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## FACTS ABOUT QUEBEC

Quebec is situated about 300 miles from the gulf of St-Lawrence and 180 miles from Montreal, in 46° 48' 30" North. Latitude and 71° 12' 19.5" of Longitude West.

Quebec is the second city in point of population in the Province and the third in the Dominion.

It is the most picturesque and most strongly fortified city on the continent.

It was the ancient capital of Canada and is the present capital of the Province.

It is known as the walled city of the north.

It will be 300 years old in 1908. Quebec was besieged five times, in 1629, by Sir David Kirke; in 1690, by Sir William Phipps; in 1711, by Sir Hoveden Walker; in 1769, by Admiral Saunders; and in 1775, by General Arnold.

For municipal purposes the City of Quebec is divided into ten wards. Each of which is represented in the City Council by three Aldermen.

The following are the present incumbents with their respective districts.

- St Louis Ward { A. Cook  
                  { J. I. Lavery  
                  { E. Turcot
- Palace Ward { G. Tanguay  
                  { J. Tessier  
                  { T. Norris

- St Peter Ward { G. Madden  
                  { L. A. Boisvert  
                  { N. Rioux
- Champlain Ward { E. Foley  
                  { E. Reynolds  
                  { P. Dinan
- St John Ward { J. P. Coté  
                  { E. Vincent  
                  { J. Boulanger
- Montcalm Ward { F. Poitras  
                  { N. Rancour  
                  { T. Gilchen
- St Roch Ward { J. A. Belanger  
                  { T. Duchaine  
                  { N. Dronin
- Jacques Car Ward { N. Dussault  
                  { C. Roy  
                  { P. E. Falardeau
- St Valier Ward { J. Drolet  
                  { U. Cantin  
                  { L. Marois
- St Sauveur Ward { J. B. Côté  
                  { N. Blonin  
                  { A. Cantin

## THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

The English, Russian German, French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese and Scandinavian are the most powerful languages within the bounds of Christian civilization, because they are the tongues of vigorous people. With the exception of the English these are all indigenous and die if transplanted. The United States is the youngest of powerful countries, yet it is a cemetery of many languages; for instance French, one of the sweetest of tongues, threatened to become the national language. Louisiana was settled by people of the French nation, who brought their language with them and landed it upon that soil in anticipation of its growth. Instead, however, of its growing and spreading over the country, it began to weaken and will soon disappear from the memories of the inhabitants of that state.

It is only necessary to note the population, according to the several languages, to realize the unchangeable future of the English, now striding

on and on over the face of the earth with wonderful impetuosity and a vigor that will not be restrained.

English is spoken by 90,000,000 of people, Russian 75,000,000, German 56,000,000, French 40,000,000, Spanish 38,000,000, Italian 29,000,000, Portuguese 14,000,000, and Scandinavian 9,000,000. Within the control of the government of these several languages, England rules over 255,000,000 of people who do not as yet speak the English language, and the other seven nations have only 75,000,000 outside of themselves—an astonishing difference.

Considering them by territorial limits, leaving out Russia, we find the English language to own 13,382,666 miles German 449,684, French 571,578, Spanish 4,694,811, Italian 114,466, Portuguese 4,028,311, and Scandinavian 1,308,830. The aggregate number of square miles, possessed by these six languages is 11,167,620, which altogether own 2,215,066 miles square less than the English. The balance itself is more than Germany. France and Spain put together.—New-York Commercial-Advertiser.

## NEWSPAPERS and PERIODICALS

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of The World and The Commercial of Chatham, N. B. La Defense. L'Oiseau Mouche and Le Naturaliste Canadien of Chicoutimi, P. Q.; The Eastman Journal, The Penman's Art Journal, Comers College Bulletin, The Actna, New Education, Success, The Budget, Dixon College Educator, College Journal, and The Western Penman from different parts of the United States and The Napanec Star from Ontario.

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