

Maids & Matrons of New France

Louis XV. is said to have slept peacefully after ceding to the King of England, at Madame de Pompadour's instigation, the "few acres of snow," known as New France. The pious missionaries, who made the first white man's tracks in the forests; the hardy Champlain and his long line of successors in the eternal warfare of civilization against savagery; the intrepid explorers who opened a vast continent to future generations of Americans; the dogged settler who hewed his way into a home through snow and ice and the insurmountable obstacles of a northern wilderness; and the groups of pioneer women who made civilized life a possibility in this land of barbarism; they, too, slept on peacefully in their graves. Their lives were monuments in themselves, their deeds commemorative inscriptions which no temporal change in their adopted land could efface.