
THE HEIR TO GRAND-PRÉ

CHAPTER XVIII.

CONCLUSION.

FOR some time matters at Pierre Island went forward pleasantly. There was nothing to mar the serenity of the days, and no distracting element or disturbing condition to break the peace and calm that wrapped the hearts of the folk of Bluff House. Marie and Winslow, as may be supposed, gave themselves up to the delicious moments of their new life.

Grace Gaston, who had kept herself away from her friends for so long, suddenly appeared among them, and her presence added a new element of pleasure to the experience of all, while her own delight was undisguised at what had occurred previous to her arrival.

It was known that Len Lawson had appeared on the scene, and though seldom seen, he spent much of his time near the Blue Vein, until he disappeared altogether. Pierre informed his friends that he had been to the mine to discover, if possible, what had been done there, and he found that the passage to the vein had been closed by a fall of rock. There had been a break from the cliff above, and the material already fallen had been so crushed that no sign of the opening could be discovered. Every trace of the former work was obliterated. Pierre