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# CADILLAC DAY,

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Its observance under the auspices of the Wayne County Historical and Pioneer Society, July 24th, 1893, containing the names of those generous citizens and members of the society who so actively participated and aided in promoting its celebration in manner commensurate with the event it was designed to commemorate.

This "Souvenir" is respectfully dedicated in the hope it may remind and stimulate the desire to observe the 24th day of July in all time to come.

FRED. CARLISLE,

*Compiler.*

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The compiler deems it fitting as introductory to this "Souvenir," that the reader may form some idea of how Detroit appeared in 1701, as compared with Detroit of to-day, and therefore gives a verbatim report made by Antoine La Mothe Cadillac to Count Ponchartrain, dated October 8th, 1701, and translated by Hon. Theodore Parsons Hall, of this city.

"The profession of war differs from that of the writer and I cannot without this latter qualification draw the picture of a Country so worthy of a better pen than mine, but since you have instructed me to return some account, I will do so premising that the Detroit (le Détroit) is properly a canal or river of moderate breadth and of forty-five leagues in length (his estimate includes Lake St. Clair and St. Clair River from Lake Erie to Lake Huron), situated north-north-east and south-south-west from where gently flow together the living crystalline waters of Lakes Superior, Michigan and Huron (which are so many fresh water seas) into Lakes Erie, Ontario or Frontenac, whence finally they mingle in the River St. Lawrence and the waters of the Ocean." The banks are so many vast prairies—where the freshness of these ever beautiful waters—give the grass a verdant green. These same prairies are bordered by long and extensive groves of fruit trees which have never felt the solicitous hand of the skillful gardner and these young and old fruit trees bend and curves their branches toward the fertile soil which has produced them. It is in this so fertile land that the ambitious vine, which has not yet wept under the knife of the painstaking vinedresser forms for itself, a dense canopy, with its luxurious branches and its bunches of grapes heavy on the head of whoever leans against it, often choking the one who ventures to embrace it too closely. It is in these vast thickets, we can see congregated by hundreds the timid deer and shrinking doe with the roe buck bounding eagerly to gather the apples and plums with which the ground is paved. It is there that the watchful turkey calls together and conducts her numerous brood for harvesting the grapes. \* \* \* The golden pheasants, the quail and partridge, the abundant

turtle dove, swarm in the woods and over the fields intersected and broken by clusters of tall forest trees, which afford a charming prospect such as alone can assuage the irksomeness of solitude.

\* \* \* The woods are of ten varieties: walnut, white oak, red oak, bastard ash, spruce, white wood, cotton wood, etc, but these same trees are straight as arrows without knots and of prodigious size. \* \* \* The fish is nourishing and bathed in living crystalline water, its great abundance renders it no less delicious. The swans are so great in number, that one might mistake them for water lilies among which they are entangled. The babbling goose, the teal, the bustard are so common, that in the language of the savage, "there is so much that it arranges itself in lines to permit a canoe to pass by." "Can we believe that a soil, on which nature has distributed everything with so much order, knows how to refuse, at the hand of the laborer inquisitive as to its fertile interior any return that he may propose? In one word, the climate is temperate, the atmosphere pure during the day, the winds are moderate, and during the night the sky ever serene diffuses sweet refreshing influences that enable one to taste the blessings of tranquil sleep. If the situation is thereby agreeable, it is now the less important, because it opens and closes the door of passage to the homes of the far off savage nations by whom then vast fresh water seas are surrounded."

PRELIMINARY STEPS FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF  
CADILLAC DAY, JULY 24, 1893.

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At the annual meeting of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society held at Lansing, June 7 and 8, the matter of observing the 24th of July, commemorating the founding of Detroit, no formal action was had, except "That any which Wayne County Historical and Pioneer Society might take would receive encouragement from members of the State Society."

The first meeting of the Society to consider the feasibility was held at the Russell House parlor, Monday evening, June 25, where it was resolved to celebrate the day and the following gentlemen were chosen a Committee of Arrangements: Alex. Chapoton, chairman; J. Wilkie Moore, Dr. Ira Mayhew, Eli Barkume, James A. Visger, Col. J. M. Farland, James Gamble, Joseph A. Bedard, Dr. William Cahoon, Thomas Armstrong, Capt. R. S. Baker, Alex. Kittle, David Parsons, Frank Beaubien, J. B. Gravier, T. J. Beaubien, S. R. Mumford, Fred. Marvin, D. J. Campau, George Van Dyke, M. W. O'Brien, C. M. Burton, Robert McMillan, J. L. Hudson, A. G. Boynton, William C. Maybury, Dr. Jenks, William J. Chittenden, E. Larned Williams, William Farrand, Fr. Ernest Van Dyke, D. M. Ferry, Allan H. Frazer, Frank G. Russell, Albert Ives, Ronald Kelly.

After several meetings, on the 8th of July the arrangements began to assume a practical form as shown by the following press reports of the meeting held to make final arrangements for the celebration of "Cadillac Day," July 24. A programme was arranged, committees named and a general address authorized to be issued, signed by J. Wilkie Moore, Henry Heames, Timothy Tarsney, A. A. Boutell, Alexander Chapoton and Fred. Carlisle, for the purpose of giving the citizens of

Detroit a better knowledge of what the day is intended to celebrate, as follows :

“On the 24th of July, 1701, Cadillac founded your city and established the first European settlement in Michigan and the great northern territory, which recognized that civil law should take precedence of all other forms of government for the encouragement as well as the development of the human race upon the Divine plan ! It is due his memory that this event and the day of its occurrence, should be specially observed by those who have so much profited by his efforts ; therefore this society, in connection with the descendants of his own nationality and the several county pioneer societies throughout the state, have determined hereafter to celebrate the 24th of July in such a manner as will impress upon future generations some reminders of the cost of those blessings which they are the recipients of. The members of the several county societies, as well as those of kindred societies from states which once comprised a part of the great northwest, will come as your guests at the invitation of Wayne County Historical and Pioneer Society, and of the French benevolent and literary societies of your city. May we ask you to unite with us in extending to the committee having the detail of arrangements in charge, that aid which shall enable it to make this day long to be remembered by those who shall visit our city for the hospitality and generosity with which they have been received and entertained by the citizens of Detroit. Those societies who will unite are requested to report on Wednesday evening next, when it is urged that all members will be in attendance on that night,”

Committee of Arrangements—Alexander Chapoton, chairman ; J. Wilkie Moore, president Wayne County Historical and Pioneer Society ; Fred. Carlisle, secretary Wayne County Historical and Pioneer Society ; Dr. Ira Mayhew, Eli Barkume, James A. Visger, Col. J. M. Farland, James Gamble, Joseph A. Bedard, Dr. William Cahoon, Thomas Armstrong, Capt. R. S. Baker, Alexander Kittle, David Parsons, Frank Beaubien, S. R.



Mumford, J. B. Gravier, T. J. Beaubien, Fred Marvin, D. J. Campau, George Van Dyke, J. L. Hudson, M. W. O'Brien, C. M. Burton, Robert McMillan, A. G. Boynton, William C. Maybury, Dr. Edward W. Jenks, William J. Chittenden, E. Larned Williams, William Farrand, Fr. Ernest Van Dyke, D. M. Ferry, Allan H. Frazer, Frank G. Russell, Albert Ives, Ronald Kelley.

The following have signified their willingness to serve since the foregoing date :

Hon. Bela Hubbard, Herschel Whitaker, Capt. John W. Westcott, Col. E. H. Sellers, Hon. Henry Heames, Hon. Timothy Tarsney, D. W. Brooks, A. A. Boutell.

Committee on Reception—James F. Joy, James Gamble, J. B. Gravier, D. J. Campau, Wm. C. Maybury, David Parsons, Geo. Van Dyke, Thos. H. Armstrong, Dr. Edward W. Jenks, A. G. Boynton.

Committee on Finance—S. R. Mumford, Joseph B. Moore, M. W. O'Brien, Fred Marvin, Albert Ives, Ronald Kelly, Frank G. Russell, Herschel Whitaker, Wm. Farrand, Fred Carlisle, Frank Beaubien, T. J. Beaubien, A. A. Boutell.

Committee on Entertainment—Wm. J. Chittenden, Dr. Wm. Cahoon, Robt. McMillan, Allan H. Frazer, C. M. Burton, E. Larned Williams, Col. J. M. Farland.

Sub-committees were appointed as follows: On Entertainment, Alexander Chapoton, J. Wilkie Moore, Joseph A. Bedard, James A. Visger, James F. Joy, Bela Hubbard, D. W. Ferry, J. L. Hudson, Fr. Ernest Van Dyke, Fred Carlisle. On Transportation, T. J. Beaubien, D. Edwards, Capt. J. W. Westcott, Capt. Wm. A. Gavett, Capt. R. S. Baker.

Lafayette Mutual and Benevolent Association, represented by Chas. M. Rousseau, J. L. Favre, Ismael Roy, Francois Z. Malo, Charles Longtin and its president J. B. Gravier.

St. Jean Baptiste Mutual and Benevolent Society, represented by Joseph Belanger, Joseph De Guise, Paul Rousseau, Joseph A. Bedard, Alfred Guimond and its president Edouard Racicot.



The following communications addressed to the Mayor and City Council in reference to Cadillac Day at different times and the action had thereon by the latter was as follows :

July 10th, 1893.

*To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Detroit :*

GENTLEMEN,—On the 24th day of July, 1701, La Mothe Cadillac founded the City of Detroit and thus established the first European settlement in the territory of the great northwest.

At the annual meeting of the Michigan Pioneer Historical Association held in the City of Lansing, on the 7th and 8th of June last, the propriety of commemorating that historical event was discussed and the matter was referred to the Wayne County Historical and Pioneer Society for appropriate action. On the 24th of June, the Wayne County Society held a special meeting at the Russell House and unanimously resolved to celebrate the 24th day of July as Cadillac Day. At a subsequent meeting appropriate committees were appointed to co-operate with the Lafayette and other French societies in the City of Detroit, with the purpose of making the event a success and of interest to the community at large. The day will be celebrated at the Auditorium in the afternoon with appropriate music and addresses. Hon. Robert E. Frazer, judge of the Circuit Court, will deliver an oration, and brief addresses made by some of the oldest and most prominent men of the state. Ex-Governors Alpheus Felch, 1846; Austin Blair, 1861; David H. Jerome, 1881; Josiah H. Begole, 1883; R. A. Alger, 1885; Cyrus G. Luce, 1889, and Edward B. Winans, 1891, have promised to be present.

It has been suggested that the city as a municipality should take some action and part in thus commemorating one of the most important historical events in the progress of civilization.

Your honorable body is therefore respectfully requested to appoint a committee to assist and confer with the other commit-

tees at the Russell House, Wednesday evening, July 12th, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. WILKIE MOORE,  
*President H. and P. Society.*  
 A. CHATOTON, JR.,  
*Chairman General Committee.*  
 HENRY HEAMES.  
 FRED CARLISLE,  
*Secretary.*

Accepted.

Ald. Vernor moved to refer to a special committee of five, which motion prevailed.

The chair announced as the special committee Aldermen Batchelder, Barnes, Stenius, Roth and Wuellner.

