

dashed with lightning speed down the hill. But what was my horror, on looking back, to see this awful being pursuing me mounted on the coffin!

Cold drops of perspiration stood like beads upon my forehead, and my trembling hands in vain attempted to steer. But nearer and nearer he came, and sometimes I fancied I felt his hot breath upon my cheek. At one time I thought I had gained the race, and had left him far behind. We were just then passing the haunted house, which till that moment I had quite forgotten. Suddenly every window and door seemed to fly open, a brilliant light streamed forth upon the air, and a crowd of spectres rushed out towards us, filling the air with unearthly cries. They seemed to urge my pursuer on in the race. On he came with increasing speed, till, with an exultant yell of triumph and mockery, he sprang upon my toboggan, flung his long arms around my neck, and dug his bony fingers deep into my throat. With a groan of anguish and despair, I rolled over into the snow and remembered no more.

"Where am I?—And who is this?" were the questions I uttered as I awoke from a long and deathlike sleep, one evening about a week after the adventure above recorded. I gazed about me in astonishment, trying to collect my scattered senses, until all at once, like a flash of lightning, came back to my mind the events of my adventure that evening on the hill, and my race for life with the ghost. On enquiring of the nurse that was attending me, I was told how I had been found by my two friends, who, having become alarmed at my prolonged absence, had set out in search of me. They found me lying at the foot of the hill senseless, with my face covered with blood, and it appeared that I had come in contact with a large log while riding down the hill, because the toboggan was overturned a few yards from where I was.

But never shall I forget that evening as long as I live, and I can never hear any person mention ghosts without my flesh creeping. Ever shall my visit to Montreal live in my memory with the "Haunted House" and its "Ghost."