

30 THE GREATEST EVENT IN CANADIAN HISTORY

"Tis the victory last of victories, giving *amitié*
release;
Making brotherhood of counsel, as reversal and
success
We read of in the record, with no bias to caress;
Making blessing of the wars that were, in the peace
that now prevails—
God's blessing on our loyalty as every wounding
heals.

"I bring you," said the invader, "a royal master's
word:
"Tis the curbing of the oppressor that edges Eng-
land's sword.
"The protection of the British flag 'twere folly to
refuse,
"Since the getting rid of tyrants has in it naught
to lose:
"There's no deception in my hand, only a sword
to save,
"From the callousness of masters who would your
freedom reave."

"I have no warrant to molest the toilers on the
land;
"Neither peaceful priest nor peasant are we here
with woe to brand;
"My men are armed to avenge your wrongs, not to
lay waste your homes:
"Nay, the rights of all non-combatants are safe
when victory comes.
"To you the hand of friendship old England now
extends.
"While what is hurtful to us all she valorous de-
fends."