

ST. BONIFACE

The Cathedral's two towers standing one hundred and fifty feet in height were prominent objects in the landscape and seen from a great distance on the prairies. They possessed a chime of bells of singular sweetness which Whittier, American poet, beautifully refers to in his "Canadian Voyageur",

"Is it the clang of wild geese,
Is it the Indian's yell,
That lends to the voice of the North wind
The tones of a far off bell?

The voyageur smiles as he listens
To the sound that grows apace;
Well he knows the vesper ringing
Of the bells of St. Boniface.

The bells of the Roman mission,
That call from their turrets twain,
To the boatman on the river,
To the hunter on the plain. "

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