

with splendid success, especially in France, where it put him in connection with all the great writers of the day.

So pleased were the *savans* of France with his poems, that they advised him to send a volume to the French academy, and contend for the PRIX MONTRUYON. He did so, and won. He sent two volumes in one, called *Les Fleurs Boreales* and *Les Oiseaux de Neige*, the latter being a volume of sonnets. It was a grand triumph, placing our subject at the head of Canadian French poets, and giving him the reputation, wide as the world of letters, of being a man of true poetic instincts and powers.

In prose, Mr. Fr  chette has published *Lettres    Basile* (1872), and, we believe, one or two other works, the titles of which we do not recall. We believe he does not set a very high value on them. His great talents are seen to the best advantage in verse. He early addressed himself with great assiduity to the perfecting of himself in the rythmical art, and to the mechanical beauty of his verse adds the far higher graces of genuine poetry—the warmth, the enthusiasm, the unction, the grand flights of true inspiration. The reader finds himself almost unconsciously under the spell of the minstrel, whose imagination, in its affluence remind one of Poe or the best living French poets, carries the reader completely away on the wings of rapture.

In 1876, he married Miss Emma Beaudry, daughter of the late J. B. Beaudry, merchant and banker, and niece of Hon. J. L. Beaudry, of the Legislative Council, and late mayor of Montreal, and they have two children, a son and a daughter.

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JOSEPH PIERRE CARREAU, mayor of the town of St. John's, was born at Ste. Marie de Monnoir, P.Q., on the 29th of April, 1838, his father being Joseph Carreau, a farmer, also born at Ste. Marie. The progenitor of the family in this province came from Bordeaux, France, about 1654, more than a hundred years before the fall of Quebec; and some of the great uncles of our subject lost their lives at the siege of that city. His grandfather, Pierre Carreau, was a member of parliament prior to the union of the Canadas, forty years ago, and, in his prime, was a prominent man in the province. The mother of our subject was Yphigeiue Choquet, whose father was in the second war with the United States, and was in the battle of Chateaugay, under Col. de Salaberry.

Mr. Carreau was educated at the Montreal seminary, where he took a full course in the arts; studied law at St. John's, under Judge Labarge, and in Montreal, under Strachan Bethune, Q.C., and Chief Justice Dorion; and was admitted to the bar in 1862. Since that