

line or above the imaginary line separating British North America from the United States. "Cheap heroics," one Southerner calls Teddie's deeds of valour. The Abbé Klein, all unconsciously, makes me echo "cheap heroics"—accent on the *he*. As for the histrionic star that illumines the "Red House," well—no wonder such as he, might perplex the censors beyond the Tiber; as for the Inquisitors by the banks of the Seine, they have so much perplexity of their own, these "Au doux pays," it matters very little what they think of "Americanism," but—well—in the Land of the Strenuous Life—*entre nous*, the strenuosity is not all of the order of St. Bernard, St. Chrysostom, Godfrey de Bouillon. or of Abraham Lincoln, or of Stonewall Jackson, etc. Yet this book has many charms, the charm of simple, clear, strong style. carrying with it a wistfulness not very hard to define, when one realizes how every true Frenchman must feel to-day, when he remembers how justly proud his *belle France* had a right to be, in speaking of her strenuosity as: "Gesta Dei per Francos." There's charm, too, that appeals to our vanity. No nation presumably, any more than any individual, ever truly reaches the philosophical degree of indifference as to the way "others see us." The few chapters given to Canada make very pleasant reading. Here the author was not in quest of features essentially American; he came in the first days of September, saw some of the St. Lawrence, the Ottawa, Lake Ontario, Thousand Islands, Niagara Falls, both sides. What else could he do but repeat what all true lovers of the grandiose in nature, must say? The villages of Caughnawahga, Oka; the cities of Montreal and Ottawa, he speaks of in a tone to satisfy the inhabitants thereof. Poor Toronto and Kingston get the cold shoulder, if such an expression can be used. When one is weary of dust and heat and travel, the book is, possibly, the first of the many, inspired by "Jonathan and His Continent," that aims chiefly at grasping the religious status of the fearfully cosmopolitan Republic. That all the old folks at home should not be ready to share the generous Abbé's enthusiasm, can be easily conceived even here in Canada.

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