

Not having products to sell in the fall these people were not able to buy provisions. In these circumstances, our hero's position was not in a way of progressing for the better. Poor Castagne was suffering horribly. Moreover, his hands and feet spread an horrible smell and a sort of poisoning was the consequence of it.

The amputation of the frozen extremities became then necessary. Unfortunately the nearest doctor lived far. It took many days before they could get one. On receipt of a letter from Mr Roussel, the agent of the customs at Quebec, despatched to Mont-Louis Dr. Parke, M. Griffine and one guide, Jos. La voie, with clothings for the shipwrecked men. The roads were impracticable. From Ste Anne des Monts, they had to wear snow shoes, a distance of fourteen leagues from Mont-Louis.

Castagne was very happy that he received first Dr. Park's attention :

—« How lucky I am to see you, said he, I was anxiously waiting your arrival, so as to get rid of my hands and feet, which make me suffer so much. »

—« I have to see the others, said the Doctor, and to-morrow, I will make the required operation. »

The next day, 1st January 1868, he came as promised, and the two hands were ampu-