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The Late Louis Frechette

Bard of French Canada.

Dr. Louis Frechette, who died a few weeks ago was the last of a brilliant band of poets and writers who have made French Canada and the simple life of the habitant known to the world. Men like Drummond, with his habitant stories; Gaspe with his "Les Anciens Canadiens," Manette and Routhier have all contributed to our pleasure and our knowledge of French Canada.

The French-Canadian people are one with us, and yet to the majority of English-speaking Canadians they are a foreign people speaking a different language, imbued with different ideals and pursuing a policy foreign to our conceptions. It remained for a man like Frechette to lift the veil of mystery and show us the French-Canadian as he is. And he has done it with the delicate touch of a master's hand. From the glimpses he allows us to get, we see the delicate humor of the habitant, his tender pathos, his religious fervor and devotion, his simple, childlike faith and trustfulness. In many ways, Dr. Louis Frechette, the poet laureate of French Canada, was an embodiment of the virtues and characteristics he portrays in his charming stories and poems.

He was born in Levis, Quebec, on November 16, 1859, and educated at Nicolet College and Laval University. He studied law with a view to practicing that profession, but abandoned it after two years and went to Chicago, living there for five years. He came back to Quebec in 1871 and ran for the Local House from his native county, but was defeated. In 1874 his efforts were successful, and he was elected to the Dominion Parliament for Levis. In 1878 the national policy launched by Sir J. A. Macdonald swept away Dr. Frechette with most of the Liberal members. In that year Dr. Frechette married, and moving to Montreal gave himself up to literary efforts.

Dr. Frechette was both poet and novelist. In 1880 two of his books of poetry were crowned by the French Academy of Paris, and he himself was elected an officer of the academy and a Knight of the Legion of Honor. He was also an L.L.B. of Laval, McGill, Queen's and Toronto. He was made a companion of St. Michael and St. George and a member of the Imperial Institute of London. He was also President of the Royal Society of Canada.

Dr. Frechette naturally was fond of

French literature, and among French writers Victor Hugo was his favorite. He characterizes Hugo as the greatest lyric writer of any age, and never tired of telling stories of the great Frenchman. It was a matter of pride with him that he was the only Canadian who ever knew Hugo personally. Dr. Frechette was perhaps the greatest living authority on French-Canadian folk-lore. He has found an abundance of material which has come down from early settlers. His stories

of the loup-garou, the chasse-galerie, etc., are fascinating in their interest and at the same time they reveal the superstitious nature of the simple habitant. Another characteristic of the habitant is his religious nature. This amounts almost to a form of slavery. The word of a cure is law in the parish. The Infant Jesus is the means used to control children; the fear of spirits terrorizes evil-doers. Mass, confessionals and holy days constitute the creed of the humble peasant.

The third feature emphasized by Frechette is the simplicity of their home lives. There is invariably a spirit of devotion, of self-sacrifice, of filial affection shown in the stories he

wrote of the habitant. Bound up with his love of the home and of the Church is a love of country. Perhaps the latter is less evident, but it is nevertheless there and shows itself through the other two virtues.

There is much for us to admire and much for us to copy in the lives of the simple French-Canadian habitants. And as we read the stories from the pen of Frechette we feel his kindness of spirit, his warmth of heart, and the gentle touch of his skilful hand. One cannot read his "Christmas in French Canada" without feeling that he has made a real contribution to our literature and has done a great work. His stories will help us to understand our fellow subjects, and, knowing them, we cannot help loving them better.

He was in his forty-ninth year and his early demise is a distinct loss to the literature of Canada.

Canada.

Hail to the great Dominion,
Her flag in splendor flies
Upon the wind's wild pinion
Neath blue Canadian skies;
And when the breezes bear it
Aloft on tower or flood,
It wakes the kingly spirit,
It stirs our Viking blood.

The Fathers of our nation
Have builded sure and strong
On broad and deep foundations
Of valor, truth and song;
They came while yet 'twas morning,
They throned the true and best
And bonds and barriers scorned,
They dared the dauntless West.

Our might shall melt the mountains,
Our commerce gird the seas,
Our forests, fields and fountains
Give music to the breeze.
Here Scotland's purple thistle
With England's rose shall stand,
The fleur-de-lys shall listen
To the harp of Ireland.

Never may blight of battle
Or thundering steel-girt host,
Sword-clang or war-drum's rattle
Disturb our peaceful coast.
The bulwarks of our own land
God and the right shall be.
Our Canada the homeland
Of power and liberty.

Build then a flaming altar
And with its sacred fire
Of love and praise exalt her,
The Land of our Desire.
Oh happy consummation,
Oh destiny sublime,
To be a righteous nation,
The standard for all time.

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