

French-Canadian Voyageurs know it still by the name of Pointe Maligne.* It is eighty miles distant from Montreal.

On the 5th we journeyed but two leagues, and encamped at Mille Roches, the weather having become very bad.

On the 6th we made an early start, passed the Long Sault, the "Rapide Plat," and put up that evening at a Dutchman's named Chrystler; he is a recruiting captain and landed proprietor, also owner of a very handsome establishment in the Township of Williamsburg.† All the officers put up at his house, and he placed moreover, at their disposal a large apartment for the use of the men. His wife equalled him in hospitality and civilities. She supplied them abundantly with fresh milk, vegetables, etc.,—in a word, they treated us to all sorts of attentions. Captain Chrystler is a well-to-do farmer, who lives as a gentleman. His lumber enterprises are enriching him rapidly. We were supplied here with most comfortable beds, and we left this hospitable home with regret, after partaking of an excellent "déjeuner a la fauchette." Chrystler, moreover, prevailed on me to leave my carriage with him and to accept the use of his own—a better one—and of his "confidential servant," who drove me as far as Cananocoui, and proved of the greatest assistance to me.

On the morning of the 7th we started from Williamsburg, and encamped that evening at two leagues from the next village (Johnstown) in a miserable cabin, where Indians had preceded us. We were famished, but found there no provisions whatever. Our hostess was one of those unfortunate creatures afflicted, I think, with innumerable imaginary ills. What a bore! If we asked for food she replied with full descriptions of her sufferings; if for a bed, then her tale of woe was rehearsed; in despair we spoke French to her; she nearly fainted with fright; we thought best to retire for fear of a more deplorable contingency.

The 8th we reached Johnstown, formerly Oswegatchie, in time for breakfast. Johnstown, Capital of the District of the same name, is situated in the Township of Edwardsburg in the County of Grenville. It fronts on the St. Lawrence, and is 120

* Because here began the difficult ascent of the Long Sault.

† The battle of Chrystler's farm was fought here on the 18th, Oct., 1813, when 1,100 British troops and Canadian militia, under Colonels Morrison and Harvey, defeated 2,000 American troops, chiefly regulars, under General Wilkinson, with a loss of 236 wounded and 102 killed. The British loss was 1 officer and 21 men killed, and 10 officers and 137 men wounded. Croil, in his history of Dundas County, says that Captains Nairn and Clause, of the 49th, and Ensign De Lounier, of the Voltigeurs, were killed during the action. He states that the British force numbered only 850 all told.