

vivialis of every race and sect, uniting their prayers in gratitude for the honour conferred on Canada.

"This country, to-day so insignificant, inhabited only by a handful of scattered Canadians, shall then extend from ocean to ocean its boundless territories belted by rails of steel reverberating to the thunder of palatial vehicles swept along at lightning speed by fire and steam. Without enjoying complete independence, Canada shall possess all its privileges; and the immortal Pontiff who shall occupy St. Peter's chair shall encircle it in the rays of celestial light, emanating from the brow of one of its favoured children whom he shall select for the honour and responsibility of watching with him over the welfare of the universal Church.

"In those days the British Empire, on whose possessions the sun never sets, shall acknowledge the sway of a Sovereign justly revered by Her countless subjects for Her many virtues, high sense of justice, and goodness of heart, qualities that must endear Her to all as a mother to Her children.

"May Her days be prolonged as a boon to their affections!

"Hardly had John the Baptist who is more Canadian than the Canadians themselves, uttered these loyal words, so consonant to Canadian feelings, than a cannon shot announced that the port was reached. Mgr. de Laval awoke from a vision, as extraordinary as it was consoling, and made preparations to take possession of a land that became his own.

"I have finished my narrative; it is for you to appreciate it, and for me to thank you for your kind attention to its recital."

Several months subsequent to his installation as Cardinal, our Archbishop left for the Eternal City, where he received from the hands of His Holiness himself the last insignia of his new dignity, the barretta. This was his eighth journey to the See of St. Peter. Since then, Cardinal Taschereau has continued to lead a tranquil, useful, holy life, such as befits his station.

Although in his seventy-first year, he has no thought of resting on his oars; he shows as much activity as he did in the bloom of manhood. For him every hour of the day has its allotted duties, comprising acts of piety, study, and the administration of his diocese.

Now that we have some knowledge of his general life, let us study his character and labours more closely.