DETROIT, MICH., July 18, 1893.

*To the Honorable the Common Council :*

GENTLEMEN,—The undersigned has been delegated the pleasant duty of inviting the Mayor, the Common Council, and the city officers of Detroit to participate in the celebration of Cadillac Day, July 24th ensuing, and to be the guests of the Wayne County Historical and Pioneer Society on that day.

On the 24th of July, 1701, De La Mothe Cadillac and his hardy followers set foot upon the soil of our goodly city. They brought with them a christian civilization to take the place of barbarism, and on that memorable day began the civilization which we now enjoy, so far as this community is concerned. It seems fitting that the acts of these hardy pioneers, and the day, now one of glory to their memories, as well as of inexpressible joy to us, should be celebrated. It seems fitting that we should recall, both from the pages of history and tradition, the virtues of their lives, and that we should not by silence and neglect seem to be without appreciation of all that their coming and their

doing has done for us, and for the city which they founded and named.

It is the desire of the Historical and Pioneer Society that his honor, the Mayor, the Common Council, and the city officers shall be active participants in the celebration, and so far as is consistent with public right and duty, that such official action shall be taken as would invite the attention of our citizens generally to the day and to the purpose contemplated. To this end we would suggest that the public buildings be decorated, that citizens be requested to decorate their places of business, and if it be possible, that some appropriation be set apart out of the contingent or decoration funds to aid in that portion of the day's proceedings as the city may officially desire to sustain.

Anticipating with thanks the acceptance of this cordial invitation, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

HENRY HEAMES.

FRED. CARLISLE,

*Secretary.*

Accepted and placed on file.

Same date as above.

By Ald. Batchelder :

*Resolved*, That the invitation from the Wayne County Historical and Pioneer Society to the Mayor, Common Council and City Officials to participate in the proposed celebration of Cadillac Day, July 24th inst., be and is hereby accepted.

*Resolved*, That the Controller be and he is hereby directed to draw his warrant on the proper fund in favor of Henry Heames for the sum of \$200 for the use of the proper committee having charge of said celebration toward the fund being raise to defray the expenses hereof.

Objected to and laid on the table.

Also that he received the following :

*To the Honorable the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Detroit :*

GENTLEMEN,—We have the honor to transmit herewith a certified copy of a resolution unanimously adopted by a large body of your citizens at a meeting held July 24th inst., to commemorate the founding of Detroit by Antoine de La Mothe Cadillac, July 24th, 1701, and trusting that the sentiment therein expressed may receive such action as will give it legal effect and force.

We are, respectfully, your obedient servants,

J. WILKIE MOORE,

HENRY HEAMES,

FRED. CARLISLE.

The following is the resolution :

DETROIT, July 24, 1893.

This is to certify that at a meeting of over two thousand citizens, convened to commemorate the founding of Detroit by Cadillac, July 24th, 1701, the following resolution was adopted by a rising vote :

“ *Resolved*, As a sense of this meeting, that the 24th day of July should be set apart and observed as a legal holiday in the City of Detroit in commemoration of the founding of the city by Antoine de La Mothe Cadillac in 1701, and that such legislation should be sought and had at the earliest possible date making said 24th day of July a civic holiday, to be designated as ‘Cadillac Day.’ ”

A true copy.

J. WILKIE MOORE,

*President.*

HENRY HEAMES,

*Chairman Committee of Arrangement.*

FRED. CARLISLE,

*Secretary.*

Accepted and placed on file.

The following are the press reports of the meeting of July 12:

If one may judge from present appearance the memory of de La Mothe Cadillac will be celebrated in handsome style when the proper date—July 24—comes around. The meeting of the committee making arrangements, held last evening at the Russell House, was well attended and the interest taken in the informal talks of the members was much more than passive.

The venerable J. Wilkie Moore presided, and Fred. Carlisle, who is devoting the biggest part of his time to the success of the undertaking, was in the secretary's chair. He made the opening remarks, saying that all the pioneer societies in the state were interested in the scheme, and that it was incumbent on the committee to invite them to take part in the celebration. Later he added to this that he had been in communication with the presidents of similar societies in Chicago, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and St. Paul, and the interest shown by those societies would warrant their being invited also.

Henry Heames was chosen chairman of the Invitations Committee and A. A. Boutell made chairman of the Committee on Finance. Later the chairmen of the sub-committees were named an Executive Committee to have general charge and be responsible for carrying out the work of the sub-committees; Mr. Heames was chosen its chairman, and W. C. Maybury, C. M. Rousseau, Bela Hubbard, F. G. Russell and Mayor Pingree were added to the committee. Later still the members of all committees were constituted a General Executive Committee.

The committee decided to invite the veteran corps of the Detroit Light Guard to act as an escort on the day of celebration, and Capt. W. H. Eberts, who was present at the meeting, will issue an order to his command to that effect. It is the request of the committee that all the members of the corps be present, if possible, at the celebration.

J. W. Westcott, of the Committee on Transportation, reported that the steamer Greyhound, which will easily accom-

modate 1,600 people, and 2,000 if necessary, could be engaged for the afternoon of the 24th for three hours at a cost of \$100.

Mr. Maybury thought the day should be a civic holiday, and that the Mayor, City Council and city officers should be invited to assist in the celebration, as guests of the committee.

Ald. Batchelder and Stenius, who were present, said the Common Council could be relied on to assist, and Mayor Pingree, who came in at this moment, said he likewise could be counted on for all the help in his power to give.

The chairman of the Finance Committee was empowered to add such men to his committee as were in his opinion necessary. It was decided to call a meeting of the Executive Committee in Mr. Maybury's office, over the Detroit Savings Bank, for 3 o'clock this afternoon, with a meeting of the Invitation Committee to immediately follow it. The Finance Committee will meet in the office of the chairman Boutell, in the basement of the Campau building, this morning at 10 o'clock.

The General Executive Committee will meet in the Russell House parlors Friday evening at 8 o'clock, and all citizens who take an interest in the event are cordially invited to attend the meeting.

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Mr. Alexander Chapoton having declined to serve, Hon. Henry Heames was made chairman of the General Committee, and the following was issued as the official program for the Cadillac Celebration, July 24, 1893, commemorating the founding of Detroit, under the auspices of Wayne County Historical and Pioneer Society:

J. Wilkie Moore, president; Fred. Carlisle, secretary.

Executive Committee—Henry Heames, chairman; Mayor H. S. Pingree, A. A. Boutelle, Frank G. Russell, Bela Hubbard, Chas. M. Rousseau, Jno. W. Wescott, Wm. C. Maybury, Wm. J. Chittenden.



Finance Committee—A. A. Boutelle, chairman; Theo. J. Beaubien, S. R. Mumford, Fred. Marvin, Herschel Whitaker, Francis L. Beaubien, Jos. B. Moore, Frank G. Russell, Fred. Carlisle, Louis C. Watson, James Gamble, Alexander Kittle, Robt. McMillan, Eli Barkume, James Holihan, Jas. E. Lacroix, Capt. R. S. Baker, J. B. Gravier, Capt. Harry Blanchard, Maxim Rivard, Col. R. G. Butler, Peter LaFerte, A. E. Hamlin, Geo. F. Renaud, Chas. Chene, Benj. Guiney, J. B. Lauder, Jos. A. Bedard, E. T. Slocum, Desire B. Willemin, Wm. Auberlin, August Muffat, Edward W. Villerot, Frank D. Marantette.

Invitation Committee—Henry Heames, chairman; Mayor H. S. Pingree, Bela Hubbard, C. M. Rousseau, W. C. Maybury, F. G. Russell, Joseph Belanger.

Commissary Committee—W. J. Chittenden, chairman; Dr. Wm. Cahoon, C. M. Burton, Alex. Kittle, Robt. McMillan, Jos. Nicholson, Wm. A. Gavett.

Decoration Committee—Joseph Belanger, chairman.

Transportation Committee—Capt. J. W. Wescott, chairman; D. Edwards, Blain Gavett, Edwin J. Pierce, Chas. A. Warren.

Reception Committee—J. Wilke Moore, chairman; Mayor H. S. Pingree; Ex-Mayors C. H. Buhl, S. B. Grummond, M. H. Chamberlain, John Pridgeon, Jr., W. G. Thompson, Alex. Lewis and John S. Patton; Aldermen J. L. Batchelder, Walter Coots, P. Stenius, A. Roth and J. Wuellner; Senator James McMillan, Capt. H. F. Eberts, Joseph A. Bedard, J. B. Gravier, Geo. H. Hopkins, Conrad Clippert, E. W. Voigt, John Gibson, Otto E. Grulich, Wm. Foxen, Claude Riopelle, James A. Visger, Clement LaFerte, Louis Hebert, John McVicar, S. Simon, Carl Schmidt, Fred T. Moran, J. W. Seely, Wm. Livingstone, Joseph Nicholson, A. Goebel, W. A. Jackson, H. J. A. Leteker, Daniel J. Campau, Chas. K. Trombly, R. W. Gillett, Thos. G. Craig, James Meath, Horace Hitchcock, John McBride, Geo. W. Bates, F. X. Monier, Geo. W. Fowler, A. G. Boynton, Jas. E. Scripp, R. Storrs Willis, Major Fitz Hugh Edwards, Daniel Scotten, Dr. E. W. Jenks, Capt. Eber Ward, Capt. A. P. T. Beniteau, Capt. E. M. Peck,



Gen. R. A. Alger, J. Logan Chipman, Sylvester Larned, Wm. H. Stevens, G. V. N. Lothrop, C. H. Buhl, D. M. Ferry, Hon. Don M. Dickerson, Emil S. Heineman, Magnus Butzel, E. Y. Swift, E. G. Bagard, Geo. H. Barker, Jeremiah Dwyer, C. A. Ducharme, Jas. E. Pittman, David Carter, Richard Beaubien, Raymond Baby, John V. Moran, A. E. Viger, Major A. F. R. Arndt, Henry Campau, Hon. E. H. Butler, Hon. E. O. Durfee, Wm. A. Butler, Jr., Wm. H. Eberts, W. E. Heames, Francis Palms, Hon. C. I. Walker, Capt. Chas. Dupont, F. W. Hayes, Wm. May. Lt. Com. F. O. Davenport, Gen. L. S. Trowbridge, Marshall H. Godfrey, Geo. W. Edwards, Jerome Croul, S. Heavenrich.

Committee on Parade—Capt. H. F. Eberts, chairman, with power to select his associates and aids.

Music—Homer Warren, chairman, with power to select his associates.

Committee on Exercises, at Auditorium—Wm. C. Maybury, Henry Heames, Fred. Carlisle.

The office of the Chamber of Commerce, 65 Griswold street, designated as headquarters of all committees.

FRED. CARLISLE,  
*General Secretary.*

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, JULY 14.

The Executive Committee on the celebration of the founding of Detroit, and the establishment of the first permanent civil settlement in the great northwest, beg leave to submit the following report:

1st. THAT WHEREAS, The Wayne County Historical and Pioneer Society have taken the preliminary steps for the observance of the 24th of July, which shall be recognized and known as Cadillac Day, and hereafter observed as a civic holiday.

