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ON THE ST. MAURICE.

AN AUTUMN TRIP FROM GRANDES PILES TO LA TUQUE.

A DISTRICT WHERE THINGS ARE OF A SOMEWHAT, PRIMITIVE ORDER IN MINING RESPECTS.

The train was late in arriving at Grandes Piles-detained at the junction waiting for the Montreal express-so said the conductor. Having very vivid recollections of being detained on that same Piles Branch two years ago, by the train running off the track, we were thankful that matters were no worse, and forgave the delay enforced by the domineering train from Montreal.

The Piles Station is not a very attractive place, at the best of times, on this winter morning, in a drizzling rain, it was positively depressing. The resident engineer was in a hurry—he always is and dragged us along the track and down the slippery, greasy bank, to where the little steamer Florence lay panting and puffing, and getting up steam in the noisily aggressive manner common to small boats.

The owners, the Messrs. Ritchie, having considered travel on the St. Maurice at an end for the season, had put their fine boat, the Ivan R., into winter quarters, and when, owing to the unexpected mildness of the weather, another trip had been decided upon, the Florence was told off for the duty.

"I am afraid you will not be very comfortable anywhere on board," said Mr. Ritchie, as he led the way along to the Florence, but I think you will be much better in the scow than on the boat. with hay and oats, going, to La Tuque-There was in one end a little cabin, containing a bench, a stove, a lantern, a lamp, and a store of provisions for the three men in charge of the cargo; the this occasion. comfort would have been more assured if one could have either stood upright or sat upright, but the cabin was so contrived that either position was impossible-however, it was warm, that was something.

The Florence having taken on board all her passengers and their belongings, gave a shrill little whistle, drew in her gangway, and started. She steamed slowly up the St. Maurice, and stopped opposite the Government station, at at that comfortable station they were Point de la Magdeleine, where he took on thawed out and refreshed with Mrs. Alex-

his boat. Here the weather underwent a transformation. Blue sky, fleeked with white ting, winding through the ice fields-one cloudlets, overspread the heavens; the rain stopped, and, by the help of the entire scow's company, Helene and I were hoisted on top of the cargo to enjoy the scenery. It is very fine the scenery of the | was an exciting voyage, for no one knew St. Maurice-the "Black River of the what might be our fate. Shortly before North"-guarded as it is by bleak, frown- arriving at Grand Ance, the boat struck ing mountains, suggesting all sorts of a boulder and dragged herself over it possibilities in their rugged fastnesses. with that sickening crunching noise not The "Piles Mountain." or more correctly easily forgotten by those who heard it. was first brought to prescribe Dr. Wilson speaking, "Mount Maurice," is generally | Soon after this the Florence drew up in his as Pink Pilis about two years ago, conceded to be the highest of the range. front of Marcheterre's, and we were told after having seen some reparkable re-I am writing under its shadow, and all that she was broken and taking in suits from their use. R uben H lover, my numerous notes concerning it and water, and that we were to remain there now of Reading, Pa., was a prominent other "places of interest." on the river, for the night. A pleasing prospect, truly how factor and builder. While superinare safe on my library shelves at home with the ice making all around us, and juncting the work of erecting a large in Three Rivers, so my readers must just the north wind whiseling in our ears, hailling during cold weather he contake my word that it is about 650 feet Alarmists they were who started that retracted what was thought to be sciation, high: that it is wild and savage look port. Captain Vangeois investigated, he eving first noticed it one morning in high: that it is wild and savage looking, its rocky sides covered here and took courage, and pushed on to The last using able to arise from his bed.

