

1690.

The enemy
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Quebec
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sult.

The same evening the four largest ships anchored before the city,¹ the Rear Admiral's flagship bearing the blue flag a little to the left toward the Sault au Matelot, or Sailor's Leap, the Admiral on his right; the Vice Admiral a little below,² both opposite the lower town. The fourth, which bore a Commodore's pennant, advanced towards Cape Diamond. The city saluted them first; they then began a heavy cannonade which was well answered. Sainte Helene aimed almost all the guns of the principal battery, and not one of his shots failed to tell. That day the enemy fired only at the Upper Town, where they killed one man, and wounded two, without doing any other damage.³

Their animosity was directed chiefly against the Jesuits, to whom they attributed all the ravages committed by the Abénaquis in New England, and they had declared that when they took the town, the Jesuits should be made to suffer; but not one of their balls struck the college, and their threats coming to the ears of Sainte Helene, his brothers, and some of the other more prominent Canadians, these gallant men protested that they would all sooner die fighting before the doors of those religious, than suffer them to receive the least insult.

About eight o'clock the firing ceased on both sides.

¹ Capt. Gregory Sugars was Admiral on the Six Friends; Capt. Carter, Vice-Admiral on the John and Thomas; Capt. Gilbert, Rear-Admiral on the Severn. Smith, History of Canada, i. p. 90. Oldmixon, i., 140.

² De Monseignat, N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 487, Le Clercq, ii., p. 433, and De la Potherie, iii., p. 117, say *above*.

³ De Monseignat, Relation, N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 488. De la Potherie, Histoire de l'Amérique Septentrionale, iii., p. 118. Le Clercq, Etablissement, ii., p. 433. Mother Juchereau, Histoire de

l'Hotel Dieu, p. 326, states that the English aimed especially at the spire of the Cathedral on which had been hung up a picture of the Holy Family taken from the Ursuline Convent, (Les Ursulines de Quebec, i., p. 472,) and that his balls accordingly went over the town. Twenty-six cannon-balls fell in the Hospital Convent grounds and were sent down to the batteries to be used again. (Juchereau.) The Ursuline Convent received several balls also, one nearly killing a nun. Les Ursulines de Quebec, i., p. 471. La Hontan, Voyages, i., p. 216, speaks very lightly of the damage done.