

PREFACE.

In issuing this "Souvenir," to mark the visit to Radnor Forges of the American and Canadian Mining Engineers, I have deemed it not out of place to include a brief sketch of the Iron industry of the district from its inception, during the reign of Louis Quatorze, down to the present day.

In my researches with this end in view I came across a number of old legends associated with the old St. Maurice Forges, some of which are still firmly believed by the simple-minded folk of the parishes. I thought it well to include a few of these old stories in the hope that they might prove as interesting to others as they did to myself.

To enter even the border land of the Laurentide country and overlook its beauty of mountain and lake and river, its wealth of game and fish, seems scarcely right, and so, too, I have included "Among the Laurentides," and "Memories," the latter penned under the pines of this paradise of sportsmen and lovers of Nature.

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