

PREFACE

At the date of the publication, in 1893, of "*Lake St. Louis, old and new, illustrated, and Cavalier de La Salle, translated from the French, by Désiré H. Girouard*", the Canadian Archives still lacked several volumes of the *Correspondance Générale*, especially those of the close of the seventeenth century covering the period of the Iroquois War. The *Correspondance Générale* is part of the National Archives at Paris and comprises several series. Those relating to Canada are known as "Série C II", containing documents received at Paris from Canada, and "Série B", composed of despatches sent from Paris to the Colonies. The first named series, forming 110 large volumes, has been copied and is now in the Canadian Archives at Ottawa. "Série B", with the thousands of documents preserved in the Parisian Archives and in those of the great cities of Europe, still remains unexplored, with the exception of a few volumes which have been intelligently analysed by Mr. Edouard Richard, assistant archivist, in his report for 1899. In 1897, the first volume of the Moreau Saint-Méry collection reached Ottawa and since that time five more have been sent. Mr. Richard has just published a comprehensive summary of the whole series. When all these documents are available to Canadian seekers, it will probably become necessary to re-write several pages, if not chapters, of Canadian History. In the meantime, I hastened to communicate to my old friends of Jacques-Cartier County — for whom these historical researches were begun in 1889 — what these volumes impart. I am happy to say that they do not in anywise contradict what I wrote in *Lake St. Louis*; on the contrary, they confirm it as to several hitherto more or less doubtful points. My first thought was to make known these new sources of information by publishing a second revised and enlarged edition of the work, but I soon