Honble. J. M. Fraser, son of Ensign Malcolm Fraser, of the 78th Fraser Highlanders, who was promoted Lieutenant on the Plains of Abraham, for gallant conduct during the battle, and who, previous to his death, was known as Colonel Fraser.

Mr. James Barrington, son of John Barrington.

We have also heard of two others, brothers, named Fraser, men of highly respectable connections, somewhere on the South Shore, below Quebec. Of grand children there are many.

In the September number of the "Portfolio," we propose commemorating the centenary of the battle of Quebec, by a photograph of the Monument erected to the memory of Wolfe, on the spot where he died on the Plains of Abraham.