

*Battle for Canada [Laurier Lapierre] on blog.quintoapp.com \*FREE\* shipping on qualifying offers.*

In after defeat in July at the Battle of Carillon , the British took Louisbourg in August, causing Atlantic Canada to fall into British hands, and opening the sea route to attack Quebec. Fort Frontenac fell to the British in the same month, costing the French supplies for the Ohio Valley campaign. When some of the Indian supporters of the French made peace with the British, France was forced to draw its troops back. French leadership, specifically Governor de Vaudreuil and General Montcalm , were unsettled by the British successes. However, Quebec was still able to protect itself as the British prepared a three-pronged attack for In addition, a screen of trees along the Montmorency River made an approach on that route dangerous. Approximately 3, troops, supported by a heavy bombardment, attempted to land, but were caught under fire in the river shallows. Wolfe, I assure you, will make no progressâ€¦ He contented himself with losing about five hundred of his best soldiers. An estimated 1, stone houses and manors were destroyed, and many colonists killed. Lawrence entirely, was successfully blockading the ports in France. In August, Wolfe himself was bedridden, causing already low morale to slump even further among the British troops. In a letter to his mother, Wolfe wrote, "The Marquis of Montcalm is at the head of a great number of bad soldiers, and I am at the head of a small number of good ones that wish for nothing so much as to fight him; but the wary old fellow avoids an action, doubtful of the behaviour of his army. If successful, such a landing would force Montcalm to fight, as a British force on the north shore of the St. Lawrence would cut his supply lines to Montreal. Lawrence, which would have given the French troops one or two days to prepare for the attack. He further strengthened his defences of the Beauport shore following the abandonment of the British camp at Montmorency, which he regarded as preparations for a descent amphibious attack on Beauport. In spite of warnings from local commanders, he did not view an upstream landing as a serious possibility. Brigadier-General George Townshend wrote that "by some intelligence the General had, he has changed his mind as to the place he intended to land. I had the honour to inform you today that it is my duty to attack the French army. To the best of my knowledge and ability, I have fixed upon that spot where we can act with most force and are most likely to succeed. If I am mistaken I am sorry for it and must be answerable to His Majesty and the public for the consequences. His plan required that a small party of men should land by night on the north shore, climb the Promontory of Quebec , seize a small road, and overpower the garrison that protected it, allowing the bulk of his army 5, men to ascend the cliff by the small road and then deploy for battle on the plateau. Even if the first landing party succeeded in their mission and the army was able to follow, such a deployment would still leave his forces inside the French line of defense with no immediate retreat but the river. On the night of 12 September and morning of 13 September, however, the camp may have contained as few as 40 men, as others were off harvesting. Wolfe followed an hour later when he could use an easy access road to climb to the plain. The Plains of Abraham are to the left. Had the immediate defenders been more numerous, the British might have been unable to deploy or even been pushed back. An officer who would normally have patrolled the cliffs regularly through the night was unable to on the night of the 12th because one of his horses had been stolen and his two others were lame. Had he waited, the British would have been entirely cut offâ€¦they had nowhere to go but back down the Foulon, and would have been under fire the entire way. If we give him time to establish himself, we shall never be able to attack him with the troops we have. Many of the militia were inexperienced; the Acadian, Canadian, and indigenous irregulars were more used to guerilla warfare. By contrast, the British 7, troops were almost all regulars. Lawrence and its left by a bluff and thick wood above the St. While the regular French forces were approaching from Beauport and Quebec, the Canadian militia and native sharpshooters engaged the British left flank, sheltering in the trees and scrub; the militia held these positions throughout the battle and fell back on this line during the general retreat, eventually holding the bridge over the St. Two battalions were deployed, facing north, to cover the left flank and a further two formed a reserve. In order to cover the entire plain, Wolfe was forced to array his soldiers two ranks deep, rather than the more conventional three ranks. On the left wing, regiments under

Townshend exchanged fire with the militia in the scrub and captured a small collection of houses and gristmill to anchor the line. The defenders pushed the British from one house, but were repelled and, in retreat, lit several houses on fire to keep them out of enemy hands. Smoke from these fires wound up masking the British left, and may have confused Montcalm as to the width of the lines. Watercolour by Charles William Jefferys

As French troops arrived from Beauport, Montcalm, one of few mounted men on the field, decided that a swift assault was the only way to dislodge the British from their position. Accordingly, he deployed the forces immediately available in and near Quebec City and prepared an immediate attack, without waiting for further reinforcements from the Beauport shore. He arrayed his approximately 3, soldiers into place, his best regulars three deep, others six deep and his poorest regiment in column. Such actions required a disciplined soldiery, painstakingly drilled for as long as 18 months on the parade ground, trained to march in time, change formation at a word, and retain cohesion in the face of bayonet charges and musket volleys. The French held their fire and both armies waited for two or three minutes. The French finally fired two disorganized volleys. Volunteer James Henderson, with the Louisbourg Grenadiers, had been tasked with holding the hill, and reported afterwards that within moments of the command to fire, Wolfe was struck with two shots, one low in the stomach and the second, a mortal wound in the chest. Upon being told that the French had broken, he gave several orders, then turned on his side and said "Now, God be praised, I will die in peace", and died. The 78th Fraser Highlanders were ordered by Brigadier-General James Murray to pursue the French with their swords, but were met near the city by a heavy fire from a floating battery covering the bridge over the St. Charles River as well as militia that remained in the trees. The 78th took the highest number of casualties of all British units in the battle. Robert Macpherson wrote three days after the battle: The Highlanders pursued them to the very Sally Port of the town. The Highlanders returned towards the main body. Here, after a wonderful escape all day, we suffered great loss both in Officers and men but at last drove them under the cover of their cannon which likeways did us considerable loss. He was able to make it back into the city, but his wounds were mortal and he died at the wee hours the next morning. Watercolour by Louis Bombled

