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Ceinture "Fortissimo" acquise par Louis Cyr, [entre 1892 et 1906].

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CANADA'S SAMSON.

AN ELABORATE GOLD MEDAL FOR THE STRONGEST MAN IN THE WORLD.

Louis Cyr, the strongest man in the world, Canada's Samson, who was first "discovered" by Mr. J. X. Perrault, is in the city resting quietly. Since this modern Samson last exhibited his ponderous strength before his fellow-citizens he has travelled a good deal; in England, United States and different parts of Canada. In London he performed wonderful feats, surprising the Cockneys and rather depressing the feelings of the local strong men. He won much praise and several testimonials.

He returned to America and exhibited in several cities in the United States with much success. Afterwards he travelled through Western Ontario and then struck out for Manitoba and drew great crowds in the capital city of the Province. Louis Cyr has just recently returned to his home in this city, where he hopes to enjoy a season of rest and quietness.

The citizens of Montreal consider that Louis

Cyr, the temperance athlete, has done something towards bringing his native city in an honorable manner before the world, and that he deserves some recognition for the service he has rendered. Consequently, a committee was appointed to consider the form in which this recognition should take, and to collect funds for the same. Mr. A. J. Labatte was the president of this committee; Mr. Jas. W. Donahue, vice-president, and Mr. Wm. Garbutt, secretary. A considerable sum of money was collected, and the proceeds were applied towards procuring a gold medal, a sketch of which is given to-day. The medal is seven inches long, is of solid gold, and, as will be seen, of beautiful design. There is the beaver of Canada, the eagle of America, the lion and unicorn of Great Britain. Then there is Cyr himself, at his work. This medal will be presented to Louis Cyr on Aug. 10, by Mayor McShane, on behalf of the citizens. The subscription list will be handsomely engrossed and presented to him at the same time, as a slight token of the estimation in which he is held.



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