*Resolved*, That this coming 24th of July be celebrated and observed under the auspices of the Wayne County Historical and Pioneer Society.

2nd. That we recommend the following to constitute the several committees who shall have in charge the details connected with the exercises on that occasion.

3rd. That all these committees shall report to the Executive Committee, it being composed of the chairmen and members of these several committees.

4th. We recommend that the Invitation Committee extend invitations to the several municipalities of the state, the Clergy, the Governor and Ex-Governors, the Federal, Supreme and Circuit Courts of the state, the Municipal Courts of the City of Detroit, the local foreign Representatives as well as the Consul and the Ambassador of the French Republic.

The several County Pioneer Societies and several Educational Institutions of the state. The Historical Societies of Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Minneapolis. The municipal authorities of Windsor, Chatham and Amherstburg, Ontario. The Veteran Light Guard Corps, and that the several Military Companies and the Benevolent and Literary Societies of the city take part in the parade.

The committee recommends the following as program to be observed for general parade, with such modifications as may be suggested :

The Societies and Military participating form on Adams East and west of Woodward. "Park," Bagley, Miami and Madison avenues. From thence south to Michigan avenue, thence to Griswold street, thence to Jefferson avenue, thence to Randolph street east, thence west to Auditorium.

HENRY HEAMES, *Chairman.*

BELA HUBBARD,

WM. C. MAYBURY,

FRED. CARLISLE.

The following program were adopted July 14, viz. :

ORDER OF THE DAY.

The parade will form at the Grand Circus Park, at 2:30 p.m. and begin to move at 3 p. m. sharp.

The parade will be under the direction of Capt. H. F. Eberts, with Capt. A. P. T. Beniteau as Chief Marshall.

The line of march for the Cadillac Day parade will be as follows :

Starting from Adams avenue, south on Woodward avenue to State street ; west on State to Griswold ; south on Griswold to Jefferson avenue ; east on Jefferson to St. Antoine, counter-marching west on the north side of Jefferson to Bates ; north on Bates to Larned, and east to Auditorium.

H. F. EBERTS,

*Chairman Parade Committee.*

PROGRAM OF EXERCICES AT AUDITORIUM AT 4 P. M.

1st. Meeting called to order by J. Wilkie Moore, President of the Wayne County Historical and Pioneer Society.

2nd. Invocation by Rev. Grand, Pastor of St. Anne's Church, Detroit.

Music—" America."

3rd. Address of Welcome to the Guests, by Hon. Hazen S. Pingree, Mayor.

4th. Response by Ex-Governors Alpheus S. Felch or Cyrus G. Luce.

Music—" Star Spangled Banner," Band.

5th. Cadillac the founder.

Response—Father Joseph Meinard, in French ; Hon Robert E. Frazer, in English.

Music—" Marseillaise," Band.

6th. The Early French Regime.

Response—John Atkinson and Claude N. Riopelle.

7th. The New Regime.  
Response—Wm. C. Maybury.  
Music—Auld Lang Syne.  
Benediction—Rev. F. A. Blades.

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July 24, all the preliminary arrangements having been completed. The following notices by the press will convey some idea of the manner in which they were carried out.

[From the *Detroit Tribune* of July 25th.]

“One hundred and ninety-two years ago yesterday Antoine de La Mothe Cadillac founded the City of Detroit, and yesterday the anniversary was commemorated by imposing and elaborate exercises.

“Since thirty-five years ago, when the 24th of July was marked by some modest exercises, each succeeding year has passed without any concerted recognition of the birthday of the City of the Straits. For two or three years past members of the Wayne County Pioneer and Historical Society have been agitating the scheme of some proper observance of the day by their organization, but it was not until the meeting of the state body of which the Wayne County Society is an auxiliary, that enough encouragement was received to warrant definite arrangement to that end. Once decided, the Wayne County auxiliary began immediate preparation for a celebration on a large scale, and several weeks ago the project was first made known to the public through the columns of *The Tribune*. The appointing of committees and other preparatory measures have been regularly chronicled in the daily press since that time, and more information has been printed concerning the illustrious Frenchman who is the father of Detroit than ever before.

“The preparations for yesterday’s celebration soon outgrew the limitations of any society or class, and citizens in general became interested in the project. It was the purpose of the

Pioneer and Historical Society to bring the day before the people as one which should not be allowed to pass unheeded, and to emphasize its significance and importance to such an extent that in future years the authorities would declare the 24th of July a civic holiday and observe it with proper ceremonies. It is safe to say that the object of the society has been realized."

NATURE ASSISTED.

"The last committee meeting before yesterday's celebration was held Saturday night, and at that time all arrangements were complete; and the project seemed an assured success unless some adverse circumstance should be encountered. When the clouds gathered yesterday morning and the rain began to fall, it looked as if this discouraging feature was to be in the nature of bad weather. Before the noon hour, however, the rain ceased, the sun came out brightly, and clouds and fears were alike dispelled.

"In accordance with instructions of the official program the committeemen, honorary guests, speakers and press representatives assembled at the Russell House parlors at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Among the guests were ex-Governor G. W. Begole of Flint, next to the oldest ex-governor of Michigan living, and Gabriel Bissonette of Monroe, who dates his birth to 1810. More than half of the little assembly in the parlors was composed of men more than three score and ten years old. The meeting of these pioneers—men who have endured the privations and hardships which are the lot of the first settlers, the meaning of which is plain only to those who have experienced them, was unusual and impressive. There was a flash in the eye, and a warmth in the hand-clasp as patriarch greeted patriarch and recalled to mind some incident of their young manhood days, which was in keen contrast to their feeble step and bent forms. It was a scene to inspire veneration for manly old age.

"At 2:30 o'clock, Chairman Heames of the committee on carriages announced the start to the park, and paired the guests off in the order in which they were to ride in the parade. In the

first carriage were J. Wilkie Moore, the venerable representative of Cadillac, and Controller C. W. Moore, the mayor's representative. Next came ex-Governor Begole, Bela Hubbard and some of the speakers. The delegation from the Windsor council and the other guests took the remaining carriages, and the procession drove to Washington avenue to await the start of the parade."

#### THE PARADE.

"Shortly after 1 o'clock, men, women and children began to congregate in Grand Circus Park, and when it was time for the parade to move several thousand people were assembled in the shade of the park trees. Shortly after 2:30 the various military companies and societies which were to take part in the march began to arrive on the side streets which center at the park. The thrilling music of the bands, the trim uniforms and glistening guns of the militia, and the fluttering banners and badges were all features of the hour and made up the ensemble which never fails to make the heart beat faster on like occasions. The dignified veteran corps of the D. L. G. uniformed in black prince alberts, black felt hats, white gloves and canes, was one of the first detachments on the ground. Soon after came the Fourth Regiment, headed by its admirable band. The societies from the various catholic churches came soon after, and it was but a very few minutes after 3 o'clock when the parade began to move, led by an advance guard of over a dozen mounted aides.

In the first division came the Veteran Corps, Fourth Regiment Band, Fourth Regiment, independent military organizations and the cadet corps.

The second division was headed by the Metropolitan Band, and included the Knights of St. John, Knights of Ste. Anne and Knights of St. Joseph, all handsomely uniformed.

"In the third section came the Great Western Band, followed by a large delegation from the Société Bienfaisance de Lafayette and from the Sociétés St. Jean-Baptiste of Detroit and Windsor. These were followed by the members of the Historical and Pioneer



Society and the carriage delegation. The fourth division, which, according to the program, was to consist of the Cadillac Bicycle Club, the Detroit Wheelmen and unattached wheelmen, failed to materialize.

“The parade was not as pretentious as had been anticipated, but it was nevertheless an imposing spectacle. All along the line of march the spectators were crowded on the sidewalks and into the road, and the windows of the buildings were frames for animated faces. The line of march was as follows: Starting from Adams avenue, south on Woodward avenue to State street; west on State street to Griswold; south on Griswold to Jefferson avenue; east on Jefferson to St. Antoine, countermarching west on the north side of Jefferson to Bates; north on Bates to Larned, and east to Auditorium.”

#### DECORATION.

“If there was one disappointing feature of the celebration it was the lack of decoration in the business portion of the city. Some of the merchants displayed the old flags which have done service for every event from the G. A. R. national encampment down to the Blue Ribbon meeting, but there was no attempt to recognize the event by decorations of special design, with a single exception. The entire front of the large establishment of Henry Newland & Company, on Jefferson avenue, was covered with the colors of the United States and France, tastily arranged. To this firm belongs the credit for making the single and notable exception to the indifferent rule.

“The countermarch on Jefferson avenue was the artistic feature of the parade. As the militaries reached Bates street on the return march on Jefferson, they drew up in single file on the north side of the street and came to present arms, which position they maintained until the entire parade had passed in review.

“Awaiting the arrival of the parade at the Auditorium was a large audience, and when the honorary guests marched up the aisle to the platform, led by ‘Cadillac’ Moore and Associate



Chairman William C. Maybury, the assembly cheered heartily. All the honorary guests were given seats on the platform, beside the speakers."

AT THE AUDITORIUM.—IMPRESSIVE EXERCISES THERE IN HONOR  
OF THE OCCASION.

"The Auditorium had been quite liberally decorated with flags, bunting and banners for the occasion. The colors of France were given much prominence. A row of potted ferns and palms extended across the front of the platform. A very good brass band occupied seats in the east end of the building, and the opening of the program was announced by its rendition of 'America.'

"At the close of this number Henry Heames called the assembly to order. 'Ladies and gentlemen,' he said, 'the pleasant duty devolves upon me this afternoon of introducing to you the Hon. J. Wilkie Moore, president of the Wayne County Pioneer and Historical Society, under whose auspices this gathering has been brought here.'

"As Mr. Moore stood up to address the audience he was lustily cheered. He said in part: 'Of course you all know for what we are assembled here to-day. We have come to honor La Mothe Cadillac, who took his life in his hands and sailed across the ocean to establish the settlement which has since grown into our magnificent city. It was he who drove the first post for the old Fort Ponchartrain, and he who established a religion which is devoutly observed today. We come together today with thankful hearts that such a man should come here and lay the foundations of such a city as we now are. When Cadillac landed from his canoe at the point where the city now stands he found all around him a dense wilderness. Nothing daunted, however, he conquered all obstacles, and with a strong arm and a noble heart started the civilization which has grown into this beautiful city and state. I deeply appreciate that, after having lived here over sixty years, you have chosen me to represent La Mothe Cadillac

in this celebration today. When I came here there were less than 2,600 habitants, and now we have nearly 300,000. I have visited Paris, and I have been in all the principal cities of this country, but from every journey I have return to dear old Detroit, and rejoiced that I could call myself a citizen.

“We have endeavored to establish Cadillac Day as a holiday this year,’ continued Mr. Moore, ‘and I hope that after we pioneers are all passed away you will continue to observe it. It is proper to recognize the divine love which has blessed our city and ourselves, and I shall now ask the Rev. Grand to say a word of prayer.’”

