

PART SECOND.

FEBY. 10th.—Having been able to procure but an inconsiderable number of snow-shoes, and they being absolutely necessary at this time of year, either for offence or defence, ordered out an officer with a detachment to collect as many as he could find in the country, and also the captains of militia to bring in all they could; but this search only produced a few, the country-people alleging they had lost theirs, and had no opportunity to supply themselves with new ones.

12th.—Detached, early this morning, Capt. Donald McDonald with a party to find out whether the ice was practicable, and to draw out the enemy in order to ascertain their numbers. This answered my design, for the enemy drew out of their houses and shewed themselves: as they appeared pretty much what the best intelligence I could procure made them—between four and five hundred men—I determined to dislodge them.

13th.—Accordingly, I ordered out a party with two field-pieces to march directly over the ice to the church at Point Levi, while the light infantry crossed above the town, in order to cut off the retreat of the enemy. There was a good deal of difficulty at first, as the landings are always bad on account of the rising and falling of the tides; but the enemy, perceiving the movement of the light infantry, after a faint resistance gave way, betaking themselves mostly to the woods. Our loss was very trifling, and of the enemy we took one officer and eleven men. I immediately resolved to preserve the post, and left 200 men in the church and *curé's* house.

14th.—Ordered the captains of militia of the southern parishes to come in, that I might be informed of the proceedings of the French commanders.

16th.—Several of the captains of militia came in, and declared that a commissary of cadets had been at those