

to be told by Paul Grande of Grand Pré, a captain in the French King's service. He has been away in Quebec, learning disgust of the intendant Bigot and his satellites. During that absence a girl of Trois Pistoles had kindled a false flame in his heart, but it had soon died out, and he heard with relief that she had married a Quebec trader. Then his heart turns to Yvonne, the playmate of his youth at Grand Pré, the beautiful daughter of the decayed courtier, Giles de Lamourie, and the once *grande dame*, his wife. Grul, the madman, La Garne, the black abbé, and other characters met with in "The Forge in the Forest," reappear in this volume. Paul's welcome home is spoiled by the news that de Lamourie is about to make peace with the British, and that his daughter is engaged to George Anderson, a large, handsome-looking Quaker New-Englander, living in Nova Scotia. Thenceforth the captain determines to win the fortunate New-Englander's affianced from him at all risks. He makes poetry and reads it to her, but his blandishments are of no avail. Hearing that the black abbé, his French accomplices and Micmac allies are plotting to destroy the de Lamouries and their possessions, he vows to defend them, but is, nevertheless, cajoled out of the way by a false message, returning in time only to see their homestead in flames, and Yvonne on her way to warn her lover that La Garne intends to cut his throat.

Paul takes the girl out of the boat in which she is about to make a perilous voyage alone, and himself sets out with one companion to reach Kenneticook before the Micmacs in their canoes. In this he succeeds, but in the subsequent flight he falls down a bank, and would have perished but for Grul. When he recovers sufficiently he goes to Grand Pré, from which the inhabitants are being deported to New England. He has an unsatisfactory conversation with Yvonne, which leads to his arrest by the British troops. With many more captives, he is placed on board a vessel bound for some southern port, and, as Yvonne is on the same ship, there is much bye-play and conversation with her and different characters. The prisoners, led by Paul, rush upon their captors, and, overwhelming them, sail back to the Nova Scotian coast,