#### LETTERS OF REGRET.

“The prayer was followed by a band selection, after which Secretary Carlisle of the Pioneer and Historical Society read extracts from communications which he had received from the French ambassador at Washington, the consul-general of France at Chicago, ex-Governor Luce, J. Sumner Rogers of the Orchard Lake Military Academy, Mr. Shoemaker, a Jackson pioneer, and Judge Albert Miller of Bay City, one of the oldest presidents of the State Pioneer and Historical Society. The letter of the consul-general of France is as follows, as translated by his secretary :

“CHICAGO, 56 FIFTH AVENUE, July 22, 1893.

“MR. SECRETARY,—By your letter of July 18, received yesterday, you honored me with an invitation to participate in the ceremonies which will take place on the 24th inst., at Detroit, to celebrate the anniversary of the founding of the city by Cadillac in 1701.

“No ceremony could be more interesting to me, since it has for its object the recognition of the glorious part France has taken in the founding of your grand and magnificent city. Hence it is one of my sincere regrets that my duties should compel me at this time to remain at the Columbian Exposition in

the midst of my countrymen who have come in response to the invitation tendered by the United States, thus giving a new proof of the close bonds connecting us with your illustrious nation.

“ ‘ Nevertheless I cannot let this occasion pass without offering my congratulations and thanks to the Historical Society of the County of Wayne, and the other societies of Michigan, for the initiative they have taken and which does you the greatest honor. Another year I hope to have the pleasure of participating in one of these celebrations which are most worthy of success. Accept, Mr. Secretary, the assurance of my highest consideration.

“ ‘ EDMOND BRUWAERT,

“ ‘ *Consul General of France.*”

#### DIDN'T LIKE SNYDER'S REPLY.

“ One communication, a refusal from Lieutenant Snyder, of Fort Wayne, to allow the troops to take part in the parade of yesterday, provoked considerable adverse criticism. The lieutenant's letter said that he considered the scheme ‘ impracticable,’ but upon what grounds was not stated.

“ Chairman J. Wilkie Moore then said: ‘ Allow me to introduce to you City Controller C. W. Moore, who will represent the mayor in the address of welcome today.’

“ Mr. Moore said: ‘ It is my privilege on behalf of the mayor, who is indisposed, to tender you the freedom of this grand city.’ He recites the attractiveness of Detroit and the important position which she holds in the country. Turning to the Cadillac of the day, he said: ‘ Now, Father Cadillac, when you were here 192 years ago, you didn't find it necessary to have any keys. Everything was unlocked. But now things have changed and you may need a key to enter all the places of interest. I therefore take great pleasure in presenting to you this key to the city (offering a large golden key) which will admit to all places where you have any desire to go.’

“The venerable chairman acknowledged the compliment of having the city’s key given to him, “I shall hold fast to it,” he said, ‘and may all honor be given to the mayor and the ones in authority in Detroit.’

“Ex-Governor Begole was introduced amid cheers and applause. As he stepped forward on the platform the entire assembly arose and gave three rousing cheers for the old man. It was a scene that must have thrilled his heart. He said that he little thought when he arrived in the city that he should be asked to make, at a period when it was still, the shortest kind of a speech. He had expected to meet several of the ex-governors, but had been disappointed. “I’m glad I’m here,” said the speaker, and the audience cheered the assurance that it was glad for the same reason. “I was here in 1836 and stopped at a little hotel. I did not think then that this would become such a wonderful state. All was then wilderness. Now we have one of the most flourishing states in the country. I congratulate you people of Detroit upon living upon the shores of the most beautiful river in the world. When I was here in those early days you had less than 5,000 people, and we used to carry water from the river in pails, but now you have one of the very finest cities in the world.’”

JUDGE FRAZER SPEAKS.

“Robert E. Frazer was introduced to speak on ‘Cadillac the Founder.’ Judge Frazer recognized the fitness of meeting together to celebrate the day which commemorated the founding of Detroit. He thought it should be made a holiday, on which the inhabitants would lay aside the business care and worry and participate in appropriate exercises. There was no spot in all the world, he said, where the explorer might have seen greater possibilities of civilization in the early days than in the country around the great lakes.

“‘It was the controlling idea of Cadillac,’ he said, ‘that Detroit should become not simply a military outpost, but a per-

manent settlement which should develop into a great commonwealth. He treated the Indians as friends and tried to civilize and educate them. If Cadillac's ideas had always prevailed there is no knowing how great a future this country would have had. He was a stalwart man and did much for France in winning the friendship of the Indians. The city of Detroit now stands without a peer in all this broad world of ours,' continued Mr. Frazer. 'When I hear gray-haired men talking of Detroit when there were only a few log houses here, and they use to cut trees where the principal streets are now, my mind goes back to the pioneers of them all—those sturdy men who first pushed their canoes into Detroit river. I think there must have been a fascination about that discovery that is ahead of any sensation of modern civilization. You may talk about your sunny shores of the tropics, but no such men are there as are bred in our northern countries. In the days when you pioneers first came to this city your transportation was by ox teams and your asphalt pavements were corduroy roads, but you had friends and good stomachs and enjoyed your salt pork and corn bread better than the finest cuisine of the modern chef.'” (Applause).

AN ADDRESS IN FRENCH.—REV. JOSEPH MEINARD SPEAKS IN THE LANGUAGE OF CADILLAC.

“ At the conclusion of Judge Frazer's address, Rev. Joseph Meinard was introduced, and addressed the audience in the French language upon the same subject, 'Cadillac the Founder.' A liberal translation of his remarks is given below :

“ MR. PRESIDENT OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY,—In order to properly respond for 'Cadillac, the Founder,' I should have been the good Recollet Father Constantin, the intimate companion and spiritual guide of the brave and intrepid explorer. I would then have heard the aspirations of his noble ambition, appreciated his loyal nature, admired his genius and smiled at his Gascon sallies. From these materials I could have composed an eulo-



gium. Unhappily I come 190 years too late and I can only praise Cadillac from the works he has left behind him. But his work it is Detroit, a work, a masterpiece, sufficient to place on his memory a crown of immortality.

“When fortune’s breezes, directed by the angel of God, wafted me to this shore my mind’s eye was yet filled with the marvels of Paris, associated with the splendors of the orient, and I believe there was nothing more to tax my admiration. But when I came to see your beautiful city, her grand avenues lined with beautiful homes, her beautiful and sparkling strait and her unique park on her isle of emerald green I could no longer restrain my enthusiastic admiration. I felt proud for the French, for a Frenchman, our Cadillac, whose keen military foresight took in the great future possibilities of the city at the same time his artistic eye quickly took in the natural beauties of its surroundings.

“Gentlemen of the committee, on behalf of Cadillac, who formed and left you this bright corner of the world, I thank you, I thank you for honoring the tricolor of France, whose standards are so prominent in the beautiful decorations of this hall. I thank you for calling a Frenchman to address you in his own tongue even as a religionist of the same faith as the brave missionary who accompanied the great Cadillac. I thank you in the name of the French of Detroit, the name of the French of Canada and of France for the high honor you have done to the memory of Cadillac and the colors of the country of my birth, and I conclude with God’s blessing on the glorious standard of your country, the stars and stripes of America.”

COLONEL ATKINSON REPLIES.

“Colonel John Atkinson replied to Mr. Frazer’s address. He spoke of the sensation which must have thrilled the hearts of the explorers when they saw the beauties of the country to which they had come. The French, he said, did not come here to get gold alone, but to establish civilizing agencies. ‘Today English

and German, puritans and catholicism unite in paying a loving tribute to the memory of the great French explorer.'

"Honorable Claude N. Riopelle was introduced by Mr. Moore as a lineal descendant from Cadillac. 'I consider it a great privilege to be present at this celebration,' he said, 'I am enjoying your company. The French have been instrumental in promoting civilization in this section of the world, and as a representative of the French citizens I welcome you and hope that our most pleasant relations will ever continue.'

"William E. Thompson spoke forcefully upon the subject, 'The new Regime.'

"'In view of the fact that today's celebration is under the auspices of the pioneer society, and precluded as I am by my years to engage in any reminiscences, I feel somewhat out of place.' He admired the step taken to awaken the spirit of patriotism by observing the birthday of the city, and felt sure that it would prove a stimulus to interest in local history. 'I feel that I am voicing the sentiments of the young men and women of Detroit when I say that the work which you have begun so auspiciously today will be carried forward with a zeal only equaled by the founders of this beautiful city.'

"W. C. Maybury introduced Alderman Harmon, who represented the mayor of Windsor. Mr. Harmon said that it had given himself and his colleagues much pleasure to participate in the celebration. 'Situated as we are, on the banks of the same river,' said he, 'our interests are identical. I hope that this will result in our establishing a similar society to your Pioneer and Historical body on the other side.'"

#### TO MAKE IT A HOLIDAY.

"Mr. Maybury then offered the following resolution and called for a rising vote:

"'Resolved, As the sense of this meeting that the 24th day of July should be set apart and observed as a legal holiday in the city of Detroit, in commemoration of the founding of the city by



Antoine de La Mothe Cadillac in 1701, and that such legislation should be sought and had at the earliest possible date making said 24th day of July a civic holiday.'

"The resolution was unanimously adopted amid cheers.

"Mr. Maybury announced that he was in possession of a communication from J. Logan Chipman, which he desired to read. It was as follows:

" 'DETROIT, July 22, 1893.

" 'HONORABLE WILLIAM C. MAYBURY.

" 'DEAR SIR,—Yours inviting me to participate in the Cadillac celebration on Monday next received. I think the committee of which you are chairman and yourself for this kindly remembrance. Born in French in its population and characteristics, it was my good fortune to know men whose lives began near the event you celebrate and whose fathers were participants in the great events which make Detroit the home alike of history and romance. I could, if my health would permit, say much of the brave, honorable, polite people, who at that early date constituted the descendants of the hardy, sagacious men who founded 'New France' on this continent. Perhaps it will not be invidious to say that the French society, which practically composed the Detroit of my boyhood, represented the most delightful period of the city's history. Their descendants, themselves honorable and honored, have every reason to regard their ancestors with pride and cannot celebrate too enthusiastically or reverently the founder's anniversary, I am just gaining strength after a severe illness and cannot for that reason be present on Monday; but my love of my native city, my pride in her glorious past and my reverence for the men who were the pioneers of her present prosperity, can hardly be expressed by words and are an undying source of gratitude to God for all the wonders of past achievements and present greatness.

" 'Yours truly,

" 'J. LOGAN CHIPMAN.'

“Some one in the audience sent a note to the chairman requesting a few remarks from Gabriel Bissonette, who was in the audience. Mr. Bissonette was accordingly called to the platform and loud cheers. ‘It is an easy thing to walk up here,’ said the old man, ‘but it isn’t easy to think of what I should like to say. If I could say what is in my heart I should be happy. I thank you very much.’”

“Rev. F. A. Blades was introduced as ‘the man who had offered prayer at the last celebration of Cadillac Day, thirty-five years ago.’ Mr. Blades said he first saw Detroit in 1837. Since that time he has seen the growth and rejoiced in the prosperity of the city. ‘We had a celebration thirty-five years ago,’ said he, ‘but it was not like the one today. We had no such hall, nor such music, nor such a parade, nor such pavements to walk on.’ He thanked God that ‘just above the lilies of France Cadillac planted the cross of Christ.’ ‘Today,’ he said, ‘I feel somewhat saddened as I look around me and see so few of the faces which were present at the celebration thirty-five years ago.’”

