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250th anniversary of the Québec battles The 1759-1760 vignettes are now on line

Québec City, June 26, 2009 – The National Battlefields Commission invites history buffs to keep abreast of the 1759 and 1760 vignettes published every week on its web site, at www.theplainsofabraham.ca. These selected excerpts are taken from the new work *Québec ville assiégée, 1759-1760, d'après les acteurs et les témoins*, launched this past April 17 at the Salon international du livre de Québec by historians Jacques Lacoursière and Hélène Quimper.

Throughout the siege of Quebec in 1759 and until Montreal surrendered in 1760, the actors and witnesses of these determining events recorded on paper a description of the facts along with their thoughts, questionings, doubts and hopes. These testimonials form a corpus of great value.

And 250 years later, historians Jacques Lacoursière and Hélène Quimper have developed a chronology of events of the battle of the Plains of Abraham and the battle of Sainte-Foy. An outstanding work that chronicles the unfolding of operations through the writings of the soldiers and civilians who lived through these episodes. We should point out that these vignettes (which are not translated) are presented in the native language of the actors and witnesses.

The book, which compiles all the excerpts and more, is available at the shop of the Discovery Pavilion of the Plains of Abraham, located at 835 Wilfrid-Laurier Avenue, level 0, Québec, for \$26.25, tax included.

The capsules can be consulted free of charge at:

www.theplainsofabraham.ca

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