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"GALIXA LAVALLE"

By way of introduction, let us review this great man's historical, geographical and family background. 1837, culminating 75 years of struggle for liberty and stamped with blood and fire, has ^{on}graved itself forever in the annals of our history. The land of Canada, however, is very generous; it multiplies a hundredfold the seed entrusted to its motherly care. Cannot miracles be wrought with the blood of those who made the supreme sacrifice in loyalty to their native soil? This blood, transformed into a liquid substratum, will absorb the germ of our liberties found in the Constitution of 1840. The seedling will develop, and soon, when the crimson fluid has changed into vigorous sap, it will ripen and expand into the giant tree that will spread its boughs from Halifax to Vancouver in the sunshine of our Canadian Confederation.

Canadians have shown themselves to be valiant fighters and faithful believers. They can wield the sword and *bear the cross*

The time has come to put into proud song the epic story of these glorious exploits. The theme of the national anthem is found. The bard has come.

Destiny intended him for that noble part. His mother goes back to the family of Mathurin Meunier who registered the first