“The band played ‘Auld Lang Syne,’ the benediction was pronounced by Mr. Blades and the celebration of the founding of Detroit 192 years ago was at an end.”

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CADILLAC THE FOUNDER.—HOW HIS MEMORY WAS REVERED IN  
 DETROIT YESTERDAY.—STREET PARADE AND EXERCISES AT  
 THE AUDITORIUM.—OLD RESIDENTS MAKE SOME GOOD  
 SPEECHES.—A RESOLUTION TO MAKE CADILLAC  
 DAY A LEGAL HOLIDAY.

“Cadillac day was marred in the morning by the heavy clouds which gathered in the western sky and threatened an eclipse of the festivities in honor of the founding of Detroit and of its founder. Things took on a leaden hue, and the rain, which has been threatening since Friday night, commenced to come

down. But soon there came a break in the clouds, and the leaden heaviness gradually gave way to golden brightness, and the oldest inhabitant became joyful.

“ At 1 o'clock the members of the Wayne County Historical and Pioneer Society and the various committeemen began to assemble in the parlors of the Russell House. There were few of them not white-haired, and they pleasantly spent an hour in reminiscence and in renewing old acquaintance. Ex-Gov. Josiah W. Begole, who was an invited guest, made his appearance among them, shook hands with those he knew and was introduced to many more who had hitherto known him only by reputation. At 2:30 o'clock they descended to carriages which awaited them in front of the hotel and were driven to the Grand Circus Park, there to await the formation of the parade.

“ The park was filled with men, women and children, and the streets were blockaded with carriages when at 3:15 p.m. Chief Marshal Beniteau gave the order to march. The line proceeded down Woodward avenue in this formation :

“ Mounted escort ; Detroit Light Guard Veteran Corps ; Fourth Regiment, M. S. T., Col. P. J. Sheahan, commanding, headed by the regiment band ; Detroit Catholic Grays ; St. Boniface Cadets ; Harris Cadets ; Cavalry Guards, headed by his fife and drum corps ; Metropolitan Band ; the local commanderies, Knights of St. John, in the order of their charter numbers ; Great Western Band ; Société Bienfaisance La Fayette ; Sociétés St. Jean Baptiste de Detroit et du Canada ; Historical and Pioneer Society of Wayne County, in carriages, headed by the Hon. J. Wilkie Moore and the Controller C. W. Moore in a carriage.

“ This was the line of march : Starting from Adams avenue, south on Woodward avenue to State street ; west on State to Griswold ; south on Griswold to Jefferson avenue ; east on Jefferson to St. Antoine, countermarching west on the north side of Jefferson to Bates ; north on Bates to Larned and east to Auditorium.

“Over the entire line of march were gathered crowds of people, and at places the streets were made almost impassable by the congestion of people and of wagons. At St. Antoine street the column turned and countermarched to Bates street, where the head of the line came to a halt, and the entire column of military lined up on the north side of the avenue. Then the two French societies, headed by the Great Western Band, marched down until they had reached a point between the head of the column and Bates street. Following them came the carriages, headed by the Cadillac of the occasion, the Hon. J. Wilkie Moore, and the controller of the city, C. W. Moore—no relation—who held in his good right hand a big brass key, which was supposed to symbolize the mythical keys of the city. In the carriages were the members of the society and the committeemen and the city officials of Windsor, who had been invited to take part because of the little fact that but for Cadillac and Detroit their own metropolis of Essex County would never have been born.

“The turns was made at Bates street and at Larned street to the Auditorium, where the celebrators found things in readiness for their coming. The stage was nicely decorated with the coats of arms of the United States, France and one or two other nations, while the flags of all nations were artistically scattered about, together with the arms of Michigan and a large picture of George Washington.

“At 4:10 p. m., Henry Heames, chairman of the executive committee, introduced the Hon. J. Wilkie Moore, president of the Wayne County Historical and Pioneer Society, and the representative of Cadillac. Mr. Moore was received with applause by the large audience. He was in good voice and made a neat speech of introduction, which was well received.

“The invocation was delivered by the Rev. Fr. Peter Grand, pastor of St. Anne’s Church, the audience standing. This was followed by ‘America’ by the Great Western Band stationed in the northeast gallery.

“ Letters of regret were read by Secretary Carlisle of the society, from the French ambassador, French consul, Secretary of State Gresham, M. Schumaker, president of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society; ex-Governor Cyrus G. Luce, Judge Albert Miller, of Bay City, the first president of the State Pioneer Society; Gov. Rich. P. T. Van Zile, Col. Snyder, of Fort Wayne.

“ C. W. Moore, controller of the city, appeared in the place of Mayor Pingree, for whose indisposition he apologized. He made a short speech and ended it by handing the key of the city to Cadillac’s representative.

The audience greeted ex-Gov. Begole with prolonged cheers. The speaker said that when he arrived in the city this morning he little expected that he would be called on to address those who would assemble in the Auditorium in the afternoon. He expected to meet the Governor of the state and a great many ex-Governors, none of whom, however, had materialized. He said he was glad to be here, and would not have missed the meeting for a great deal. In an interesting manner he described how he came to Detroit fifty-seven years ago, and contrasted the appearance of the place with its aspect today, congratulating the citizens of the city upon the marked improvements of the past and the promises for the future. He, furthermore, congratulated the citizens upon living on the banks of a river which does not overflow its banks and play havoc with property, after the manner of many western streams. They could also be congratulated because their state was not subject to cyclones. Here, in fact, nature is seen in her most beneficent mood, and all should return thanks for the blessings showered upon them. In closing he alluded to the time when people here carried water to their houses from the river in pails.

“ Then ensued ‘ The Star Spangled Banner ’ by the band, after which Judge Robert E. Frazer was introduced as the speaker in English to the sentiment, ‘ Cadillac, the Founder.’



“ Robert E. Frazer’s address was eloquent and forcible. He stated that it was only proper that at this late day fitting tribute should be paid to the memory of the man who had so many sterling qualities; who was a model type of the early settler, possessing the characteristics that were needed by those who penetrated the wilderness to found settlements. Yesterday’s ceremonies, the speaker thought, were but right, in as much as they show that the residents here appreciate the wisdom that prompted Cadillac to choose such a beautiful site. In an admirable manner the speaker referred to the intrepid spirit of Cadillac and paid tribute to his wise policy in making friends with the Indians, insuring for himself their confidence and esteem. Civilization was crude, indeed, in the days of our forefathers, but then there existed a great feeling of friendship among all the settlers. Men had strong arms, good stomachs and hearts of oak. Mr. Frazer’s address was warmly applauded and was worthy of the occasion.

“ He was followed by the Rev. Fr. Joseph Meinard, who spoke in the French tongue to the same subject. ‘ In order to properly respond for Cadillac, the founder,’ he said, ‘ I should have been the good Recollet father, Brother Constantin, the intimate friend, companion and spiritual guide of the brave and intrepid explorer. I would then have heard the aspirations of his noble ambition, appreciated his loyal nature, admired his genius and smiled at his Gascon sallies. From the materials I could have composed an eulogium.

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“ ‘ When fortune’s breezes, directed by the angel of God, wafted me to this shore, my mind’s eye was yet filled with the marvels of Paris, associated with the splendors of the orient, and I believed there was nothing more to tax my admiration. But when I came to see your beautiful city, her grand avenues lined with beautiful homes, her beautiful and sparkling strait, and her

unique park on an isle of emerald green, I could no longer restrain my enthusiastic admiration. I felt proud for the French, for a Frenchman, our Cadillac, whose keen military foresight took in the great future possibilities of this site; at the same time his artistic eye quickly absorbed the natural beauties of its surroundings.

“ ‘Gentlemen of the committee, on behalf of Cadillac, who found and left you this bright corner of the world, I thank you. I thank you for honoring the tricolor of France, whose standards are so prominent in the beautiful decorations in this vast hall. I thank you for calling on a Frenchman to address you in his own tongue, even one of the same faith as the brave missionary who accompanied the great Cadillac. I thank you in the name of the French of Detroit, in the name of the French of Canada and of France for the high honor you have done to the memory of Cadillac and the colors of the country of my birth, (and I feel assured that my ecclesiastical chief, Rt. Rev. Bishop Foley, himself as great a patriot as he is a bishop, will not accuse me of idolatry in doing so), and I conclude with God’s blessing on the glorious standard of our country and I bow profoundly before the Stars and Stripes of America.’ ”

“ The ‘Marseillaise’ by the band followed, and then Col. John Atkinson and Claude N. Riopelle spoke to ‘The Early French Regime,’ and in response William E. Thompson spoke to ‘The New Regime.’ All of these speeches were short and all were well received. Ald. Harmon, of Windsor, represented the Mayor of that city in a few words of congratulation.

“ During the interval between these speeches, Mrs. Emily Loomis, aged 85 years, who has been a resident of Detroit for seventy years, was introduced to the assembled multitude, all of whom arose to do her honor. Then Gabriel W. Bissonnette, of Monroe, who was a living being in this city in 1816, was introduced to say a word or two. Of course he received an ovation.

“ Mr. Bissonnette was born in Monroe County in 1810. During the war of 1812, his father, Joseph Bissonnette, then



residing on the river Raisin, to protect the lives of his family from the tomahawks of the Indians, sent them to Detroit. While in Detroit the news of the treaty of peace and the ending of the war was received and immediately preparations were made to celebrate the event by a grand street parade and jubilee. Along the whole line of Jefferson avenue platforms were erected for the accommodation of the people. Mr. Bissonnette well remembers his mother pointing out to him distinctive features of the procession, and he also remembers seeing the English war vessel anchored in the Detroit river. Mr. Bissonnette's father and grandfather settled in Detroit in 1775.

"This resolution was offered by the chairman, and was unanimously passed :

"*Resolved*, As the sense of this meeting, that the 24th day of July should be set apart and observed as a legal holiday in the City of Detroit, in commemoration of the founding of the city by Antoine de La Mothe Caöillac in 1701, and that such legislation be sought and had at the earliest possible date, making said 24th of July a civic holiday.

"Congressman Chipman was detained at home by illness, but he was represented by a letter full of glowing sentiments, which was received by the usual applause.

" 'Auld Lang Syne,' by the band, was the closing musical piece, and the ceremonies came to a close when the Rev. F. A. Blades who had delivered the benediction at the last celebration of the day, thirty-five years ago, spoke a few words of reminiscence and then said again the closing prayer."

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The following representatives of foreign governments were present :

*France*.—Hon Joseph Belanger, consular agent.

*Belgium*.—Hon. T. François, consul.

*Columbia*.—Hon. Herman Freund, consul.

*Denmark*.—Hon. Peter Sorensen, consul.

*Venezuela*.—Hon. C. H. Bressler, consul.

The following is the invocation, the addresses and benedictions pronounced and delivered at the Auditorium on the occasion of the observance of Cadillac Day, July 24, 1893. Save the introductory by the President J. Wilkie Moore and by the representative of the Mayor, C. W. Moore, both of which are to be found in the press reports.

INVOCATION BY THE REV. PETER GRAND.

