

the Jesuits, made a long and fruitless search for it throughout the archives and libraries of Canada, as did also Reuben Thwaites, secretary of the State Historical Society of Madison. Many other local historians of Quebec have likewise searched for this manuscript, but its whereabouts remained a mystery until last week, when it was so unexpectedly found by Mgr. Marois, who at once imparted the information to the Burrows Brothers Publishing Company, now engaged in bringing out a translation of the Jesuit "Relations". The first and the third parts of the document are written in Latin and entitled *Annotationes* and *Mortes Preciosæ*, while the second part, in French, is entitled *La Vie d'un Missionnaire Montagnais*. The importance of the document consists in the detailed manner in which Indian life, customs and characteristics are dealt with, on account of the fact that it is the only document of that century now extant dealing with the almost unknown tribe of Montagnais Indians".

This note attracted the attention of our bibliopole *par excellence*, Mr. Philéas Gagnon, who wrote the following letter to the *Chronicle* for the purpose of correcting the errors contained in the above quoted paragraph :

"SIR,—Allow me to make a few remarks concerning a supposed "Historical Discovery" made in the archives of the Bishop's Palace, which was mentioned yesterday in your interesting paper. These remarks will, I believe, re-establish things in their proper place :

"1. The records of the Cardinal's Palace, Quebec, are very precious, though comparatively few. They have been scrupulously examined from time to time by competent men, and it is not at all probable that any real discovery could be made amongst them at this late date.

"2. The said Montagnais manuscript is known to have been at the Archbishop's Palace for over thirty years, and the first page of each part of this volume bears upon the margin the signature of His Eminence Cardinal Taschereau, Archbishop of Quebec.

"3. This relic of Father Crépieul occupies a place of honor in the library of the Palace, as I had the honor of seeing myself when I was fortunate enough to be allowed to cast a glance on these treasures.

"4. The Catalogue of Indian manuscripts belonging to the Archbishop's Palace, prepared with great care in 1890, contains a minute and detailed description of this manuscript, which is bound in red morocco.