

DEDICATION

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To Henry Van Dyke, U. S. N. F. R., who has ever shown the strongest admiration for the French Canadians with whom he gained a close and intimate acquaintance through his guides and coureurs des bois, during his many visits to Quebec. To him who in the month of October (1918) number of Scribner's magazine, wrote the following introduction to a number of Quebec character sketches:—

"If you love a certain country, for its natural beauty, or for the friends you have made there, or for the happy days you have passed within its borders, you are troubled and distressed when that country comes under criticism, suspicion, and reproach.

"It is just as it would be if a woman who had been very kind to you and had done you a great deal of good were accused of some unworthiness. You would insist on understanding before you pronounced judgment. Memories would ask to be heard. That is what I feel in regard to French Canada, the province of Quebec, where I had so many true comrades among the voyageurs, the habitants, and the coureurs de bois. People are saying