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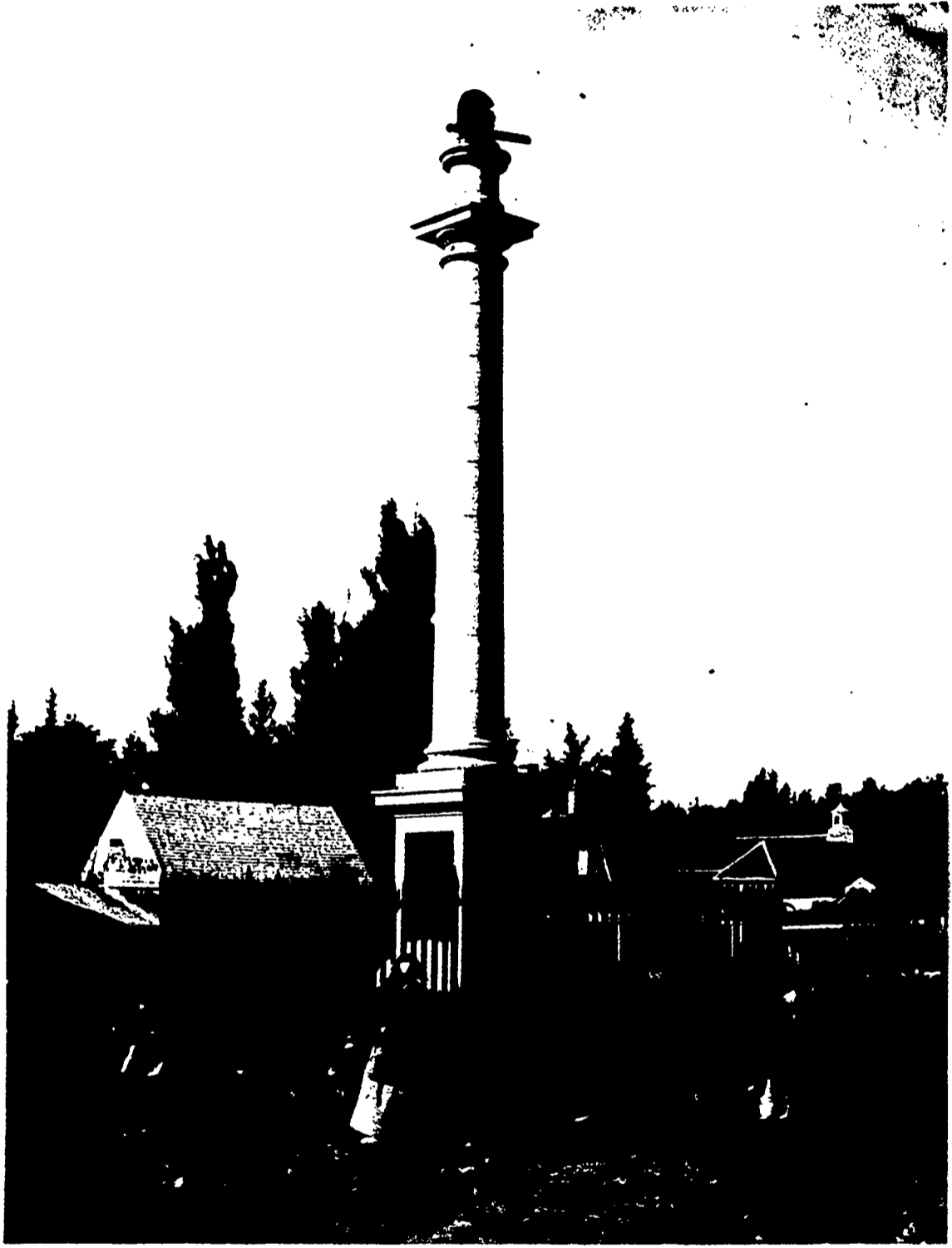
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OF
CANADIAN SCENES AND SCENERY,
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*Winged Monument,
Plains of Abraham.*

*Photographed by
H. W. Saughlin.*

W O L F E ' S M O N U M E N T .

NEXT in lasting interest and importance to the marvellous achievement of Columbus, and the second greatest event in the history of this Continent, is that which our illustration for this month commemorates. One hundred years ago this day, the 13th September, 1759, was fought the gallant battle, which, while it transferred to the conquerors the most valuable dependency of the French Crown, at the same time laid low in death one of the noblest and bravest of Britain's sons! The victory was great in itself, and great in its consequences, but it was bought at a great price; for in the list of illustrious British soldiers, no one name is fragrant with more beautiful memories than that of the hero of Quebec, the immortal **WOLFE**, who died at the moment when, after a fierce struggle, the discomfited squadrons of France were in full retreat towards the shelter of their fortifications. Our patrons will, we are sure, agree with us in the propriety and fitness of the selection we have made for this number of the **PORTFOLIO**, and our labor will, perhaps, go some little way towards dissipating the unfounded charge of apathy to the centenary of the battle of the Plains of Abraham, brought by some of the fervid Western journalists against the British population of Lower Canada. It is true that the event was not celebrated in Quebec with any imposing or ostentatious demonstration, but the feeling which prompted this reserve, will be understood and honored by every well regulated mind, and the lesson of English delicacy and forbearance it will teach to the descendants of the brave men who succumbed to the valour of our troops in 1759, will be worth a thousand fold the gratification that could have been derived from any pageant however magnificent. Yet the day was not by any means forgotten, for, notwithstanding that it was rainy and tempestuous, the Royal Canadian Volunteers turned out in full uniform, to the martial strains of their fine band. Nor was the spot sacred to the memory of **WOLFE**, unhonored or unvisited, for early in the morning some hand, loyal to the manes of the youthful hero, encircled the column erected in his honor with a twining wreath of evergreens, and the simple but touching incident made many a stout heart pulsate with deep emotion. In the year 1932, His Excellency, Lord **AYLMER**, then Governor General of Canada, caused a small pillar to be erected on, or as near as possible, to the spot where **WOLFE** expired, which bore the following simple inscription:—

HERE DIED
W O L F E ,
VICTORIOUS.

This memorial, however, soon went to decay, being frequently chipped and mutilated by visitors, who made a point of carrying away small fragments, as relics. This led to the erection of the more substantial, worthy, and better guarded monument, represented in our illustration, and we trust it will long stand to mark the sacred spot.

The inscription on the base of the new monument, facing Quebec, is as follows :—

THIS PILLAR
WAS ERECTED BY THE
BRITISH ARMY
IN CANADA, A. D., 1849.
HIS EXCELLENCY,
LIEUTENANT GENERAL
SIR BENJAMIN D'URBAN,
G. C. B., K. C. H., K. C. T. T., &c., &c.,
COMMANDER OF THE FORCES,
TO REPLACE THAT ERECTED BY
GOVERNOR GENERAL LORD AYLMER, G. C. H.,
IN 1832,
WHICH WAS BROKEN AND DEFACED
AND IS DEPOSITED BENEATH.

On the opposite side—that seen in the picture—we read the comprehensive words taken from the old monument, “HERE DIED WOLFE VICTORIOUS,” September 13, 1759,—a brief but expressive tribute to the memory of the hero of Quebec.