

day ; but, as far as our inclinations were concerned, we were getting tired of that dead-and-alive sort of thing, and preferred a little variety to break the dull monotony of the snail-like progress. Presently we stopped altogether, then our apprehensions began to take this form:—are we drifting down ; no, the steam boat had made fast to a barge at anchor, and was at the same time working her engine at quarter speed. I found out subsequently, that this was the time when the captain went ashore and telegraphed for a steam tug. Later on in the day we were delightfully conscious that something new had happened to us, as we were going through the water at a good rate of speed. Our spirits went up with the increased speed, and our hope in better things was not lessened by the fall of rain which was at the time coming down heavily ; the awning, together with the cabin, kept us dry, and when the rain had passed off we were well up the river at Long Point.

All tugs, with few exceptions, keep to the south shore as they near Montreal and pass close to Longueuil to avoid the current. However, to our consternation and annoyance, the pilot kept in mid-stream, which would leave us, when we cast loose, opposite Longueuil, some distance out in the current. If the prayers of the just availeth much in this world, the maledictions of the unhappy appeared as useless as the weeping over