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THE EARTHQUAKE – A correspondent, writing from Baie St. Paul, informs the readers of an evening journal that the tremblings in the bowels of the earth are, in the vicinity of the parish from which he corresponds, of very frequent occurrence, and it is not surprising to know that the shock of last Thursday, which shook the houses in Quebec to the very foundation, would have been seriously felt on the North Shore. At Les Eboulements, a locality deriving its name from the peculiarity of its formation, brought about, as geologists tell us, by volcanic eruption, the shock was so intensely severe, as to completely level to the ground, two solid buildings of stone material.

The Rev. Mr. Plamondon, Parish Priest of Baie St. Paul, states in a letter that scarcely one building in the place escaped being damaged from the shock. The earthquake at the Bay and at Les Eboulements (sic), was felt in all its intensity; the wildest confusion and terror amongst the inhabitants. The Church is injured to such an extent that it is very probable the whole building must be taken down before any repairs can be made. Another correspondent from the same place, says that the earth opened in several places – making a gap ten inches wide, out of which fountains of water sprung, in such large quantities that at one spot, opposite the residence of Mr. Maxime Dufour, a stranger would have said it was a lake. The shock was so violent, that for a circuit of 16 miles, not a single house has escaped being damaged less or more, from its effects. The damage at the Bay and in the vicinity is estimated at \$40,000. In one instance, the writer asserts, a shop was completely engulfed, not leaving a vestige of it on the surface. Both correspondents are of opinion that, had the event taken place in the night, many lives would have been lost.