

illustrious prelate whose memory is so deeply and so warmly venerated in the hearts of all.

The project of honoring him whom Providence had so visibly chosen as the instrument of its designs in the diocese of Montreal met with our full approval and the encouragement of our support. We were happy to write our name at the head of the subscription list.....

The erection of a fine statue on the grounds of the cathedral of Montreal so dear to Bishop Bourget's heart is now an accomplished fact. Our Canadian artist, Mr Hebert, has set to work and we may hope that his work, inspired by a deep feeling of patriotism and religion, will meet the general desire to see the greatest of our bishops glorified as he deserves.

If we undertake to bring before your eyes Bishop Bourget's noble features; if we speak of the virtues and works of him whom a representative of the Holy See formerly designated as the Athanasius of Canada and whom the people loved to call a second St Vincent of Paul, a second St Charles Borromeo or more simply and more eloquently perhaps, the *holy bishop*; it is not because we have the slightest doubt of your ready concurrence. It is rather with the intention of strengthening your feelings of filial gratitude and, at the same time, of satisfying the constant desire we have felt since our elevation to the see of Montreal to render the public homage of our veneration for the chief architect of our splendid diocesan works.....

.... That apostle, so powerful in his works and blessed with heavenly favors, never ceased for a moment to practise the most admirable virtues.

The presence of God breathed in all his words, in all his actions, but it shone forth in him especially when performing the functions of his holy ministry.

At night, alone in the silence of churches, hidden in the darkness, how often was he not surprised performing the devotion of the way of the Cross and dragging himself on his knees from one station to another!

It is even stated that the ardor of his love grew at times to ecstasy when he offered up the holy Victim or prolonged his visits to the holy tabernacles.