In the wake of the battle, a state of confusion spread through the French troops. Governor de Vaudreuil, who later wrote to his government and put the full blame for the French rout on the deceased Montcalm, [60] decided to abandon Quebec and the Beauport shore, ordering all of his forces to march west and eventually join up with Bougainville, leaving the garrison in Quebec under the command of Jean-Baptiste Nicolas Roch de Ramezay. Within days, on 18 September, de Ramezay, Townshend and Saunders signed the Articles of Capitulation of Quebec and the city was turned over to British control. The British Navy was forced to leave the St. Lawrence shortly after the capture of Quebec, lest pack ice close the mouth of the river. James Murray, the British commander, had experienced a terrible winter, in which scurvy had reduced his garrison to only 4, This battle proved bloodier than that of the Plains of Abraham, with about casualties on the French side and 1, on the British side. The British were defeated in the battle, but were able to withdraw within the walls of Quebec, which was now under siege. A lack of artillery and ammunition, combined with British improvements to the fortifications, meant that the French were unable to take the city by storm. Both sides awaited reinforcements from Europe. The French capitulated on 8 September, and the British took possession of Montreal. The Treaty of Paris was signed in to end the war and gave possession of parts of New France to Great Britain, including Canada and the eastern half of French Louisiana

lying between the Mississippi River and the Appalachian Mountains. There is a monument on the site of the Battle of Sainte-Foy. In, a number of activities were proposed to commemorate the th anniversary of the Battle of the Plains of Abraham. Leaders of separatist parties described the event as a slap in the face for Quebecers of French ancestry and as an insult for the francophone majority. Some sovereigntist groups threatened or made indirect threats by stating that if the event took place, there could be violence. The movement against re-enactment and these threats of violence led the National Battlefields Commission to cancel the event. Thousands gathered on the Plains of Abraham to listen to recitations of significant texts from Quebec history, including the FLQ Manifesto. The inclusion of that document in the event led to condemnations and a boycott from federalist politicians and the withdrawal of some government funding for the event.

Chapter 2 : : the battle for Canada (Book, ) [blog.quintoapp.com]

*Battle for Canada has 4 ratings and 1 review. Kristen said: I really did not care for the author's asides where he had conversations with the histor.*

The engraving shows the three stages of the battle: Both commanding officers died from wounds sustained during the battle. At the end of the war in France surrendered many of its colonial possessions – including Canada – to the British. While France was preoccupied by the hostilities in Europe, Britain targeted French colonies overseas and attacked the French navy and merchant fleet, in the hope of destroying France as a commercial rival. Although the French repulsed several British attacks in North America – including the successful defence of Fort Carillon by Montcalm – the British had made significant gains by One of the brigadiers of the Louisbourg expedition was James Wolfe , who was praised in Britain and its American colonies for his role in taking the fortress. The French would be difficult to dislodge. The British attacked the French position at Beauport on 31 July, but were met by fierce resistance and had to retreat. While this reduced the supplies available to the French defenders, it did not lure Montcalm into open battle. However, in late August a number of British ships managed to navigate the difficult currents of the St. Lawrence and landed the advance force at just after 4 a.m. A British force of light infantrymen led by Colonel William Howe who would later command British forces during the American Revolution scrambled up the cliff and subdued the French picket advance guard. By the time the sun rose, Wolfe and the first division were on the plateau, and by 8 a.m. The British force stretched across the Plains of Abraham named for 17th-century fisherman Abraham Martin in a shallow horseshoe formation about 1 km long and two ranks deep. The Battle of the Plains of Abraham When Montcalm heard about the British landing and ascent, he decided to attack quickly before the British had the chance to establish themselves. Historians have criticized his response, suggesting that he should have waited for reinforcements to arrive from French detachments in the area. The French force consisted of about 1,200 men from the army at Beauport, many of whom were militia or Aboriginal warriors see Aboriginal-French Relations. General Wolfe died soon after the firing commenced, shot three times in the first few minutes of the engagement. Brigadier-General George Townshend assumed command and organized two battalions to counter a French relief force under Colonel Bougainville that was approaching from behind; Bougainville decided to pull back, and the British consolidated their position on the heights. However, the war for New France would continue. Soon after the battle, the British navy was forced to leave the St. Lawrence River before ice closed the mouth of the river. On 20 November , the French fleet was destroyed at the battle at Quiberon Bay, just off the French coast; there would be no reinforcements for New France. Legacy The Battle of the Plains of Abraham marked a turning point in the history of New France and what would eventually become Canada. However, the removal of France as a North American power increased the confidence of British colonies such as New York, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, which subsequently agitated for greater independence from Great Britain. The Battle of the Plains of Abraham therefore led not only to the British control of Canada, but also indirectly to the American Revolution , the creation of the United States and the migration of Loyalists northwards. Stephen Brumwell, Paths of Glory: Peter MacLeod, Northern Armageddon: The Battle of the Plains of Abraham Stacey and Donald E. The Siege and the Battle

