

24th.—Clear and cold, wind N. W. Red hot balls fired into town, some chimnies only destroyed. Eleven of our guns bear on the enemy's ferry battery.

25th.—Froze hard last night. Little River clear of ice. None of the enemy's batteries can sweep our streets.

26th.—Last night was the worst we have had for many months; violent gale from N. E. with heavy rain. Firing on all sides.

27th.—Last night very foggy; much on our guard; morning clear. We begin to look towards Point Levi for ships coming to our relief. About eleven the Cathedral great bell rang the alarm, and the garrison was posted in a few minutes. False alarm.

28th.—Froze hard last night.

29th.—Wind S. W., serene and mild.

30th. Light wind from the E., with rain. The fogginess of the night made a general picquet necessary, and every man slept in his cloathes.

May 1st.—At four this morning it began to snow; and by eight there lay three inches of snow on the ground. The enemy fire red hot shot; one wounded 4 men on board the armed ship Fell.

2nd.—Very cold, standing water froze a third of an inch. Made a sortie from St. Lewis gate for wood.

3rd.—Delightfully clear with sunshine. Enemy still firing red hot balls. Between 9 and 10 at night a vessel was seen coming up before the wind; people where wishing one another joy; was hailed off Cul de Sac; no answer; the batteries from the wharfs and from the ships opened, and in a minute she appeared on a blaze, 200 yards from the Cul de Sac. A boat was seen to leave her the moment she sheered in shore. Her hull floated down with the tide in a bright blaze.

4th.—Easterly wind with rain.

5th.—Froze hard, wind N. W.

6th.—Froze a little. Guns heard down the river about 4 A. M. At six the frigate Surprise, with a part of the 29th regiment, hove in sight. Troops landed and the garrison marching out to the Plains to attack the enemy. General Carleton headed 800 men. Col. McLean, second in command; Col. Caldwell heading the Militia. The enemy fled precipitately when our field pieces played on their guard-houses; they left every thing behind Holland House, General Hospital, Duprès, &c., in our possession.