this city gave the following interesting sketch of the author and his work:-- "We regard with a particular sort of affection these volumes of an old friend of long ago, who, although not one of the great men, was one of the features and distinctive characters for many years of the House of Assembly before and after the Union. He had many troubles with it in the old times, and was more than once unjustly and harshly dealt with by the old House of Assembly of Lower Canada, as he shews in these volumes. was yet a simple and single-minded man, with almost no guile, at times exhibiting that particular kind of courage which led him to butt his head against the stone wall of superior power. He dressed quaintly—in the style of a former generation; and as in his dress, so in his manners, he never adapted himself to the times. He was a man of great industry, as these volumes shew. He was not the most polished of writers, nor was his style that which was most economical of his readers' time and attention; but as a repertory of old and curious facts, which cannot elsewhere be so conveniently found, concerning the history of Lower Canada up to the period of the Union, including the troubles which culminated in the Rebellion, Mr. Christie's volumes He furnishes copies of old despatches. are very valuable. old speeches, old newspaper articles, etc., which had force in their day; which are now very interesting to read, and which are very valuable as pièces or mémoires pour servir."

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The county of Verchères derives its name from François Jarret de Verchéres, captain in the Carignan regiment, The seignory bearing his name was granted him on the 29th October, 1672. Its dimensions are one league by two