We pray thee O Almighty and Eternal God, who through Jesus Christ has revealed thy glory to all nations, *to preserve the works of thy mercy.*

We pray thee O God of Might, Wisdom and Justice! through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted and judgment decreed assist with thy holy spirit of counsel and fortitude, the President of the United States; that his administration may be conducted in righteousness and be eminently useful to thy people over whom he presides, by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion, by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy, and by restraining vice and immorality. Let the light of thy divine Wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government. So that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful knowledge, and may perpetuate to us the blessings of equal liberty.

We pray for His Excellency the Governor of this State, for members of Assembly, for all judges, magistrates and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled by thy powerful protection to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise to thy unbounded mercy, all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of thy most holy law; that they may be preserved in union and in that peace which the world cannot give, and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are Eternal. Amen.

LETTERS OF REGRET AND CONGRATULATION RECEIVED ARE READ  
BY SECRETARY CARLISLE.

DÉTROIT, MICH., le 24 juillet 1893.

PRÉSIDENT CARNOT, Paris, France.

Via Agence consulaire de France.

L'Etat du Michigan s'unissant à Détroit célèbre aujourd'hui la fondation de sa métropole par Antoine de La Mothe Cadillac en 1701. Avec sentiments de respect et d'amitiés nous envoyons nos hommages à la France, le lieu de naissance de son noble fondateur et à son Président en mémoire de l'évènement.

JOHN T. RICH,  
*Gouverneur, Michigan.*  
HAZEN S. PINGREE,  
*Maire, Détroit.*  
J. WILKIE MOORE,  
*Président, Fête Cadillac.*  
FRED. CARLISLE,  
*Secrétaire Général, Fête Cadillac.*

[TRANSLATION.]

DETROIT. July 24, 1893.

Via Agence consulaire de France.

PRESIDENT CARNOT, Paris, France.

Today Michigan unites with Detroit in celebrating the foundation of its Metropolitan City by Antoine de La Mothe Cadillac in 1701. With sentiments of respect and friendship we send greetings to France, the birth place of its noble founder, and offer congratulations to her Chief Executive in commemoration of the event.

JOHN T. RICH,  
*Governor of Michigan.*  
HAZEN S. PINGREE,  
*Mayor of Detroit.*  
J. WILKIE MOORE,  
*President of Cadillac Day.*  
FRED. CARLISLE,  
*General Secretary.*

Was responded to as follows :

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 26, 1893.

To the Mayor of Detroit, Michigan.

The President of the French Republic highly appreciated the assurances of sympathy which have been sent to him upon the occasion of the commemorative ceremonies of the foundation of Detroit and request me to transmit to you his thankful acknowledgments and the expression of his best wishes.

PATENOTRE,  
*French Ambassador.*

RESPONSE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, TO THE INVITATION  
TO FRENCH AMBASSADOR.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 20, 1893.

MR. FRED. CARLISLE, Detroit, Michigan.

DEAR SIR,—I am directed by the Secretary to acknowledge receipt of your favor of July 15th, with enclosure, and inform you that the same has been transmitted to the French Ambassador at this capitol.

Very truly yours,

K. M. LANDIS,  
*Private Secretary.*

RESPONSE OF FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO LETTER OF INVITATION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 24, 1893.

TO FRED. CARLISLE, 146 Charlotte avenue.

Grateful for kind invitation which I regret to be unable to accept being detained at Washington, best wishes for the success of your celebration.

PATENOTRE,  
*French Ambassador.*

RESPONSE OF THE CONSUL GENERAL OF FRANCE TO LETTER OF INVITATION.

CONSULAT DE FRANCE,  
CHICAGO, 56 Fifth Avenue, le 22 juillet, 1893.

MONSIEUR LE SECRÉTAIRE,—Par une lettre du 18 juillet qui m'est parvenue hier, vous avez bien voulu me faire l'honneur de m'inviter à prendre

part aux fêtes qui auront lieu, le 24 de ce mois, à Détroit, pour célébrer l'anniversaire de la fondation de la ville, en 1701, par Cadillac.

Aucune cérémonie ne pouvait être plus intéressante pour moi, puisqu'elle a pour objet et pour effet de reconnaître la part glorieuse que la France a prise à la fondation de votre grande et magnifique cité. Aussi est-ce un de mes bien vifs regrets que mes devoirs me retiennent en ce moment à l'Exposition Colombienne auprès des nombreux compatriotes qui ont tenu à répondre à l'invitation des Etats-Unis et à donner une nouvelle preuve des liens étroits qui nous rattachent à votre illustre pays.

Néanmoins, je ne veux pas manquer cette occasion de féliciter et de remercier la Société Historique du Comté de Wayne et les autres sociétés savantes du Michigan de l'initiative que vous avez prise et qui vous fait le plus grand honneur. J'espère, une autre année, être plus heureux et pouvoir assister à une de ces célébrations qui méritent et dont je souhaite cordialement le succès.

Agréez, monsieur le Secrétaire, l'assurance de ma haute considération,

EDMOND BRUWAERT,

*Consul Général de France.*

Monsieur FRED. CARLISLE,  
Secretary Wayne County Historical Society,  
146 Charlotte Avenue, Détroit, Mich.

[TRANSLATION.]

CONSULATE OF FRANCE,

CHICAGO, 56 Fifth Avenue, July 22, 1893.

MR SECRETARY,—By your letter of 18th July, received yesterday, you honored me with an invitation to participate in the ceremonies, which will take place on the 24th instant, at Detroit, to celebrate the anniversary of the founding of the City by Cadillac, in 1701.

No ceremony could be more interesting to me, since it has for its object the recognition of the glorious part France has taken in the founding of your grand and magnificent City. Hence it is one of my sincere regrets that my duties should compel me at this time, to remain at the Colombian Exposition, in the midst of my countrymen, who have come in response to the invitation tendered by the United States, thus giving a new proof of the close bonds connecting us with your illustrious nation.

Nevertheless, I cannot let this occasion pass, without offering my congratulations and thanks to the Historical Society of the County of Wayne and other Literary Societies of Michigan for the initiative they have taken and which does you the greatest honor. Another year, I hope to have the

pleasure of participating in one of these celebrations which are most worthy of success.

Accept, Mr. Secretary, the assurance of my highest consideration,  
 EDMOND BRUWAERT,  
*Consul General of France.*

FRED. CARLISLE, Esq.,  
 Secretary Wayne County Historical Society,  
 146 Charlotte Avenue, Detroit, Mich.

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MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
 WINDSOR, July 24th, 1893.

FRED. CARLISLE, Esq.,  
 Secretary, etc., Detroit, Mich.

DEAR SIR,—I want to thank you and your Committees for your kindness in inviting our City Council and Officials to take part with you in celebrating "Cadillac Day."

I regret that it will be impossible for me to be present, as I go out of town this morning.

Wishing your Society every prosperity and success,

I am yours faithfully,

O. E. FLEMING,  
*Mayor.*

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,  
 CHATHAM, ONT., 25th July, 1893.

I am instructed by the Mayor and Council of this municipality to acknowledge the invitation of the Wayne County Historical and Pioneer Society, to be present at Detroit, on the 24th July, to take part in the celebration ceremonies, and to express their regret at not being able to attend the same.

Hoping that your celebration was a success in every respect,  
 I have the honor to remain respectfully,

JAMES C. WEIR,  
*Acting Town Clerk.*

To FRED. CARLISLE, Esq.,  
 Sec'y and Treasurer Wayne Co. H. and P. Society,  
 Detroit, Mich.



EXECUTIVE OFFICE,

LANSING, MICH., July 27, 1893.

HENRY HEAMES, Esq., Detroit, Mich.

DEAR SIR,—Your kind invitation to be present on Cadillac Day owing to absence from the office was not received until today. I should have been pleased to have been with you, and am very much obliged for the kind invitation extended.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN T. RICH.

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FROM EX-GOVERNOR LUCE.

COLDWATER, MICH., July 22, 1893.

HON. FRED. CARLISLE.

MY DEAR SIR,—Your kind invitation to attend the anniversary meeting of the founding of Detroit received and highly appreciated, to visit the commercial metropolis of our great state upon such an occasion and let the mind go centuries back for 192 years over the events that have changed not only the face of nature but humanity itself, would and must be interesting indeed, but circumstances will deny to me the pleasure.

Thanking you for the invitation.

I remain very respectfully yours,

C. G. LUCE.

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FLINT, MICH., June 30, 1893.

FRED. CARLISLE,

Secretary of the Wayne County Historical and Pioneer Society.

MY DEAR SIR,—I am pleased to be in receipt of your kind invitation to be present on the 24th of July at the Auditorium, in Detroit, to attend a meeting of the old settlers of Detroit, I would not miss it for any consideration. Among the ex-Governors, I come next to Governor Felch in age. I am quite well, but not as strong as I once was.

I have the honor to be truly yours,

JOSIAH W. BEGOLE.

## SOUVENIR OF CADILLAC DAY.

HEADQUARTERS FOURTH INFANTRY,  
MICHIGAN STATE TROOPS,

DETROIT, MICH., July 19th, 1893.

MR. HENRY HEAMES,

Chairman Executive Committee.

SIR,—I am directed by Col. Sheahan to acknowledge the receipt of invitation to participate in parade "Cadillac Day" and to say the 4th Infantry will be there.

There was no mention of band does the Committee on Parade attend to that?

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS S. BAXTER,

*1st Lt. and Adj. 4th Infantry,*

181 Jefferson Avenue.

FORT WAYNE,

DETROIT, MICH., July 21, 1893.

MR. FRED. CARLISLE,

Secretary, Wayne County Historical and Pioneer Society,  
No. 146 Charlotte Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

SIR,—In reply to your communication of the 14th instant, received yesterday, I regret to have to inform you that it will be impracticable for my command to take part in the Cadillac Celebration of July 24, 1893.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

SIMON SNYDER,

*Colonel 19th Infantry, Commanding Post.*

MICHIGAN MILITARY ACADEMY,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

ORCHARD LAKE, MICH, July 22, 1893.

MR. FRED. CARLISLE,

Detroit, Michigan.

DEAR SIR,—Please accept my thanks for your invitation to be present at your celebration on the 24th instant. If I am in Michigan, I shall certainly avail myself of the same.

Very truly yours,

J. SUMNER ROGERS.

OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS,  
PORT OF DETROIT, MICH., July 19th, 1893.

HON. HENRY HEAMES,  
Chairman, Wayne County Historical and Pioneer Society,  
146 Charlotte Avenue, Detroit, Mich.

DEAR SIR,—I am today in receipt of your communication of yesterday, requesting that the United States Revenue steamer Fessenden be authorized by the Secretary of the Treasury to take part in the ceremonies on the occasion of the celebration of the anniversary of the founding of Detroit, July 24th, 1701. It affords me pleasure to say that I have forwarded your letter to the Honorable Secretary of the Treasury, with a request that should the Fessenden be here at that time, she be directed to take part in the ceremonies, as indicated. She is now on a cruise in Lake Superior.

Respectfully yours,

GEO. H. HOPKINS,  
*Collector.*

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MICHIGAN PIONEER AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY,  
LANSING, MICH., July 25, 1893.

