

CANADIAN HABITANT

unfurled in the Citadel of Quebec, the *habitant* remains as French as his ancestors were the day they left their country. This, too, on a continent where the English, the Irish, and the Scotch merge their national characteristics in the course of thirty years into those of the ubiquitous Yankee. Jacques, happy in coming under the rule of a generous conqueror, has preserved his language, his laws, and his religion, intact; and he has gratitude enough to value the liberty given him by his English rulers and to make him the strongest opponent of Annexation in Canada.

The French Canadian peasantry are descendants of the