

The French and Indian War, from the Pen of a French Participant.

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18 Peuchot (M.). Memoir upon the Late War in North America, between the French and English, 1755-1760. Followed by Observations upon the Theatre of Actual War, and by New Details Concerning the Manners and Customs of the Indians; with Topographical Maps. Translated and Edited by Franklin B. Hough. With Additional Notes and Illustrations. 2 volumes, large quarto, original wrappers, paper labels, uncut and unopened, pp. 269;283, index, Printed (by Joel Munsell of Albany) for W. E. Woodward, Roxbury, Mass., 1866. 50.00

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The above is an immaculate copy in pristine condition, having been wrapped in paper since the day of its publication in 1866. It is one of the finest examples from the famous Munsell Press; the typography of which has not to this day been excelled by any American printer.

A valuable statement of events of the period from a French standpoint, and not elsewhere obtainable. The editor and translator has added numerous notes, and the index is very thorough, covering sixteen pages.

"Our impressions of these events have been chiefly derived from English authors who often evinced a partisan spirit in their narratives of the time, and who, even when they sought to leave a faithful record, could at most present a partial statement of what they saw on their side. The incidents of a battle or siege, witnessed from an English camp, might appear quite different if seen through the loop-hole of a fort, or from behind the intrenchments of the French, and a full and faithful knowledge of the whole subject can only be obtainable by the study of the historians of both parties."- Preface.

The author, who was an Engineer and Officer in the French Army during the whole period of the War, witnessed the events at Ticonderoga, Oswego, Niagara, and Fort Levis; all of which he described with great minuteness. Of the other principal events of the War, he gives details from accounts received from witnesses and from French authorities. Forts Niagara and Levis were completed and defended by him; and he gives full details of the Sieges, both of which terminated in surrender to the English. One prominent feature of the work is the freedom with which he exposes the frauds and corruption of the French officials.

The numerous fine maps and illustrations are listed below.

Full-page Plan of Fort Levis;- Folding Plan showing the First and Second Engagements at Lake George, 1755, with a Plan of Fort William Henry;- English Plan (folding) of the Forts Ontario & Oswego with Part of the River Onondago and Lake Ontario, 1756;- French Plan (folding) of Forts Ontario & Pepperell or Chouaguen, 1756;- Folding Plan of Fort Niagara, Built and Defended by M. Pouchot;- Folding Map of the Attack on Ticonderoga, Major-General Abercromby, Commander-in-Chief;- Folding Map of the Village of Rome, N. Y., surcharged upon a Sketch of the Siege of Fort Schuyler, Presented to Col. Gansevoort by L. Flury;- South View of Oswego, (folding);- Full-page steel engraved portrait of Sir William Johnson;- Folding Plan of Fort la Presentation;- Folding Plan of the Attack on Fort Levis on the River St. Lawrence by the Army of Gen. Amherst, Defended by M. Pouchot, 1760;- Folding Sketch of Mohawk River and Wood Creek, showing the Relative Positions of Fort Bull, Fort William, and the German Flatts;- Full-page Plan of Fort Niagara;- Folding Map, Carte des Frontiers Francoises, et Angloises dans le Canada depuis Montreal jusque au Fort de Quesne;- Folding Map of the Northern Department of New York;- Folding Map of the Country of the Six Nations, inscribed by Guy Johnson to William Tryon, 1771;- Full-page steel engraved views: The Great Cohoes Falls in the Mohawk River; South-West View of the City of New York; South-East View of the City of New York; Lower Cataract Little Seneca River, Lake Ontario; Great Cataract Little Senecas River, Lake Ontario.