

two British boats and defeated them in the early part of that war before the British fleet bottled up what remained of the American ships in the harbors, are described with great detail and made to appear the outstanding events of the war. On the other hand, a school text used in Canada is apt to ignore or barely mention these naval encounters and to put great stress on the way in which the Canadian troops drove back the assaults of the Americans.

We would not expect Sennacherib in his annals to tell us that he was unable to conquer Palestine, but we would expect him to boast of it, if he had succeeded in so doing. Let us see what Sennacherib does say. During the early part of his incursion, he refers to Hezekiah as one of the ring leaders of the opposition to him. He tells how he conquered various cities and took their governors and princes and hung their bodies on stakes around the cities. He boasts of having defeated many powerful cities in Phoenicia and in other parts of Palestine. Then he says "And as to Hezekiah, the Judean who had not submitted to my yoke, forty-six of his strongholds, fortified cities and smaller cities of their environs without number with the onset of the battering rams and the attack of engine mines, breaches and axes, I beseiged, I captured. 200,150 people, small and great, male and female, horses, mules, asses, camels and sheep without number I brought out of their midst and counted as booty. He himself I shut up like a caged bird in Jerusalem, his capital city. I erected beleaguering works against him and turned back by command everyone who came out of the city gate."

Sennacherib does not claim to have conquered Jerusalem. He boasts of having shut Hezekiah up like a bird in a cage in the city. If he had conquered it and defeated it as he had so many of the other cities, <sup>there</sup> ~~ix~~ would certainly have been nothing to boast of in the fact that he had shut him up like a bird in a cage.