

Québec Past and Present

A History of Québec

1608-1876

Part Two

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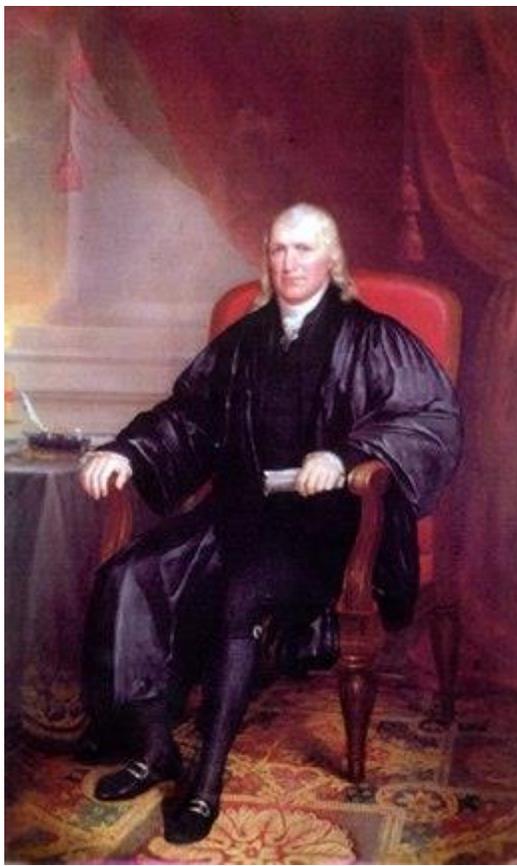
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Fleury Mesplet

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Pierre du Calvet

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Excerpt from above book by **James MacPherson Le Moine**, addressing the **Delegates to Canada in 1776**.

In early 1776, when the news reached Congress that the assault upon Québec (city) had failed (December 1775); that Montgomery (General Richard Montgomery, American General) had been left dead on the snowy heights, and Arnold (General Benedict Arnold) borne wounded from the field; that cold, hunger, and small-pox were wasting the army (American Army), that discipline was forgotten and the people indifferent or inimical, the Congress resorted to the expedient of appointing three Commissioners to go to Montréal, confer with Arnold, and arrange a plan for the rectification of Canadian affairs.

Benjamin Franklin, **Samuel Chase** and **Charles Carroll** were selected for this mission. Mr. **John Carroll**, a Catholic Clergyman, (afterwards Archbishop of Baltimore), was also invited to accompany them. He had been educated in France, and it was supposed that this circumstance added to his religious profession and character, would enable him to exercise and influence with the clergy in Canada.

The Commissioners were clothed with extraordinary powers. They were authorized to receive Canada into the Union of Colonies and organize the government on the republican system. They were empowered to suspend military officers, decide disputes between the civil and military authorities, vote at councils of war, draw upon Congress to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars, raise additional troops and issue military commissions, in short whatever authority Congress itself, could be supposed to exercise over Canada, was conferred upon the three commissioners.

Please note; from November 28th 1775 to May 9th 1776, the city of Montréal was under the control of the American military forces, first under the command of General Richard Montgomery and a few months later under the command of General David Wooster.

Chiefly, however, they were charged to convince, conciliate, and win the Canadians by appeals to their reason and interest, in aid of which they were to take measures for establishing a newspaper to be conducted by a friend of Congress. To carry into operation this portion of their instructions, they secured the services of a French printer named **Fleury Mesplet** (1734-1794), the latter founded the Gazette du commerce et littéraire pour la ville et district de Montréal, the latter newspaper became the Montreal Gazette.

Benjamin Franklin left Montréal on May 11th, 1776 and returned to Philadelphia.

On May 12th, 1776 Samuel Chase and Charles Carroll also left Montréal and rejoined with Benjamin Franklin at St. Johns (Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu)

See; Thomas M. Charland, author of La mission de John Carroll au Canada en 1776 et le Père Pierre René Floquet, Supérieur des Jésuites à Montréal.

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Raymond Douville – Jean-Baptiste Badeaux, notary, justice of the peace and diarist. At the time of the American invasion in 1775, Badeaux kept a diary in which he noted the events that took place in Trois-Rivières and the surrounding region. A convinced royalist, he commented; "I admit that I find some virtues in several of the republicans, I find great defects in a republic in general; I see in it much more error and ostentation than true greatness of soul" > Biographi.ca
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(Quebec) to relinquish their allegiance to the crown of England and unite with the Americans in their struggle for independence

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