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THE LAST YEARS OF FRENCH DOMINION
AT QUEBEC, 1748-59.

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THE arrival of Intendant Bigot in 1748, will prepare a new era—the downfall of French Dominion in New France. Patriotism—public spirit—honesty among Quebec officials will henceforward hide their head. For good or for bad, we may expect to find life in the colony a reflex of the doings in the parent state.

War loving France, staggering under reverses in Germany, in the West and East Indies, with an empty treasury, had not the means, even if she had the heart, to defend her distant colony against foreign aggression.

Alas! chivalrous old France of Henry IV., to what depths of infamy thy new masters are dragging thee! Lower