FRED. CARLISLE, Secretary,  
Detroit, Mich.

DEAR SIR,—Your invitation to the Cadillac Celebration came duly to hand and I should have been greatly pleased to have attended, but could not do so. You surely must have had an interesting time, as the occasion was one of great interest. I shall be pleased to get a copy of the proceedings if you publish them, or a copy of the paper that gives the best account of it.

Yours very truly,

GEO. H. GREENE,  
*Secretary.*

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MICHIGAN PIONEER AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY,  
JACKSON, MICH., July 21st, 1893.

FRED. CARLISLE, Esq., Secretary,  
Detroit, Mich.

MY DEAR SIR,—I am in receipt of your kind invitation to attend on the 24th inst., at Detroit, the celebration of the founding of that city by de La Mothe Cadillac, on the 24th of July, 1701,

I regret to state that I cannot accept and be present, as my health is such that I cannot leave home.

I hope the celebration by the Wayne County Historical and Pioneer Society will be worthy of the occasion, of the man and of the great and beautiful City of which all the citizens of Michigan are so justly proud.

Yours very truly,

M. SHOEMAKER.

BAY CITY, MICH., July 26th, 1893.

FRED. CARLISLE, Esq.

MY DEAR SIR,—It would give great pleasure to attend the Cadillac celebration on the 24th inst., but the great difficulty I experience in moving in a crowd on account of my infirmities will prevent my participating in the festivities of the occasion. Thanking you for your kind invitation.

I am yours truly,

ALBERT MILLER.

As we go to press, the death of Albert Miller is announced as follows :

BAY CITY, MICH., September 19, 1893.

Albert Miller died at 1:30 this morning. He was a pioneer resident of the Saginaw Valley, coming here in 1837. About two months ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis, from which he never rallied. He was 83 years old, and was well-known throughout Michigan, being a member, and at one time president of the State Pioneer Society. He was chairman of the State Executive Committee.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., July 24, 1893.

FRED. CARLISLE, Esq.,

Secretary Wayne County Historical and Pioneer Society.

MY DEAR SIR,—Your favor of date 18th inst. and mailed 22nd inst., came to hand at 11 a. m. today, just about four hours too late for me to take a train that would land me in Detroit in time to participate in your celebration of the anniversary of the founding of your magnificent city. A city I have known something about, since March, 1825. Had your invitation reached me in time, I should have made an effort to have been present, to share in the pleasures of the celebration and possibly might have added a trifle to the pleasures of yourself and others. My health is somewhat improved since our meeting at Lansing in June, and I am hopeful of complete restoration sometime. If I am fully restored and my life is spared, it

would afford me great pleasure to attend your next annual meeting, and if desired, contribute some sort of an essay, or paper, for the entertainment of your pioneer society. I would like to be remembered to J. Wilkie Moore, and with kind regards to yourself, I remain

Yours very truly,

R. U. CRAWFORD.

MICHIGAN STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY,  
 MANCHESTER, MICH., August 3rd, 1893.

FRED. CARLISLE, Esq.

MY DEAR SIR,—Thanks for your kind remembrance. I should have been glad to have met with you at Detroit, but was in Chicago when the notice of meeting was published. Thanks for the badge and believe me.

Very sincerely yours,

L. D. WATKINS.

FROM GENERAL JOHN G. PARKHURST.

COLDWATER, July 24, 1893.

FRED. CARLISLE, Secretary, etc.

DEAR SIR,—I am just (10 o'clock a. m.) in receipt of your very kind invitation to participate in celebrating the anniversary of the founding of Detroit by the brave and honest Cadillac. Of course I cannot be with you, and can surely say that I am glad your society and the citizens of Detroit are bringing to the minds of the young the early history of our metropolis and of its founder. I have no doubt the celebration will be a success.

Respectfully yours,

J. G. PARKHURST.

HASTINGS NATIONAL BANK,  
 HASTINGS, MICH., July 29th, 1893.

FRED. CARLISLE, Secretary,  
 Detroit, Mich.

MY DEAR SIR,—Upon my return home I find your very kind invitation to attend the anniversary of the founding of Detroit, July 24th. My absence

is my excuse for so late response. It was a very proper thing to do and by the published account it must have been a decided success.

Thanks for the invitation and congratulations upon the auspicious event.

Truly yours,

DANIEL STRIKER.

FROM COLONEL C. V. R. POND, REP. NATIONAL G. A. R.

COLDWATER, MICH., July 22, 1893.

FRED. CARLISLE, Secretary,  
Detroit, Mich.

MY DEAR FRIEND,—Please accept my thanks for your kind remembrance in sending to me a badge for “Cadillac Day.”

It would be a great pleasure were it possible for me to be with you on the occasion of the celebration of the founding of Detroit.

That success will crown the efforts of yourself and co-laborers. I feel is already assured.

Sincerely yours,

C. V. R. POND.

JACKSON, MICH., July 24, 1893.

To Wayne County Historical and Pioneer Society,  
FRED. CARLISLE, Secretary, Detroit, Mich.

DEAR SIR,—I very much regret not being able to be present at your one hundred and ninety-second anniversary of the founding of Detroit by Cadillac (your invitation just reached me).

It is eminently proper that our historical land-marks be kept well polished, and I would be glad to assist you today in the brightening, which event is itself historical.

The men who *preserve* as well as those who *make* history shall live, “for their works do follow them.”

For centuries, and may be millenniums, these banks and lakes have been traversed by one race of people and another until today you catch up the story left by those long gone, at that point were the Indian village “Tjeughsaghrondië” or Tetchsa Grondie,” with the Fort Lernout or De Tret, on the banks of the “Xavier” and running down to the Detroit river, merged by the enterprise and foresight of Cadillac into the City of Detroit, then in embryo, but now grown and spread to a great and powerful city



with a population of a quarter of a million ; a city reaching out with its supplies and demands and exchanging commodities with every nation on earth.

The roll call of those who have made our civilization is a grand one, and there should be no lull in the enterprise, energy and care of us, their beneficiaries, in preserving sacredly the honor and prosperity of the nation which builds such cities.

Long live the memory of Cadillac !

Long remain and prosper Detroit !

Long wave our flag, "or the land of the free and the home of the brave." of which Michigan is part.

With thanks for the invitation to the one hundred and ninety-second Cadillac Celebration and the accompanying badge,

I am very respectfully yours,

JOSIAH B. FROST.

July 22nd, 1893.

MR. FRED. CARLISLE,

Secretary, Committee on Invitation,

Anniversary of the founding of Detroit.

MY DEAR SIR,—I have received your kind letter inviting both myself and Congregation Beth El to the celebration on the 24th inst., and have announced the same to these who were present at the service this morning.

I hope that the celebration will have as felicitous a festivity as the occasion is auspicious and amply deserves the heartiest interest.

Very cordially yours,

L. GROSSMANN.

TRANSLATION OF THE LETTER OF HON. DON C. HENDERSON, EDITION OF THIS PAPER "THE ALLEGAN JOURNAL."

ALLEGAN, MICH., July 25, 1893.

HON. FRED. CARLISLE, Historian.

DEAR FRIEND,—I was pleased to hear from you and to get that Cadillac badge. I am also gratified to know that the noble La Mothe Cadillac, the soldier as well as the civilian, the man who first established civil law and the first school free to the children of the white, as well as to those of the red and black man, in the then great northwest wilderness, is about to

receive that recognition, which his great efforts to christianize and civilize the original habitants, not only Detroit, but those this side and beyond the Rockies. Convey my thanks to all and sincere regrets that I am unable to participate in the ceremonies of the day.

Yours sincerely,

DON C. HENDERSON.

DETROIT, MICH., July 21, 1893.

FRED. CARLISLE,  
Secretary, Committee on Invitation,  
146 Charlotte Avenue.

MY DEAR SIR,—Will you kindly bear to the Committee on Invitation for celebration of Cadillac Day acknowledgment of an invitation to our Damascus Commandery, this day received through our captain General Ellis, and also our regrets at not being able to accept.

The time is so short that we would be unable to obtain dispensation and get the commandery out.

Please accept thanks of myself and commandery for your kind invitation.

Very truly,

PHILIP T. VAN ZILE.

*Eminent Com. Damascus K. T.*

GRAYSON LIGHT GUARD REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING BY WM. R. CANDLER,  
JULY 24, 1893.

*Captain:*

John B. Grayson.

*Officers:*

A. K. Howard, 1st Lieut.	Geo. P. Conklin, Color Sargent.
W. D. Wilkins, 2nd Lieut.	John D. Palmer, 1st Corporal.
John D. Fairbanks, 3rd Lieut.	J. C. Ladue, 2nd Corporal.
John Robertson, Orderly Sargent.	S. J. Mathew, 3rd Corporal.
J. W. Sutton, 2nd Sargent.	D. W. Bullock, 4th Corporal.
Geo. Davie, 3rd Sargent.	J. W. Sutton, Armorer.
H. R. Misner, 4th Sargent.	C. R. Wilder, Secretary.

*Privates:*

I. I. Armstrong,  
 C. T. Berkey,  
 R. W. Baird,  
 Wm. Bond,  
 D. C. Burlingame,  
 A. G. Bissell,  
 M. W. Campin,  
 Wm. R. Candler,  
 A. J. Conner,  
 A. H. Crosby,  
 John Coats,  
 J. L. Chipman,  
 John Cook,  
 Wm. Cowan,  
 Geo. Doty,  
 W. C. Duncan,  
 C. L. Dibble,  
 J. E. Eagle,  
 L. C. Forsyth,

W. H. Hopper,  
 M. P. Hutchins,  
 E. R. Kearsley,  
 J. T. Ladue,  
 J. L. Langley,  
 J. E. Martin,  
 T. McCarthy,  
 Chas. Mellon,  
 P. Ord,  
 J. E. Pittman,  
 S. P. Purdy,  
 H. S. Roberts,  
 Jas. Satchel,  
 Richard Starkey,  
 Robt. Stockdale,  
 L. S. Tiffany,  
 J. P. Williams,  
 J. B. Witherell.

The only living members are J. Logan Chipman, General James E Pittman, Geo. Doty, Wm. C. Duncan and representative Wm. R. Candler. Since writing above J. Logan Chipman died August 3, 1893.

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THE STATE COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN,  
 JUNIOR ORDER UNITED AMERICAN MECHANICS,  
 DETROIT, MICH., August 1st, 1893.

MR. FRED. CARLISLE,

Secretary of "Wayne County Historical and Pioneer Society,"  
 Detroit, Mich.

DEAR SIR,—The invitation issued by the Wayne County Historical and Pioneer Society, through you as Secretary, to the Junior Order United American Mechanics of this State was received. But because of the celebration attendant upon the holding of the session of the national body in this City, short time before, and owing to the absence of the State officers

at the time of receiving the invitation, it was thought to be too late to take any action towards celebrating with you on July 24th.

Thanking you in behalf of the Order for your very kind invitation.

Yours very respectfully,

WELLS D. BUTTERFIELD,

*S. C. Secretary.*

DETROIT, June 25, 1893.

