



HONORÉ MERCIER,  
PREMIER OF QUEBEC.

Honoré, Latin is and means "WITH HONOR,"  
Oh may the man, to whom this name is given  
Never forget the glories of this virtue.

On him and his COMPATRIOTS may it shine  
Resplendent like the glare of mid-day sun,  
Encircled by a wreath of patriotism.

May he long live to bear this first of names.  
Envy and malice, to this name, may add  
Reproach and falsehood, but cannot prevail,  
Combined with TRUTH and PURITY and LOVE  
In trinity of bonds with HONOR bright,  
Enrobed in NATIONALITY—these are indeed  
Riches, which make a man esteemed, beloved.

Proclaim it through the country far and near,  
Rear up the standard of HEROIC RIGHT,  
Ever sustain GOOD-FEELING amongst all,  
Make thy foes friends, and friends still firmer ones,  
In all and everything sustain thy name,  
Eternal principles are thine to keep,  
Remembering that a day of Reckoning comes.

Oh then, proceed in VIRTUE'S glorious ways,  
For there alone "THE PREMIER" ought to stand.

Quench not her torch, but let it greater flame,  
United and "WITH HONOR" it will blaze,  
Entering upon thy work thou'st undertaken,  
Blessed with the title of an ancient name,  
Ended it SHALL be, in GLORY, HONOR, PRAISE,  
Condemned by none, regretted much by all.

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