the aux craises has at his leet— and men, corong the critical ready and apoly soles, the case devia-lies in more senses than one—for game, to the Mehinac, it was a risky oping into hemiphlegia, or partial para-as a strawberry ground, it is a myth, journey, in the storm and amid the ice—lysis of the entire right side of the body. Soon after passing under the mountains, fields. The water in the great Manig-Electricity, tonics and massage, etc. the shadows began to fall, the scow door | ance was lower than when we had gone | were all given a trial, but nothing gave was shut, and we gave ourselves up to novel reading and the drinking of ten greater; but he had a spiential set of made in a fin can upon the stove, and men on board, and, with bated breath, physician amounce that his case was partaken of without sugar or milk. At durting first in one direction and then hopeiess. About that time his wite ix o'clock the Florence whistled her ar | another, we were whirled through the noticed one of your advertisements and rival at the Mekimac, and everybody dreader spot, and borne down the river concluded to try your link Pills. went ashore. We had tea at Edonard in the twilight, bumping softly here and . "He had given up hope and it requir-Parent's, where the crew and passengers there on the famed Mekinac shoal. Marjed a great deal of begging on the part of were to remain for the night, and then dame Lemieux greeted us in her best his wife to persuade him to take them engaging a cart, called in these parts a brogue, and, for us, killed the fatted hen. tombereau, we drove onto the next neigh- She had a pet hare, who lived in a cupbors, one Madame Lemieux, from the Cove of Cork. The accommodation in its life for our regalement, but we begged these riverside houses is limited, and off poor Puss. Madame Lemieux has a the fare simple; but all is clean and served with good will, and when the fires burn brightly, and the tales of the hunters wax more and more marvellous, one is not so badly off after all. Next morning dawned fine and bright, and saw us affoat at eight o'clock: but, alas! the Lemieux says it is St. Roch, and that he weather soon changed, snow began to fall, varied by rain and sleet. We stop- of the Mekinae River. And still the ped at the Mattawan to dine-at the house of a settler named Thebaud. Madame Thebaud made us very comfortable, but our thoughts wandered to the pleasant bright house on Mr Bapwhen Mrs. Peter Adams lived there, one used to look forward to their stoppage at the Mattaway as the best rate of the solid ice, backing, then charging of health, rosy-checked and bright-eyed, the Mattawan as the best part of the journey. Only a few days after our return to Three Rivers, this dear old lady breathed her last, and was reverently laid to rest in the cemetery of the Scottish congregation there, surrounded by her grandchildren, and by the leading men of the city, most of whom had, at one time or another, partaken of her sweet hospitality in her up-river home. The isolation and difficulties of Upper St. Maurice travel may be judged of by the fact that of her five stalwart sons, all of whom are connected with the lumber trade, not one could be present at her funeral, or had even received news of his mother's death.

From the Mattawan to Grand Ance, in summer a trip of a few hours-now, at this season, a weary journey—on, on in the dark night in the teeth of snow and sleet and wind. Sometimes the men would gloomily prophesy that we should he obliged to spend the night in the ably. The gallant men worked hard, the middle of the river. Then there were rumors that we should land at Chez Paul, and, failing that, at. Chez Marcheterre. In the end it was at Chez Paul that the Florence stopped with many little hysterical whistles and shricks, for Paul was on board and his home-coming was thus heralded to his family. Paul is the pery rock but the Florence was all right. mail-carrier between Grandes Piles and Slowly, slowly, engineering gained the La Sagne, and his arrival is greeted with victory over the elements, and at 11 a.m., Jov by all the dwellers along the river. she was made fast to the wharf. At 2 His trips are made at intervals of wo she was on the slip in winter quarters, weeks, and I have been present when and at 8. o'clock, a telegram came to us

the mail arrived for the family whose guest I was. If the editor of that weekly newspaper could but have seen the ranture with which the paper was seized! How it was first brought to me with the politeness which the rogageur on the Epper St. Maurice is sure to experience. How it was then given to the head of the family, whose spectacles were eagerly sought for by the children, all eager to have a share in the event of the day

Above La Tuque the mail goes only once a month, and nobody who has not journed in those parts can imagine the perils and miseries endured by the poor mail carrier, who, in the heat of summer and the cold of winter, by carriole or canoe, sometimes on foot or snowshoes, sometimes wading through halffrozen water, carries the news of civiliza-

tion to these remote regions.

