

entirely unassailed for any departure from integrity, for any want of truth, or for the least unworthy furtherance of his own interests. The history of his government is a sufficient reply to the trumpery, unsubstantiated statements of a writer like du Calvet, whose account of himself is throughout based upon falsehood, and who, with the other agitators of his day, was deservedly kept in prison.

I will hereafter have to speak in detail of the material traces of his presence which Haldimand left behind him in the province. I may so far allude to them here as to say, that under his administration the citadel of Quebec was designed and begun; that it was he who constructed the first small canals to overcome the rapids of the Saint Lawrence, the Cascades, Cedars and Coteau, which remained in use and brought a fair revenue until the opening of the Beauharnois canal in October, 1845. He may be regarded as the very first man in Canada who introduced the love of gardening. He laid out the public gardens in Quebec. The handsome residence at Montmorenci Falls, and the gardens, as they exist, were in the first instance his work. Madame Riedesel gives a most pleasing impression of his character. She tells us how she taught Haldimand to pickle cucumbers, and how through him the art, if such it may be called, became generally known in Canada.\* It was Haldimand also who constructed the chateau de Saint Louis, on the present Durham terrace, as a residence for the governor, which unfortunately was destroyed by fire in 1834.

\* Madame Riedesel thus speaks of Haldimand in 1781-2. "Man wollte uns Misstrauen gegen ihn einflößen, wir hörten aber keinen an, und gingen offenherzig mit ihm um, welches er uns desto mehr Dank wusste, da er ein solches Benehmen dort wenig gewohnt war. Es waren grosse Veränderungen im Gouvernements-Hause gemacht worden, das vorher einer Baracke ähnlich sah. Er hatte es auf englischen Fuss meublirt und eingerichtet, und ob er gleich nur erst 5 Jahre da war, so waren doch seine Gärten schon voller trefflicher Früchte und fremder Gewächse, von welchen man nicht geglaubt hätte, dass sie in diesem Klima fortkommen könnten. Er hatte aber die Lage gegen die Sonne gut benutzt. Das Haus lag auf einer Anhöhe und fast ganz zu oberst." [p. 290.]

"Alles wuchs in unserm Garten vortrefflich, und alle Abend gingen wir