**Chapter 3 : blog.quintoapp.com - Wars on Our Soil, earliest times to - The Seven Years' War**

*On September 13, , during the Seven Years' War (), a worldwide conflict known in the United States as the French and Indian War, the British under General James Wolfe (*

See Article History Alternative Title: Both commanding officers died from wounds sustained during the battle, and within a year French Canada had capitulated to British forces. With the end of hostilities in , France surrendered virtually all of its colonial possessions in North America. While France was occupied by Frederick the Great and his Prussian armies in Europe, Britain attacked the French navy and merchant fleet in the hope of destroying France as a commercial rival. The early years of the conflict were characterized by French victories, as French regular troops demonstrated their superiority to the British and their American colonial allies. Within weeks of the latter event, however, the British began to make significant gains. One of the brigadiers of the Louisbourg expedition was Wolfe, who was praised in Britain and its American colonies for his role in taking the fortress. Braddock, EdwardLithograph depicting the mortally wounded Edward Braddock being carried from the field after a battle near Fort Duquesne, An initial British assault on the French position at Beauport on July 31 was rebuffed after meeting with fierce resistance. Library of Congress, Washington, D. At this point, Wolfe sent Brigadier James Murray to target French stores and shipping about 40 miles 65 km upriver from Quebec. While this reduced the supplies available to the French defenders, it did not lure Montcalm into open battle. Hoping to draw Montcalm outside the walls of the city, Wolfe resorted to the systematic destruction of the buildings and countryside around Quebec, but Montcalm still refused to attack. However, in late August a number of British ships managed to navigate the difficult currents of the Saint Lawrence and sail past the Quebec batteries, establishing a strong British naval presence upriver of the city. The British command therefore decided to try landing an invasion force upriver from Quebec, cutting the city off from Montreal and thus compelling Montcalm and the French army to fight. While historians have debated the logic and merits of this decision, the British were fortunate, as the area was only lightly defended. Operating in darkness and silence, the British boats fought the strong currents of the Saint Lawrence and landed an advance force at just after 4: Three companies of light infantrymen led by Col. William Howe who would later command British forces during the American Revolution scrambled up the cliff and subdued a French outpost. By the time the sun rose , Wolfe and the first division were on the plateau , and by 8: The British stretched across the Plains of Abraham in a shallow horseshoe formation about half a mile 1 km long and two ranks deep. When Montcalm heard about the British landing and ascent, he decided to attack quickly before the British had the chance to establish themselves. Historians have criticized his response, suggesting that he should have waited for reinforcements to arrive from French detachments in the area. The French force consisted of about 4, men from the army at Beauport, many of whom were militia. Coordinated volleys of British musketry quickly halted and then reversed the French advance. Wolfe was shot three times, with the third wound proving to be fatal. George Townshend assumed command and organized two battalions to counter a French relief force under Col. Bougainville decided to pull back, and the British consolidated their position on the heights. The British laid siege to Quebec, and on September 18, the French commander surrendered the city to the British. Soon after the battle, the British navy was forced to leave the Saint Lawrence before ice closed the mouth of the river. The British at Quebec were therefore isolated over the winter, and many suffered from scurvy. In a reversal of events from the previous year, the British retreated to Quebec, and the French laid siege. The Battle of Quebec marked a turning point in the history of New France and what would eventually become Canada. By defeating and securing the French stronghold at Quebec, the British established a strong presence in New France, foreshadowing the eventual defeat of the French and the beginning of British hegemony in North America. However, the removal of France as a North American power increased the confidence of British colonies such as New York, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts, which subsequently agitated for greater independence from Great Britain. The Battle of Quebec therefore led not only to the British control of Canada but also indirectly to the American Revolution, the creation of the United States, and the migration of Loyalists northwards. An earlier version of this entry was published by

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*The battle, which began on 13 September, was fought by the British Army and Navy against the French Army on a plateau just outside the walls of Quebec City, on land that was originally owned by a farmer named Abraham Martin, hence the name of the battle.*