To return to Che: Paul. Paul's wife-Madame Chandonnet-had not expected anybody, and was naturally rather overwhelmed at the sight of over twenty per sons who demanded board and lodging for the night. However, Madame Chandonnet is accustomed to put up the summer travellers who visit the club on the Wessonaugh River, and she rose equal to the occasion. Her own room was placed as our disposal, and the others were accommodated with a blanket and a place on the kitchen floor. Next morning the weather was still worse; not only snow, but frost filled the air, and the water of the black, swift flowing river was thick and sullen. We pushed on to Mr. Alexander Baptist's farm at that river, and, after a hurried dinner, left for La Tuque. The storm grew worse; the elements shricked and fought; snow blinded us; the stove smoked, and the trary to the custom of the medical pro-At last, after passing through the Rapid | the so-called proprietary preparations, I Croche, and pushing bravely on for a shall, nevertheless, give you an account while, everybody's courage began to give out. A halt was called four miles below with your preparation, Dr. Williams' La Tuque, and all hands went ashore to Pink Fills for Pale People. The fact is The scow was loaded to the water's edge a humble but on the cliff, where nothing well known that medical practitioners was to be had but turnips. The family a winter provision for the shanty teams. had literally no other means of subsistence. When travelling with the resident engineers, I am always obliged to bring ledge of their virtue or lack of it, but my hamper, so that we were all right on Early next morning the crew were at

work unloading the scow, and storing the hay and oats on the shore, until they could be hauled up to the Tuque. While the work was, as the resident engineer would say, "under progress," he and his worthy boom master had started down stream in their canoe to pass a pleasant morning in attending to landmarks, etc. We overtook them in an icy and perished condition, just above that river, and hoard of the scow the boom-master and ander Adams' well known hospitality. At noon we started down the St. Maurice in a biting gale of wind, crashing, cutpoor seew left behind us at that river. We had a bench sheltered as much as possible from the wind, and were wrapped round with blankets and rugs. It board in the kitchen and had designs on collection of chromos, which it is her delight to exhibit to travellers to whom she gives their history. One is a marine view: it, she says, is the ship with which Napoleon gained the battle of Waterloo. The other represents a Bishop. Madame was killed by the Iroquois at the mouth wind raged, and Jack Frost worked hard. and the ice made thick and strong at the river's edge. In the morning we walked down to Parent's without difficulty. All the creeks along the route were frozen solid. Such work as they again. At last we were off, slowly crashing through the ice, feeling until to-day, more than one year since our way, sometimes scarcely moving. and always in doubt as to whether we could go on for another mile. (This, more commonly known, St. Vitus' dance, please note, in a country where there are no roads and no vehicles.) After weary hours, we floated among the piers of the Government works at Pointe a la Magdeleine, and deposited the boom-master, who left the Florence with a pleasing alacrity, his wife and little sons waving him on from the gallery of their house. Then came the question, could we make the wharf at the Piles? The ice was in

a mass, in some places it piled so as to

very nearly capsize the boat; it was so

solid that the men had to rock the Flo-

rence from side to side, so as to make

any headway at all. But then, again,

the whole mass was drifting on towards the dread leaps at the Fall. Should we

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there with sprace trees, and a forest of band's, at the Mattawan. From the Ast r the usual treatment tor this disease sprace and pine on its crest.

He aux Fraises lies at its feet— and then, through the terrible Mani transgrew rapidly worse, the case development

regularly. He, however, did as she desired, and if appearances indicate health in this man, one would think he was better than

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at Three Rivers to say that the ice at the lowes. After the lowes are thoroughly Piles had stopped moving, that is that cleaned of dust and grit the "bread the ice bridge had formed at 7.15 the porter" proceeds on the round of her e stomers. Those who live in apartments or flats find their loaves leaning against the door. Restaurateurs and those having street entrances to their premises find their supply of the staff of life propped up against the front door. The wages carned by these bread carriers varies from a couple of shillings to half a crown a day, and their day's work is completed by 10 o'clock in the morn-

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