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the protecting shadow of the British flag, and we have no reason to fear, at least for the present, either revolutions, or troubles, or the internal discords which disturb our ancient mother country. The province of Quebec possesses self-government, and no country in the world was greater civil liberty than ours. It is not surprising then that we are faithful subjects of the British Crown. That loyalty of the French-Canadians has more than once been put to the proof. Immediately following the cession of 1775, the Americans found an invincible obstacle in the *habitants* of this country had for their oath of allegiance. It is sufficient, in order to be convinced of this, to recall the siege of Quebec by the Congressional army. But it was above all in 1812 that the fidelity of our people manifested itself the most openly. It was then the children of French Canada spontaneously arose for the defence of an English colony; it was then that our brave militia, a few glorious remnants of which we can now and again salute in our streets, rushed to the frontier at the call of an English Governor to repel the invaders; it was then that the French impetuosity and quiet English bravery helped one another as they later did before the walls of Sebastopol; it was then, at length, that we gave to the day of Chateauguay an immortal sister (?) in the battle of Chateauguay, and that the name of the soldier whose memory we celebrate to-day, of the heroic DeSalaberry, suddenly became historical as the greatest personification of courage and military glory of our race. Gentlemen, the name of DeSalaberry, is for us more than a recollection of triumph; it is a symbol, a symbol of that new state of things which fifty-two years after the battle of the Plains of Abraham brought to soldiers of French origin an English victory. Since that time as I just now stated, that movement of transformation has advanced and confirmed itself. We now form a great nation, composed of different races, but united in one sentiment, the love of a common country. It was that feeling which animated the soldiers of 1812, it is that feeling which ought to unite us when the interests or renown of our country are at stake. And when if ever war calls us again to the frontier, if ever a foe invades our fields and threatens our towns, I am certain there will be found among us another DeSalaberry to lead to another Chateauguay. The demon that on of to-day, this statue erected to the Canadian hero, these honors rendered to the memory of a valiant soldier are at the same time an act of justice and of recognition, a striking example for the present generation. They proclaim that it is the reward of warlike virtues and of devotion to one's country and cannot fail to be ultimately, a powerful encouragement for those who follow the career of arms. For some years past this country has been seriously occupied with the organization of a military body. Well, I think a demonstration such as this at which we have to-day assisted is of a nature to produce the best results towards that end, and to sow in the minds of the people of this province germs which will not be without fruit in the future. I consider, therefore, that it is my duty to profit by this circumstance to cordially congratulate the originators and promoters of this work of national recognition. It is in glorifying her great men that a nation glorifies itself, and the experience of all peoples is there to demonstrate to us this historical truth, that honors rendered to the illustrious dead are a fruitful source of civic virtues, devotion and heroism.

I.

Vous êtes glorieux, jours de dix-huit cent douze,
Quand tous ces cœurs vaillants qui battaient sous la blouse,
Oubliant d'immortels affronts,
Sous les drapeaux anglais, en cohérents attilans,
La carabine au poing, se ruèrent aux frontières
En chantant avec les clairons!

II.

Enfants aux cœurs de bronze, hommes aux mains robustes,
Toujours prêts à venger toutes les causes justes
Comme à braver tous les pouvoirs!

Toujours prêts—ces héros—au premier cri d'alerte,
A répondre, arme au bras et la poitrine ouverte
A l'appel de tous devoirs!

III.

Regardez-les passer, ces guerriers d'un autre âge,
Conscripte dents le sang froid, la gaieté, le courage,
Point honte au soldat aguerrri!
Ou vont-ils? Au combat! D'où viennent-ils? De France!
Qui sont-ils? Le devoir, l'audace, la vaillance!
Les enfants de Salaberry.

IV.

Ce sont les Voltigeurs! Ils sont héros cent a peine;
Mais, vainquera d'une lutte ardente, surhumaine,
Ils vont, de leur sang prodigieux,
Sous des trombes de fer, de feu, de projectiles,
Un contre vingt, inerte, a après des Thermopyles,
Le nom rival de Chateauguay.

V.

Avant, saluez! saluez tous ces braves,
Leur héroïsme a été, repoussant les entraves,
Qu'on forgeait pour nos conquérants,
Illustrer sur nos bords la légende de gloire,
Qui dit que lorsque Dieu frappe fort dans l'histoire,
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