

into affectionate regard. It was, however, in the rural districts and upon the lakes, rivers, and marshes of Canada and the bordering territories, where the writer has fished and hunted, that he has heard the real Canadian *patois* spoken, as only one may hear it, and these humble efforts are mainly the result of such travel.

Many of the characters about whom these stories are told existed in real life, and the old inhabitants of the localities mentioned will recall them; and many of the occurrences related have in reality happened.

The writer begs to say, in closing, that these verses are furnished by him as a means of entertainment and amusement, and it is not his desire or intention to ridicule or discredit those of the old French-Canadian blood.

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