His uncle was Edward Thompson MP, a distinguished politician. His relatively humble birth marked him out from many army officers at the time, who were disproportionately drawn from the nobility or gentry. Around 1700, the family moved to Greenwich, in London. Illness prevented him from taking part in a large expedition against Spanish-held Cartagena in 1702, and his father sent him home a few months later. Although initially Britain did not actively intervene, the presence of a sizable French army near the border of the Austrian Netherlands compelled the British to send an expedition to help defend the territory of their Austrian ally in 1703. Early in the following year he transferred to the 12th Regiment of Foot, a British Army infantry regiment, and set sail for Flanders some months later where the British took up position in Ghent. His first year on the continent was a frustrating one as, despite rumours of a British attack on Dunkirk, they remained inactive in Flanders. In 1704, he was joined by his younger brother, Edward, who had received a commission in the same regiment. Instead of moving southwards as expected, the British and their allies instead thrust eastwards into Southern Germany where they faced a large French army. His regiment had suffered the highest casualties of any of the British infantry battalions, and Wolfe had his horse shot from underneath him. However, George failed to adequately pursue the retreating enemy, allowing them to escape. A year later, he became a captain of the 45th Regiment of Foot. After the success of Dettingen, the campaign was another frustration as the Allies forces now led by George Wade failed to complete their objective of capturing Lille, fought no major battles, and returned to winter quarters at Ghent without anything to show for their efforts. Wolfe was left devastated when his brother Edward died, probably of consumption, that autumn. Shortly after they had departed Ghent, the town was suddenly attacked by the French who captured it and its garrison. Wolfe served during the Jacobite rising of 1745, where he fought at the decisive Battle of Culloden. They were poised to march into England where they expected a mass Jacobite rebellion to break out that would topple George II and his Hanoverian dynasty and replace them with the Young Pretender, Bonnie Prince Charlie. However, having encountered limited English support for their cause the Jacobites decided to withdraw and by the end of the year they were back in France [19] and government forces prepared for what they believed would be a relatively easy campaign that would crush the rebels. However, the gesture did not work, and the man was shot by Cumberland himself. It has been suggested that it may have been Hawley who gave the order rather than Cumberland. After this he took part in the pacification of the Highlands, designed to destroy the remnants of the culture. Return to the Continent[ edit ] Main article: On 2 July Wolfe participated in the Battle of Lauffeld, he was very badly wounded and received an official commendation for services to Britain. Lauffeld was the largest battle in terms of numbers in which Wolfe fought, [24] with the combined strength of both armies totalling over 100,000. Following their narrow victory at Lauffeld, the French captured Maastricht and seized no more strategic fortress at Bergen-op-Zoom. Both sides remained poised for further offensives, but an armistice halted the fighting. In 1746, aged 21 and with service in seven campaigns, Wolfe returned to Britain following the Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle which ended the war. Under the treaty, Britain and France had agreed to exchange all captured territory and the Austrian Netherlands were returned to Austrian control. Peacetime service [ edit ] Scottish garrison[ edit ] Once home, he was posted to Scotland and garrison duty, and a year later was made a major, in which rank he assumed command of the 20th Regiment, stationed at Stirling. In 1747, Wolfe was confirmed as Lieutenant Colonel of the regiment. During the eight years Wolfe remained in Scotland, he wrote military pamphlets and became proficient in French, as a result of several trips to Paris. Despite struggling with bouts of ill health suspected to be tuberculosis, he also tried to keep himself mentally fit by teaching himself Latin and mathematics, also Wolfe trained his body too, pushing himself to improve his swordsmanship and attending sessions where he learned about science and how to improve his leadership skills. Wolfe worked hard despite his illness and learned from many people. Wolfe had made the number of influential acquaintances during the

recent war. In 1742, Wolfe was granted extended leave, and he first went to Ireland staying in Dublin with his uncle and visiting Belfast and the site of the Battle of the Boyne. He was frequently entertained by the British Ambassador, Earl of Albemarle, with whom he had served in Scotland in 1741. Albemarle arranged an audience for Wolfe with Louis XV. While in Paris Wolfe spent money on improving his French and his fencing skills. He rejoined his regiment in Glasgow. Discipline [edit] Desertion, especially in the face of the enemy had always officially been regarded as a capital offence. Wolfe laid particular stress on the importance of the death penalty and in 1743, he ordered that any soldier who broke ranks "offers to quit his rank or offers to flag" should be instantly put to death by an officer or a sergeant. Pitt had Wolfe promoted and posted to Canada, which he planned to capture. In 1756, with the outbreak of open hostilities with France, Wolfe was promoted to Colonel. He was stationed in Canterbury, where his regiment had been posted to guard his home county of Kent against a French invasion threat. He was extremely dispirited by news of the loss of Minorca in June 1756, lamenting what he saw as the lack of professionalism amongst the British forces. Despite a widespread belief that French landing was imminent, Wolfe thought that it was unlikely his men would be called into action. As the threat of invasion decreased, the regiment was marched to Wiltshire. Despite the initial setbacks of the war in Europe and North America, the British were now expected to take the offensive and Wolfe anticipated playing a major role in future operations. However, his health was beginning to decline, which led to suspicions that he was suffering, as his younger brother Edward Wolfe "had, from consumption. Wolfe was selected to take part in the expedition partly because of his friendship with its commander, Sir John Mordaunt. In addition to his regimental duties, Wolfe also served as Quartermaster General for the whole expedition. The attempt failed as, after capturing an island offshore, the British made no attempt to land on the mainland and press on to Rochefort and instead withdrew home. While their sudden appearance off the French coast had spread panic throughout France, it had little practical effect. Mordaunt was court-martialed for his failure to attack Rochefort, although acquitted. Pitt had determined that the best gains in the war were to be made in North America where France was vulnerable, and planned to launch an assault on French Canada. Pitt now decided to promote Wolfe over the heads of a number of senior officers. Louisbourg stood near the mouth of the St Lawrence River, and its capture was considered essential to any attack on Canada from the east. An expedition the previous year had failed to seize the town, because of a French naval build-up. Wolfe distinguished himself in preparations for the assault, the initial landing and in the aggressive advance of siege batteries. The French capitulated in June of that year in the Siege of Louisbourg. He then participated in the Expulsion of the Acadians in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The British had initially planned to advance along the St Lawrence and attack Quebec that year, but the onset of winter forced them to postpone to the following year. Similarly a plan to capture New Orleans was rejected, [35] and Wolfe returned home to England. The news of the victory at Louisbourg was tempered by the failure of a British force advancing towards Montreal at the Battle of Carillon and the death of George Howe, a widely respected young general whom Wolfe described as "the best officer in the British Army".

