

cracks in the walls. Herrings and potatoes consisted their food, no meat and no bread. A cat had to be killed to procure the necessary grease to be placed on the frozen arms and feet of the unfortunate Castagne.

On the fifth December, Messrs Rousseau and Saucier on their way from Magdalen Islands to Quebec, paid him a visit. Castagne happy of that unexpected visit, begged of his visitors to inform his wife of the position in which he was placed.

In the meantime, his sufferings far from diminishing were increasing. His arms and feet were fearfully swollen and had assumed a black color. During the day after sixth, he many time became unconscious. Mr. Roussel was at once despatched and informed of the fact. At ten o'clock at night he was at Castagne bed side. Travelling between Mont-Louis and Anse Pleureuse was a hard one, the shore being covered with immense quantities of snow.

Castagne was then procured of all the consolations and sacraments that the Church bestows upon her children at the moment of death. These last rites were of a great relief for the poor dying man, he showed signs of piety and resignation to the will of God. It was decided then, to convey him in a better place two days later.