

A Prominent French-Canadian Merchant.

Hon. Senator Thibaudou, Montreal.

Where the biographical writer casts his mind about in search of a prominent subject to treat, among the French-Canadians of the Dominion, he is non-plussed by reason of the numerous names which occur to him as eminent...

This is well illustrated in the growth and expansion of the great wholesale importing firm of which the honorable Senator is question is the active and respected head.

In its past and present status it takes rank as the leading wholesale dry goods firm in French-Canada, and in solid financial strength it is the peer of any house in the Dominion.

Commercial prominence of this sort surely redounds to the credit of the productive and directing management that makes it along the path of prosperity.

In regard to the domestic relations of the firm, it is a very significant fact that its business is not confined to the French Province of Quebec alone, for the trade of the old staunch house extends from Halifax to Vancouver, and in every city and town lying between these widely separated limits the integrity and fair-dealing character of the firm is known and appreciated.

The conceptions which Hon. Senator Thibaudou has of the way business should be conducted, are of the very highest order, and his views are of course impressed upon every traveller in the employ, so that the utmost fairness and consideration are given to the interests of the firm's customers, who are led on from one favorable transaction to another until their whole abiding confidence is placed in the hands of the heads of the well-deserving house.

It is to the strong personality and business ability of such types of men as Senator Thibaudou that the city of Montreal owes its commanding position among the commercial centres of the New World. He may be only a brick in the temple of commerce—a phrase lately used to me by another Montreal merchant prince, in relation to himself—but he is a very substantial and prominent one; and his commercial influence is felt on both sides of the Atlantic.

The Messrs. Thibaudou's establishment is of long and firm standing and it required additional strength under each successive management, and in the capable hands of the present honorable Senator it seems to have attained to an unwonted height of efficiency and prosperity.

Sonator Thibaudou, as measured by his span of years, is comparatively a young man and is in the full enjoyment of physical and mental health and vigor. In his early training under parental rule he had the very best moral and religious instruction that virtuous Catholic parents could bestow, and where the time had come for his entrance into academic halls his scholastic knowledge was gained under teachers and professors of the very highest status and of the deepest Catholic Christian principles, so that the earliest teachings of the future merchant and senatorial legislator were of the purest, holiest and best that could possibly have been imparted to a plastic and youthful mind.

These early advantages have been of priceless value in forming the mature character of the present man. But without his own individual mental aptitudes and inherent purity of life and conduct his good parental and thorough university education could never have borne such rich and abundant fruit.

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These traits he had mental abilities of a high degree, and a clear receptive faculty of the understanding that made him discern quickly the right from the wrong under all circumstances. No wonder then that a personality founded upon such moral basis should be well qualified to assume the social, commercial and religious duties of mature manhood. Out of his great wealth Mr. Thibaudou contributes generously to all the needs of the parish church wherein he worships, and to all the various charitable, educational and religious demands made upon him he gives with princely hand; and apart from the exacting attention which his large mercantile concerns require, he shirks none of the social and other functions which pertain to his leading position among his fellow-citizens.

Then he has memberships and official rank in several societies all of which call for a portion of his time. When all this is added to the higher public duties lately assumed on his appointment to the Canadian Senate, it will be readily conceived that the honorable gentleman has not many leisure hours in the day to himself. But to a benevolent mind constituted as his it must be rather a pleasure than a hardship to feel that one is doing an important service to his fellow-citizens and to his co-religionists as well as the people of his own race and blood.

Hon. Senator Thibaudou's is one of the latest appointments to the Senate Chamber, and it came to him as the first reward of a career of honor and usefulness as much as from his commanding influence in the commercial circles of Montreal, the great live metropolis which draws to its bosom the best elements in mercantile and social life, and wins for Canada the respect and consideration of Americans, Englishmen, Frenchmen and Europeans generally by reason of its unique geographical situation and of the immense volume of business done in its spacious and busy ports. There is always a delicacy in following a man into the privacy of his domestic home, but if we look so closely into the private concerns of our honorable subject we find the same well-ordered regulations governing his domestic affairs as is publicly noticeable in his outward actions.

In his beautiful home he is surrounded by domestic felicity of a blissful kind, and the material comforts he has gathered around him are such as cultured taste and refinement deem necessary. It is needless to say that his home is the centre of a social circle of rare excellence and taste from which is breathed a spirit of moral purity that well becomes the truly Catholic Christian home. The rising generations, both of French-Canadian and English-speaking, may learn a useful lesson from Senator Thibaudou's career.

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