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Contact Us Old postcard showing the fortress "Citadel" of Quebec City on an inaccessible steep cliff with the plains of Abraham behind. French forces were arranged to the east and several kilometres to the west upriver, but egos and disputes on the French side left a weak spot close to the citadel which Wolfe exploited to finally get his forces within striking distance of the city. On the morning of September 13, , a brief battle changed the entire course of North American and world history. Some accounts say the battle lasted an hour, with skirmishes for several more, other accounts say the main conflict lasted only about 15 minutes. This included most of what was to become Canada and the central US, giving them access to the lucrative fur, timber, and other resources of the continent. The French had long been challenging the lesser British presence on the continent. The Seven Years War began in Europe in primarily between England and France, although almost all major European powers later were caught up in the conflict even extending to India and other colonial areas, thus becoming the first global conflict. In fact fighting- in essence the war- between British and French had already begun in in North America as both sought to eliminate the other as a commercial rival. By , the British had suffered a number of losses in North America as French control expanded. However, British leader, William Pitt the Elder saw the enormous potential wealth and strategic importance of winning the new continent. With the war in Europe draining resources he nevertheless spent vast sums to finance military action against the French on the North American continent. Sending a large naval force, the British captured the huge fortress of Louisbourg on what is now Cape Breton on the east coast. Far upstream however stood the political and military centre of New France, the Fortress of Quebec. This walled city on a high cliff strategically overlooking the St Lawrence and access to the interior of North America stood in the way of British overall victory. Taking this fortress would mean the end of French control in the continent. During the spring of the massive force of British ships and men had made their way upriver through the tricky St Lawrence, thanks in part to the navigational skills of Captain James Cook. Throughout the late spring and summer, the walled and fortified city was shelled from high points across the river and the surrounding areas burned. The British also attempted some foolish and failed attacks against the fortress with great loss of British life. The city held and the British soldiers could not get access to the heights, nor get across the heavily-defended St Charles river at Beauport which presented a barrier on the east side of the city. Overconfident, they would make an extremely foolish tactical error and would be decimated. The remaining French troops then ran from the field leaving the small number of French Canadians behind. A desperate, and now disconsolate British General Wolfe knew that too. As summer waned, it began to seem like the siege of Quebec would fail. Some of the British ships had managed to get upstream as they searched for possible landing areas. Then some scouts advised Wolfe of a poorly guarded path up the steep cliffs and onto the plateau behind the fortress. In the late darkness of September 12, thanks in no small part to incredible luck that the French were expecting a floating convoy of relief supplies from Montreal further upstream, led by an officer who spoke French British boatloads of troops glided past the sentries answering in French to their challenge. They were landed at the pathway discovered and the soldiers scaled their way up the cliff. A brief skirmish with the lightly defended cliff top eliminated French resistance, and hundreds of troops made it onto the heights. On the 13th, the French awakened to the sight of a British army massed in typical European fashion, on the field outside the gates. Scale model of the battle on the plain beside Quebec City. The British in a tactical error had not occupied this ground but had lined up at the end of the field. The French-Canadian militia in their fashion took cover behind the hill and trees and began sniping. Instead of waiting for the British to attack up the hill, the French regulars, emboldened by victories over the British in several previous battles, began running down the hill in a poorly organized attack firing wildly across the plateau. The British were suffering casualties from the sniping but remained in formation. As the French came within close range, the

British began firing and cut the French to ribbons. This contemporary composition compresses time to illustrate all the main events of the Quebec campaign. The British were then able to occupy the city, almost in ruins from previous British bombardments. An attempt by a French force from Montreal the next spring almost succeeded, but British reinforcements arrived, and the French would later cede Montreal as well. The battle of Quebec signaled a major turning point in world history. From that point on, French influence and control in the continent was all but extinguished, and indeed diminished in other areas around the world, England and English would become a dominant world force. The US and most of what would become Canada would become an English speaking area. Soon Scottish and English colonists, businessmen, engineers would migrate to Montreal and transform it into the economic centre of Canada, and also establish several smaller towns and cities to the south and north. However, what is now the province of Quebec remains a mostly French-speaking region.

