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## *THE QUEBEC SHIELD OF 1759.*

I had the pleasure in recording, at pages 357-8, of *Quebec Past and Present*, published in 1876, under the heading

### THE FRENCH SHIELD, 1759,

an antiquarian item, for which I was indebted to a young student of Canadian History, Mr. J. M. O'Leary, of the Post Office Department, Ottawa. His researches brought to light this famous old shield, which he had photographed. It is this fac-simile, reproduced in my work, which has led another student of Canadian History, Lieutenant Phillip Wolfe Murray, of H. M. Flagship "Bellerophon," recently in our port, to write a very interesting letter anent the old Quebec shield.

"On one of the three city gates existing at Quebec in 1759 (probably the most fashionable and most used under French rule, Palace Gate) was shown this trophy :

"The shield, made of oak, measures 44 by 36 inches. The cleaning and varnishing have brought out the colours of the stones in the crown, as well as the gilding and colour of the Order of *Saint Esprit*, which surrounds the *Fleur de Lis* ; the scroll is coloured green, and the inscription is in gold letters on a black ground."