

ing further. J.S. also sustained severe bruising. M.L. quickly came to J.S.'s aid organizing some of the other climbers. Fortunately two of the other climbers present were very experienced and well qualified in first aid and they improvised a splint from slings and a dead sapling, ensured J.S. was warm and not in shock, and, when stabilized, proceeded to move J.S., via a two-man carry with a relay of three persons, to M.L.'s car.

### **Analysis**

Even a short fall when wearing crampons can have serious consequences. (Source: John Scoles)

## **FALL ON ROCK, UNROPED, CLIMBING ALONE**

### **Quebec, Mont Saint Hilaire**

On September 6, a hiker made a macabre discovery at the foot of the northern slopes of Mont Saint Hilaire. A body rested among the rocks at the foot of a 250 metre high cliff near the "Cave of the Fairies." A camera was located by the search and rescue team near Y.L.'s body.

It is surmised that Y.L. was alone and decided to climb the cliff in an attempt to take photographs. It appears that Y.L. (30) ascended in an area which was particularly difficult to climb without proper climbing gear, which he did not have. He lost his footing and fell approximately 50 metres to his death. A local resident thought that he heard a cry at approximately 1930 the night before on September 5, but he did not alert authorities due to the large number of hikers in this popular area. The victim was not immediately identified, as he was not carrying any identification.

### **Analysis**

Parties are often lured into situations where their ambitions exceed their skills and physical abilities. Your best protection is to know your own limits (and those of your partners) and to resist being tempted far beyond them. (Source: Roger LaFrance–L'Oeil Regional, Steve Castonguay)

## **FALL ON ROCK**

### **Yukon Territory, Kluane National Park Reserve, Mount Logan**

A trio of experienced climbers, Stephen Canning (22), and his two partners (36 and 43) registered to climb Mount Logan's East Ridge on May 7. They expected to be done their expedition on June 4. When the trio started their attempt at the East Ridge's summit about noon on May 22, the weather was clear. They crested the East Peak just after midnight. Increasingly stormy weather forced them to camp not far from the summit. At midnight on May 23, they started back down. S.C. was about 15 metres away from one of his partners when he stopped to take a photo—about 0630. His climbing partner looked away briefly, only to look back as the younger man fell off the snowy, rocky face. At the time it was windy and a storm was moving