**Chapter 6 : Battle For Canada**

*the battle for canada ad In the first half of the 18th century, British and French interests in North America increasingly overlapped. British war minister William Pitt ordered an invasion up the St. Lawrence.*

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**Chapter 7 : History: Sept 13, the battle that changed North America and the world**

*General Wolfe's decisive defeat of the French army under the Marquis de Montcalm at Quebec on 13th September , that led to the British capture of Canada, with the deaths of both generals at the moment of victory.*

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British troops had captured Louis-bourg, the fortified city that guarded the entrance to the St. This victory would allow British ships to sail up the river to attack the major Canadian cities of Quebec and Montreal. The British had also taken control of Lake Ontario and cut off communications between the eastern and western sections of New France. William Pitt ; see entry , the British secretary of state, decided that the time had come to invade Canada. In , he came up with a three-part plan to achieve this goal. The successful capture of this French stronghold would allow British forces to continue northward across the lake toward Montreal. Lawrence from Louisbourg and attack Quebec, the capital of New France. In preparation for the invasion of Canada, Pitt wrote to the governors of the American colonies asking for twenty thousand troopsâ€”the same level of support he had requested in By this time, the war had created shortages of money and men in the colonies. The governors had to pay high bounties fees to convince young men to serve in the army, but they finally managed to recruit seventeen thousand troops. Their efforts showed that they respected Pitt and felt like partners in his plans. Holding this French fort, located at the strategic point known as the Forks of the Ohio River site of modern-day Pittsburgh , was key to the British gaining control of the Ohio Country. Once they seized the fort, the British immediately began building a huge new stronghold on the site. This new fort, which they called Fort Pitt, was ten times larger than Fort Duquesne. They planned to turn the fort into a center of trade in order to keep the Ohio Indians Native Americans on their side. Lignery spent the winter of trying to convince the Indians to help him reclaim the Forks and reestablish French control of the Ohio Country. But the continued British military success in ensured that Fort Pitt and the Ohio Country would remain the property of the king of England. By mid-June, they had reached Oswego, a site on the southwestern shore of Lake Ontario that had held a British fort until it was destroyed by the French in The Iroquois Confederacy had decided to provide direct support to the British in order to maintain their influence over the tribes of the Ohio Country. Prideaux left one thousand of his own troops at Oswego to begin rebuilding the fort. The commander of the French stronghold was Captain Pierre Pouchot Confident that the Ohio Indians would warn him if the British came near, Pouchot had sent twenty-five hundred of his three thousand troops to Venango to help Lignery recapture the Forks. The French captain and his five hundred remaining troops were shocked when the British and Iroquois appeared and began preparing for a siege of the fort. In a siege, attacking forces surround their target and pound it with artillery fire until the defenses are weak enough for a full assault. The British spent several days digging protective trenches and then began shelling Fort Niagara on July Prideaux was killed in the early days of the siege, forcing Johnson to take command of the British troops. Pouchot was determined to hold the fort until reinforcements arrived from Venango. But the British knew that Lignery would bring his forces north to help defend Niagara. They built a log wall and an abatis a defensive barrier that consists of felled trees with sharpened branches to block the road to the fort. Lignery arrived on July 23 with a force of six hundred French soldiers and one thousand Indian allies. Before the battle began, the Indians on both sides held a conference and decided not to take part. More than half of these men were killed or taken prisoner, and the others were forced to retreat. Pouchot surrendered Fort Niagara to Johnson two days later. The capture of Fort Niagara gave the British control over the Ohio Country and much of the former French territory to the west. Without access to the road leading past Niagara Falls from Lake Ontario to Lake Erie , the French could not get supplies through to their western forts. The French maintained a few settlements in Illinois, and a few forts and trading posts in the upper Great Lakes , but these outposts could no longer communicate with the government of New France in Quebec. Johnson, meanwhile, decided that the capture of Fort Niagara would be his last campaign. After spending months preparing for the attack, Amherst reached Fort Carillon at Ticonderoga on the south end of Lake Champlain on July His ten thousand troops approached the fort in boats. Upon landing, they began digging trenches for a siege. But Amherst did not realize that the French had already abandoned the fort, leaving only a few soldiers to defend it. The capture of

the French stronghold cost Amherst the lives of five men and wounded thirty-one more. The outcome for the British was much better than a year earlier, when General James Abercromby had suffered two thousand casualties killed or wounded soldiers in his failed attack on the fort. By the time the British forces arrived, however, the French had abandoned and destroyed that fort as well. This left only a couple of small and insignificant forts between Amherst and his ultimate target, the city of Montreal. If Wolfe had been defeated, then the French could transfer all of their forces to defend Montreal. Wolfe and Montcalm battle for Quebec

