

no companion save an Indian guide or two, their nightly resting place in the summer time, a bed of spruce or fir boughs, beneath a rude shelter of canvas or an upturned canoe; in the winter, a sort of lean-to, or shed, constructed of young evergreens, beneath which the fir boughs upon which they slept were spread upon the snow, while in front a generous fire kept the keen frost at bay.

A man of kindly heart and sympathetic disposition, he eventually won the confidence and respect of what is now but the proud and silent remnant of a once mighty race, which ruled the country from the Bay of Fundy to the St. Lawrence, and from the Kennebec to the Atlantic Ocean.

In a sketch by him, entitled "A Day with the Abenakis," written for the *St. John Sun*, and published in that journal on the 30th of July, 1881, several Indian legends and customs are touched upon, and the writer feels that he may be permitted to insert herein, from the article mentioned, what may possibly be considered a somewhat lengthy extract:

"In the year 1696, when De Villebon was Governor of Acadia, and resided at the mouth of the Nashwaak, a plan to capture Boston by the aid of the Abenakis, was submitted by him to the consideration of the Court of France, but the carrying out of the scheme was never attempted, for De Villebon found his own existence threatened by an attack which was made upon his fort on the 21st day of October, in that very year, by a force from Massachusetts. This, however, with the assistance of forty neophytes, sent by Father Simon, the Recollet Missionary, who resided near what is now called Springhill, De Villebon defeated. Father Charlevoix, who visited New France in 1720, in describing this contest, says that the Massachusetts men landed below the mouth of the Nashwaak and lighted their camp fires. The French opened upon them with round shot. To this they paid no attention, but on their changing this for grape, the hardy New Englanders were compelled to pass the cold autumnal night without fire, as best they could.

In confirmation of Charlevoix's statement, it may be mentioned that within the past few years, round and grape shot have both been dug out of the lower banks of the Nashwaak, near its junction with the Saint John.