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perhaps by affording an example of the mutability of terrestrial things and teaching the virtue of resignation. Their breakfast, which promised to be excellent, was interrupted by a messenger from the cure who informed them that the service was being delayed for their coming, and after attending "a mass longer than they had desired" the party returned with keener appetites than ever to find their host in despair, and their breakfast carried off by a hungry dog. Bread and butter was their last resort, and they were able to console themselves only by the reflection that if by going to church they had lost their ham they had by the same act saved their bacon. This little mischance was forgotten amid the hospitality of Montreal which was reached the following day.

Such was summer travel at its best between the two towns. It remains to describe the acme of winter travel upon the same route, as exemplified by the journeys of the Governor and Bigot in 1753, in which also Franquet had a part, and the excellent study of Mr. Marmette will now be followed more closely than ever.

It was customary for the Governor to spend several months each year on official business at Montreal, leaving Quebec sometime in January and returning in August. In 1753 the date of departure from the capital had been set by Duquesne for 14th January, and Bigot had offered to bear him company as far on his route as Point-aux-Trembles, above Quebec. The offer included a supper and an early breakfast, and was accepted as gracefully as offered, Bigot's hospitality being such as few would willingly forego. Both governor and intendant were surrounded with a numerous suite, the former being accompanied by Mr. Duchesnay, his captain of the guard, Mr. Merelle, his private secretary. Captains Saint-Ours, la Martiniere, Morin and Penn, and the lieutenants de La Roche and le Mercier. As Bigot's guests were Franquet, Captains Saint-Vincent, Dumont and de Lanandiere, with Lieutenant de Repentigny.

But it must not be supposed that Bigot's court was constituted solely of the sterner sex. Although he was a bachelor, or perhaps on that account, he seldom moved without a galaxy of beauty in his train, chief among which was

Madam Penn, wife of the captain above-mentioned. Scarcely behind, however, were the ladies de Lothiniere, Morin, de Repentigny and du Linon, all of whom accompanied him on this occasion.

At ten in the morning there was a brilliant scene on the Place d'Armes of Quebec. More than thirty horses clamped their bits and pawed the ground, their bells jingling at every impatient movement. The horses were harnessed in pairs to the carioles, and at that hour the party set out, the governor in the van, each cariole containing the mystic and satisfactory number, two. Passing through the St. Louis Gate, amid salvos of artillery, the party entered the champign with a powdery snow blowing into their faces upon the southwest wind, which augmented the intense cold of the wintry day, and made the arrival at Pointe-aux-Trembles in the afternoon a very welcome event.

The village was in a furore of excitement. Bigot's cooks, sent on ahead, were working like beavers. The chimneys of the convent where the General was to lodge, poured forth volumes of smoke. A military detachment, also sent on in advance, was on the qui vive to receive its general and the inhabitants were waiting in anxious expectation to add their quota to the welcome.

The supper sustained Bigot's reputation as a bon vivant, and the party, whose appetites had been sharpened by the long, cold drive, did full justice to it. Gaming, for which the century was distinguished, followed, but by ten o'clock everyone had retired to his quarters.

The Governor resumed his route at nine the following morning, half-a-dozen carioles having preceded him to beat the road. Bigot and his companions remained the day at Pointe-aux-Trembles and returned to Quebec on the 16th, leaving at two in the afternoon and arriving at five o'clock, having made a short halt at Cap Rouge to permit the ladies to warm themselves. The excursion was terminated by supper and play at the house of Madam Penn.

The Intendant usually followed the Governor to Montreal in March, but on this occasion he followed in the middle of February. His progress was even more splendid than that of the Governor. Six days before his departure all was bustle, the baggage of his guests being sent for-