MY DEAR SIR,—Your very kind and complimentary letter of invitation to participate in your programme of commemoration and to address the audience upon the historic sentiment *Cadillac as the founder of Detroit*, duly received. Thanks for the honor, and I can only regret that absence from the city on that day, will prevent my complying with your request. Permit me to say that I congratulate you in the happy thought of such an event. What the American Republic most needs to day? is the proper recognition of its true men of merit. The historic incidents of the settlement of the great northwest by the pioneers of civilization should be remembered and cherished by every true lover of progress and patriotism. Cadillac was in all respects worthy of a bright niche in the temple of fame and I know of no other method of perpetuating his memory so efficiently as that suggested by your society. Fully appreciating the merits of your most laudable purpose and ambition. I saw Judge Frazer this a. m. and he has kindly consented to take my place on the occasion. Wishing you every success and again thanking you for the compliment.

I have the honor to remain,

Yours truly,

T. H. H. RUSSELL.

FRED. CARLISLE, Esq.,

Secretary Wayne County Historical and Pioneer Society.

REV. JOS. MEINARD ADDRESS.

Pour célébrer la mémoire de très haut et très illustre seigneur, messire Antoine de La Mothe Cadillac, je voudrais avoir été le bon Père Récollet qui fut le compagnon, l'ami et le guide spirituel du hardi colonisateur.

J'aurais alors entendu les rêves de sa noble ambition, apprécié la loyauté de sa nature, admiré les conceptions de son génie, recueilli même ses saillies gasconnes : de ces matériaux il eût été facile de composer un éloge.

Par malheur je suis arrivé 192 ans trop tard, et je ne saurais louer Cadillac que d'après son œuvre. Mais son œuvre c'est le Détroit; son œuvre est un chef-d'œuvre qui suffit pour donner à un homme la couronne d'immortalité.

Quand le vent de la fortune, dirigé par les anges de Dieu, me poussa sur ces rivages, j'avais l'œil encore plein des merveilles de Paris associées aux splendeurs de l'Orient, et je croyais que désormais je ne pourrais plus rien admirer.

Et pourtant quant je vis votre belle cité, ses larges avenues, ses résidences gracieuses, sa rivière aux flots étincelants, son île surtout, splendide émeraude enchâssée dans une bague de fin cristal, je ne pus retenir un cri d'admiration enthousiaste et prolongé, et je me sentis fier d'être Français, puisqu'un Français, notre Cadillac, avait, de son coup d'officier et d'explorateur, saisi les avantages militaires et commerciaux de cette position, et en même temps, avec sa nature d'artiste, avait compris la beauté du site et deviné les charmes qu'aurait une ville assise en pareil lieu.

Vous, messieurs les membres du comité, par reconnaissance pour Cadillac qui vous a légué ce beau coin du monde, vous avez voulu que son nom fût donné à la fête civique du Détroit, que le drapeau de sa nation fût particulièrement honoré en cette circonstance, que sa langue fût parlée par un des orateurs du jour; vous avez même voulu que cet orateur fut un prêtre, un religieux comme le Frère Constantin, l'intime ami de Cadillac.

Au nom des Français du Détroit, des Français du Canada et des Français de France, je vous remercie, messieurs, de ces aimables attentions, et comme une politesse en appelle une autre, tout en saluant avec émotion les couleurs de ma patrie arborées dans cette enceinte, déployées sur toutes ces poitrines, je m'incline profondément (mon chef ecclésiastique, Mgr. Foley, aussi grand patriote que grand évêque, ne me taxera pas d'idolâtrie pour cela) je m'incline profondément devant votre étendard, le glorieux étendard des Etats-Unis.

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ADDRESS OF JUDGE ROBT. E. FRAZER.

It is meet and proper that we should assemble here today to celebrate the birthday of your beautiful city, and to do honor to him who was its founder. When this country was an unbroken wilderness, and the sturdy pioneers were exploring it, the advantages possessed by the place where the city is located were thoroughly appreciated, and a trading post was established here by Cadillac. He sought to found a city, and to populate it with those who would build up homes and till the land and develop the

resources of the country. His main idea was to make friends with the Indians, instruct them in the ways of civilization, and make them co-workers with his own people, so that the government he represented would have a permanent foothold here. He found that the Indians were raising corn and other crops, and that by proper treatment they might be induced to extend their operations in this direction. But his ideas did not prevail, and Detroit remained for many years a mere trading post, and the only benefit the French government received was what furs were secured from the surrounding country.

The English people also early perceived the importance of Detroit as a point of settlement, as it was at the narrowest point on the river, which was the great highway of trade with the Indians of the northwest, as all communication in those days had to be by water. And it was to the foresight and energy of Cadillac that this point was secured to the French.

When we come to look back and imagine what this country was before the white man took possession of it, and think of this beautiful river, teeming with fish of the most useful kind to man, of the fertile land on either side of it, of the valuable animals which inhabited the water and the forests, of the magnificent lakes which this river connected, and of the great future possibilities of the mighty commerce they could support, it was indeed a magnificent picture which presented itself to those early explorers; and we who have lived to reap the benefits of their toil and hardships fully realize the fact that our "lines have been cast in pleasant places," and no tropical luxuriance or fabled islands of the sea can produce such valuable grains, such sheep and cattle, and such hardy and intelligent men and women as this fruitful soil and rugged climate of this our Michigan.

I have often thought that the early explorer was amply repaid for his hardships. With good health and a spirit of adventure, what must have been his feelings when he first pushed his canoe into the clear blue waters of our beautiful river. What a keen sense of expectation must have been his as he rounded each point, anticipating the new beauties which presented themselves to him, the strange men and animals and fish which he discovered; and when he lay down on Mother Earth at night, how he would dream of the mighty empire which would some day occupy the land.

And it has frequently occurred to me to look back at the early life of those who took the axe in their hands to hew out the way to the civilization of today and roughly shape it for the future. I cannot say that their enjoyment was less than ours. In the old log cabin, with the open fire place, the hugh back log, the rafters of that humble home festooned with



strings of dried apples and pumpkins, the plain table, the rifle on the wall, and the old kettle hanging upon the crane, were to the pioneer sources of comfort that we of today cannot experience, but can only in our imagination enjoy. The salt pork and beans, the bacon and potatoes, were to them as sweet morsels as the capon and pastry are to our more educated and dyspeptic stomachs.

The ideas of Cadillac are the foundations of our present civilization. The land has been developed, the people have permanent residence here, churches have been built upon the hills, and school houses in the valleys, and the city that he founded has grown to be one of the most beautiful cities in all the world. It is the home of freedom, the seat of intelligence, and the abiding place of a contented people.

I invoke the spirit of Cadillac to be here with us in our rejoicings, and to witness the outcome of his foresight and intelligence. All honor, I say, to Cadillac.

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ADDRESS OF COL. JOHN ATKINSON.

“The Old French Regime” carries us back to the golden age of France. There never was a more remarkable set of men than those who first explored this country. They were patriotic and naturally sought to widen the empire in which they were born. They were religious and anxious to expand the dominion of the cross, and to carry the story of Christ to the strange nations with whom they came in contact.

More remarkable than the explorers were the countries which they explored. Never had such wonders been unrolled to human visions. From the St. Lawrence with its thousand islands to Niagara with its never ceasing thunders, from the stormy waters of Lake Erie through our own beautiful river and onward to the pictured rocks of Lake Superior, new sights of wondrous interest followed in quick succession.

Wars have come and peace has followed.

The flag of France no longer floats over the land these brave men won. Empire has been lost. Their kindly intentions toward the native tribes have been thwarted. The tribes themselves have disappeared. Others reap the benefits of their daring explorations.

But the glory of these men remains to grow brighter as the years roll on. Their names are on our rivers and our mountains; their spirits are in our churches; their language, with its sweet cadence, is still heard in the higher courses of our schools.

They enjoy a still sweeter immortality in the hearts of the millions for whom they opened the way to freedom. Today Puritan and Catholic, Englishman and German, Poles and Italians unite in loving tribute to their splendid courage and glorious memory.

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The last meeting of the committee was held at the Russell House July 29th. The several accounts were duly audited. After which the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously passed :

WHEREAS, The "Birth Day" of this noble "City of the Straits," founded by de La Mothe Cadillic, July 24, 1701, was creditably observed by both the citizens of Detroit and those from other cities in Michigan and Ontario and

WHEREAS, The measure of success attending and aiding in the demonstration on the 24th inst., which shall hereafter make the 24th of July memorable as "Cadillac Day," is specially due to certain influences, which this committee should properly recognize ; therefore,

*Resolved*, That this committee desire to express their sense of obligation to the proprietors of the Russell House for their courteous hospitality in granting the use of their spacious parlors for the frequent meetings and to the Chamber of Commerce for the use of their office for committee meetings.

To the press of the city and state, which, through its respective reporters, greatly aided the committee in perfecting the arrangements for properly commemorating Cadillac Day.

To the generosity of those citizens who gave their time and money to make the occasion one of credit to the city, and to those who were instrumental in its inauguration.

To the several civic societies and military and semi-military organizations which gave eclat to the demonstration.

To those invited guests from abroad who, by their personal presence and written expressions of kindness and congratulations, aided much to the impressiveness of the exercises, and, lastly, to those who, by their eloquent addresses to the vast audience which listened to them, made the day one long to be remembered in the history of Detroit and of Michigan.

The secretary was also instructed to send special letters of thanks to the Fourth Regiment and the various civic societies which had been instrumental in making the day a success.

Wayne County Historical Society was founded in 1824. Its first president was Lewis Cass and its first secretary Isaac Rowland. Their successors respectively were B. F. H. Witherell president; Chas. C. Trowbridge, C. I. Walker, Cleveland Hunt and H. B. Brown, secretaries.

In 1871, the name was changed to its present: "Wayne County Historical and Pioneer Society," Levi Bishop, president, and Samuel Zug, secretary, who in time have been succeeded by Jno. C. Holmes, president, and James Girardin, secretary, and lastly by J. Wilkie Moore and Fred. Carlisle, its present officers.

The objects and purposes of the Society are the collection and preservation of matter relating to Wayne County and the personal history of its members, from birth till death; the records of which are published in the Pioneer Collections of the State, under the authority of the Legislature, act providing therefor.

The children of members, twenty-one years of age, and those who have resided in the State thirty years or more, are eligible to membership. On application to the secretary, he is authorized to record all such on receipt of the recording fee of two dollars.

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In behalf of Wayne County Historical and Pioneer Society, we again express our gratitude to all who so generously aided and co-operated with it in commemorating this day.

J. WILKIE MOORE,  
*President.*

FRED. CARLISLE,  
*Secretary.*

The compiler requests indulgence for omissions and apparent repetitions. It was the original design, to include the names and a brief sketch of all citizens and members contributing, but owing to the difficulty in obtaining "data" for the sketches, we are forced to omit them rather than occasion further delay in the issue of the souvenir, but have them now nearly ready for the printer, and will publish them shortly in a separate form. The Press reports which we have taken the liberty to insert while comparatively full—abbreviated some of the addresses, and we therefore (though at the expense of apparent repetition) have ventured to publish them entire, in the order of their delivery.

FRED. CARLISLE,  
*Compiler.*



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