

getting both its fore paws into a large trap set for a wolverine, proved an easy victim to their bullets. By the coming of spring they had a really fine stock of furs, which the factor took over at the best rates he could grant.

Mrs. McKenzie and Rose-Marie were no less busy during the long winter months, but in a different way. Among the packages brought by Mr. Wentzel, was a bale containing cloths of linen and wool, which their deft fingers were to fashion into garments that would make the wife and daughter of a factor of Fort Chipewyan not ashamed to face the gathering at Fort William. Virginie had little knowledge of the fashions, but she had no slight skill with the needle and scissors, and knew how to give full play to her inherited fancy for the picturesque and striking in costume. Both Mr. McKenzie and Archie took a deep interest in these preparations, and heartily applauded her clever handiwork.

And so the winter went by, and spring came to warm and waken Nature into life after her long sleep beneath her snowy counterpane. The factor had promised that as soon as traveling could be done in comfort he would set out. With almost feverish impatience, Archie watched the time approach. Happily for him the season was an unusually early one, and by the end of May the spring floods had sufficiently subsided to render canoeing practicable. Accordingly, preparations