

lish as well as in French his indefatigable and deep researches in matters of history. M. Bois completed his education at the Quebec Seminary and College of Ste. Anne. He was inducted in holy orders in 1837, and removed in 1848 to the flourishing old parish of Maskinongé in the district of Three Rivers, where he expired in September last, after a prolonged illness, having been in charge of this cure forty-one years.

The old curé made a noble use of his pecuniary means and leisure hours for the promotion of historical studies and publication of rare documents unearthed by him in the dusty and neglected vaults of parliament, where were stowed away in dire confusion the priceless provincial archives. Aided by powerful friends in Parliament and a devoted publisher in Quebec, Mr. A. Côté, the Abbé Bois succeeded in obtaining public grants of money and private help to have republished in 1855 the Cramassy collection of the "Rélations des Jésuites" and the four volumes of MSS. which Haut Jean Blanchet induced the Mousseau Government to edit.

More than once the writer of these lines has had occasion to thank the learned man for valuable information freely tendered on Canadian topics. The historian Parkman, also, is not slow in giving the Abbé due acknowledgement for documents used by him in writing his late volume, "Wolfe and Montcalm," and one of the pleasant thoughts of the old antiquary during his failing years, was the recognition he received from the founder of the Royal Society of Canada, Lord Lorne, by the diploma conferred placing him amongst the twenty original members of the French section of the society. The following, though not all of them bear the author's signature, are his chief works:

1. Notes Biographique sur Monsignor de Laval: A. Côté et Cie, 1848.
2. Notes sur l'Île d'Orleans, A. Côté et Cie, 1850.
3. Études et Recherches Biographiques sur le Chevalier Noël Brutart De Sillery, 1855.

4. Notes sur Michel Sarrasin, Médecin du Roy à Québec, 1856.

5. Le Naufrage de l'Auguste, 1860.

6. Notices sur les Explorations de Soto, Joliette, Marquette et La Salle, 1861.

7. Éloge Historique de M. le Marquis de Montcalm—(annota) Extrait du Nuveau de France, 1861.

8. Études Biographiques sur M. Jean Raimbault, Archiprêtre, 1870.

9. Notice sur M. Joseph O. Leprohon, 1870.

10. Études Biographiques sur le Colonel M. Dambourgés, 1875.

11. Esquisses du Service Postal, 1759-1875, 1875.

12. Étude Historique sur le Juge Adam Mabanc, 1884.

Also an innumerable series of articles in the press.

We learn that his vast collection of MSS., notes and autographs, medals, engravings, and splendid library of historical works was bequeathed by him to the Seminary of Nicolet.

J. M. LEMOINE.

Quebec, Nov. 30, 1889.

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