Wolfe, a bold young officer who had taken part in the capture of Louisbourg in , was thrilled to be asked to lead the attack on Quebec. Some of these ships were sent ahead to Louis-bourg to prevent the French from sending supplies and additional troops to Quebec via the St. Although the British Navy managed to turn back or capture some French ships, a few still managed to sneak through the blockade. Bougainville brought Montcalm a document that French soldiers had captured. The document, which had belonged to General Amherst, outlined the British plans for the invasion of Canada. After looking over the British plans, Montcalm decided to focus on defending Quebec. The city sat atop high cliffs overlooking the St. Lawrence River and was surrounded by a wall that held many cannons. Montcalm felt confident that the guns along the cliffs would prevent the British from moving their ships past the city in order to cut off the French supply line from Montreal. He left two thousand soldiers within the walls of Quebec and arranged his remaining twelve thousand troops along the bank of the St. The French defensive line stretched east of the city for seven miles, between the St. Charles and Montmorency Rivers. Montcalm hoped that these forces would prevent the British from landing below the city. The French general understood that he did not have to defeat the British in battle in order to claim victory. He only needed to hold the city until October, when the arrival of winter would force the British to leave the area. Montcalm believed that if he defended Quebec successfully, the British would have to negotiate a peace treaty with France. Meanwhile, Wolfe struggled to prepare his men for the expedition. Many of his troops came down with measles during their voyage from England. The general thus ended up sailing for Louisbourg with only eighty-five hundred men, rather than twelve thousand.

Lawrence on June 5. In order to confuse the people on shore, the British ships flew French flags. The Canadians were delighted to see French ships entering the river. Several pilots rowed out to meet the ships and help them make their way through the tricky entrance to the river. As soon as the pilots came on board, however, the British revealed their true identity and forced the pilots to cooperate at gunpoint. The British fleet arrived at Quebec on June Lawrence about four miles below the city. When Wolfe saw the strategic location of the city and the impressive French defenses for the first time, he worried that he was about to attack "the strongest country in the world. Small groups of French soldiers towed boats full of explosives toward the anchored British ships in the middle of the night. Then they lit the boats on fire and rowed away quickly. But alert British sailors managed to row their own boats out and turn the burning boats around before they could damage the fleet. He had not supported the plan and had actually expected it to fail. On June 29, British soldiers climbed the cliffs at Point Levis, directly across the river from Quebec. They built fortifications on top of the cliff and hauled up cannons. British ships fired cannons to create a landing area for British troops, but the soldiers were turned back by heavy French gunfire. On July 12, the British forces began firing artillery shells from Point Levis into the city of Quebec. This bombing would continue off and on for the next two months. Some of the shells set fire to buildings and forced residents to leave their homes. On July 31, Wolfe ordered another attack on the French lines below the city. Once again, the French defenses turned back the attack, killing British soldiers and wounding more in the process. Wolfe launches a desperate attack Wolfe grew more and more frustrated at his inability to land troops on shore and set up a siege of Quebec. Like Montcalm, he understood that time was on the side of the French. At the first hint of winter, the British fleet would be forced to withdraw from the St. Lawrence, ending the expedition. Wolfe knew that his best hope of capturing Quebec would be to draw his enemy out of the city and into battle. He even sent British troops to conduct violent raids in the Canadian countryside, destroying fourteen hundred farms during the month of August. But Montcalm refused to allow Wolfe to provoke him into battle. He suffered from painful kidney stones, as well as a terrible fever and cough. As he grew weaker, Wolfe became convinced that he was going to die. He decided that he would rather die a glorious death on the field of battle than die slowly from disease.

Desperate to earn a reputation as a brilliant general before he died, Wolfe began planning a final attack on the French lines. An overgrown footpath led from the cove to the top of the cliffs a short distance upriver from the city. This path could give the British access to the Plains of Abraham , broad fields that stretched behind Quebec and provided an ideal place to set up a siege. Historians have long wondered how Wolfe decided where to launch his attack.

