

1691. fell and were killed to a man.<sup>1</sup> Still more elated by this new success, the confederates resumed the route by which they had come; but after marching two leagues, their runners discovered Mr. de Valrenes, who, at the first sound of an action, had hastened up with Mr. le Bert and the Indians. The runners had seen only the head of this corps of troops, and the enemy, not thinking it so large, imagined that they could dispose of it as easily as they had of Domergue's. Without a moment's hesitation they attacked it, and that with a resolution that would have disconcerted a commander less firm and less ready than Valrenes. Fortunately for that officer there were at the spot two large fallen trees. A man who knows his business, turns to advantage what would escape the attention of another.<sup>2</sup>

Defeat of  
the enemy.  
Loss on  
both sides.

Valrenes accordingly made breastworks of these trees, placing his men behind, flat on the ground, to receive the first fire of the enemy. He then gave the word to rise, divided them into three bands, each of which fired; then, with incredible presence of mind and celerity, he drew them up in line, and charged the enemy with so much order and vigor, that they gave way on all sides. The allies nevertheless rallied no less than twice; but after a fight of an hour and a half they were compelled to disband and their rout was complete.<sup>3</sup> One hundred and twenty were counted on the field, and it was afterwards ascertained that the wounded far exceeded the killed in number.<sup>4</sup> This action was a very sharp one, and managed

<sup>1</sup> Domergue was killed in the ravine, with twelve men, and Schuyler took three of the party prisoners. Schuyler's Journal, N. Y. Col. Doc., iii., p. 804. Belmont, Histoire du Canada, p. 34. Benac, Relation, Canada Doc., II., vi., p. 78.

<sup>2</sup> Relation, &c., 1691-2. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 522. De la Potherie, Histoire de l'Amerique Sept., iii., p. 141-2

<sup>3</sup> Schuyler's Journal, N. Y. Col. Doc., iii., p. 804. says that Valrenes was between him and his canoes; that he cut his way through the French, then turned and drove them back. The French accounts admit that Routine was repulsed, in a charge, and that some of Le Bert's Canadians at first gave way.

<sup>4</sup> The Relation, 1691-2, from Indians who counted the dead and in-