

centuries, Radisson, Duluth, Marquette, Jolliet, La Salle, La Motte Cadillac and the others who, like himself and his sons, blazed the way through vast regions of this continent previously untrodden by a white man. It was in September, 1738, that Pierre de la Verendrye, the father, with his youngest son, Francois, (the eldest son, Jean Baptiste having been killed, together with some twenty companions by a band of Sioux Indians, on an island in the Lake of the Woods, two years before) arrived at the junction of the Red and the Assiniboine Rivers, the first white men to view the site of the present city of Winnipeg.



HE tablet is about eight inches in width. The Latin inscription on the obverse is as follows: "Anno XXVI Regni Ludovici XV Pro Rege Illustrissimo Domino Domino Marchione de Beauharnois MDCCXXXI Petrus Gaultier de la Verendrye Posuit." That is: "In the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of Louis XV, in the Name of the King, Our Thrice Illustrious Sovereign, and of Monsieur the Marquis de Beauharnois, Pierre Gaultier de la Verendrye

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