**Chapter 9 : Battle of Quebec**

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Troops 4, French regulars, colonial militia, and allied Native Americans Importance Perhaps the most important battle in the history of North America, it virtually ensures British control of Canada. The French stronghold of Quebec was the capital of New France and a long-standing primary British military objective throughout the colonial wars. Situated on a peninsula towering above the northern bank of the St. High cliffs made bombardment from below almost impossible and made a direct amphibious assault suicidal. Subsidiary rivers blocked attacks on either flank, and a landward approach faced strong walls and in any case would be possible only if supporting ships moved upriver and ran a gauntlet of gun batteries. If Montreal to the southwest, farther up the St. Lawrence, remained secure, Quebec could be supplied indefinitely by water. Siege operations were also complicated by the tides and treacherous currents of the St. Lawrence, and winter made the river impassable with ice. In spite of these obstacles, British prime minister William Pitt recognized that taking Quebec was the key to the defeat of New France. Lawrence, and Pitt approved plans for a strike led by Brigadier James Wolfe, who held a local commission as a major general. Wolfe, the youngest officer to hold that rank in the army, had distinguished himself in the attack on Louisbourg, and in February he sailed from England for Quebec with naval commander Vice Admiral Sir Charles Saunders. In all, the force earmarked for operations against Quebec included 49 warships, transports, and 9, troops. The British moved up the St. Lawrence toward Quebec to face some 12, French forces assisted by local militia and some Native Americans, all under the command of Lieutenant General Louis-Joseph, Marquis de Montcalm. The following night, the French dispatched fireships in a failed attempt to burn the British ships. They established a battery of six pounder cannon and five inch mortars that opened fire on July 12 and battered the city for the next seven weeks. Painting showing British troops about to engage the French on the Plains of Abraham at Quebec on September 13, , in what was perhaps the most important battle in the history of North America. Both attacks failed to provide a clear avenue of advance and left Wolfe deeply frustrated. All efforts to draw the defenders out of the fortress proved futile. Throughout August, Wolfe struggled to approach Quebec without success, while his naval officers endeavored to chart the difficult estuary around the city. The stress of command left Wolfe bedridden with kidney stones and rheumatism. Many of his men thought that he was dying. Montcalm reacted by detaching his aide-de-camp, Louis-Antoine de Bougainville, and 3, men to patrol the cliffs south of the city. Then Wolfe saw an opening. On September 3 he quickly moved his headquarters and most of his men to the south shore beyond Quebec. The French shadowed the fleet each time but slowed as they grew tired and suspected that the movement was a ruse. Wolfe also mounted feint assaults to keep the French off balance. On September 10 he learned from deserters that Quebec was short on food, that Montcalm feared that the British would interdict supplies coming from Montreal, and that no landing was expected near the city. Time was running out for Wolfe, however. With winter only a few weeks away, Saunders feared that his ships would be trapped in winter ice and threatened to depart with them. Wolfe sent his ships up and down the river again and again to pull Bougainville away from Quebec and tire his men. Taking advantage of intelligence provided by Captain Robert Stobo, a British captain who had earlier been held prisoner in Quebec and knew the city well, Wolfe then ordered an assault just north of the city at 4: In a lucky stroke, Wolfe learned from more deserters that this was the same night that the French expected to be resupplied by boats from Montreal, giving the British a perfect cover for their landing. Wolfe sent Saunders to bombard and launch a feint attack on Beauport, then took 4, men upriver and drifted back in the darkness. Bougainville did not follow closely. They landed two hours later, scrambled feet up the narrow path to the top of the cliffs, overwhelmed the French sentries there, and captured a nearby French camp. The next move belonged to Montcalm. The French commander discounted reports that the British had successfully landed. Montcalm immediately decided to attack. Moreover, with winter approaching, Montcalm had excellent reason to play for time. His defenders have argued that Quebec was short of supplies, that artillery above the city could command the lower town, and that the French had to strike before Wolfe was reinforced. But the decision to offer battle outside the city

while outnumbered seems so impulsive that it may have had more to do with emotion than anything else. Montcalm sortied with some 4, men: It was purely an infantry duel in which British discipline carried the day. Six British battalions faced five regiments of French regulars in the center on a tabletop battlefield whose sloping sides prevented maneuver. Wolfe had one battalion in a second line, a battalion on each flank, and one battalion in reserve. In contrast, the outnumbered Montcalm placed marines, militiamen, and Native Americans on his flanks and had no second line or reserves of any kind. The battle began with sniping and skirmishing on the flanks. Wolfe ordered his men to lie down to protect themselves until Their hasty advance opened gaps in their lines, and when some units fired early and began to reload, much of their cohesion was lost. Wolfe had ordered his men to load an extra ball in their muskets and wait until the French were at close range. As the French neared his position, he ordered his men to stand and fire. Legend has it the British unleashed only one volley, which is almost certainly not true. Some British battalions probably fired as the French closed, but at some point there was one great final volley that sent Montcalm and his men into headlong retreat. French losses were reported as killed or wounded, compared to killed or wounded for the British. Yet the psychological shock for the French was total. Wolfe, already wounded at least once, was mortally struck as the French broke and ran. Death also claimed Montcalm, who was hit by British grapeshot during the retreat and lingered a day before dying. Surviving French forces under Vaudreuil ran all the way to Beauport, then turned and fled toward Montreal, picking up Bougainville and his men along the way. Quebec surrendered on September 18 and remained in British hands thereafter. French efforts to resupply their forces in Canada were stymied by a British victory in the Battle of Quiberon Bay on November The French did mount an offensive to retake Quebec in April and defeated British forces under Brigadier General James Murray on the Plains of Abraham after the British commander impulsively gave battle, much as Montcalm had done. But the British fell back into the city and withstood the ensuing siege. Montreal succumbed to the British in , and when the French and Indian War ended in , France relinquished Canada for good. The Battle of the Plains of Abraham was the most important military engagement in the century-and-a-half struggle between Britain and France for control of North America east of the Mississippi River and was probably the most important battle in the history of colonial North America. Further Reading Anderson, Fred. Knopf New York, Battle for a Continent: Doubleday Garden City NY, Norton New York, La Pierre, Laurer L. The Battle for Canada. McClelland and Stewart Toronto, The Capture of Quebec. Macmillan New York, Atheneum New York, Reid, Stuart; Gerry Embleton. The Battle That Won Canada. The Siege and the Battle. Robin Brass Studio London,