

Placed (This Tablet) 1741." The tablet has stamped at the top, above this inscription, and at each corner, the fleur-de-lis of the Royal Arms of France. On the reverse of the tablet the inscription cut by the Chevalier de la Verendrye with the point of a dagger is as follows: "Pose par le Chevalyer de La Vr te St Louy la Londette A Miotte le 30 Mars, 1743." The "te" means "temoins," witnesses. The two voyageurs accompanying the Chevalier de la Verendrye were Louis la Londette and A. Miotte. His brother Francois was the fourth member of the expedition, and it is remarkable that his name does not appear on the tablet. The inscription is as follows, being translated: "Deposited by the Chevalier de la Verendrye, Witnesses, St. Louis la Londette, A. Miotte. March 30, 1743." The difference between the dates in the two inscriptions is due, of course, to the fact that the inscription of the obverse of the tablet was stamped at Quebec, where the Marquis de Beauharnois, the then Governor of Canada, gave the tablet to de la Verendrye, the father, when he was setting forth on his search for the Western Sea. The date in the inscription cut with a dagger point is the date of the actual burying of the tablet.

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