

Gustavus William Wicksteed, author of the following, was law clerk to the House of Commons, and during twenty-four years had constant intercourse with Cartier in matters of legislation—he called himself an Englishman speaking French.

The Statue of Cartier

Not through the statue which his country's love
Hath to his honour raised, but through the deeds
And qualities which won that love, shall he,
The patriot whom we mourn, forever live
In true Canadian hearts of every race;
And chiefly through his strong, steadfast will
That differences of race, or creed, or tongue,
Should not divide Canadians, but that all
Should be one people, striving for one end,
To common good of all. His country stretched
From Louisbourg to far Vancouver's Isle,
And claimed, and had his patriot love and care.
And thus he won a high and honoured place
Among the worthiest of his name and race.