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This extensive bibliography is published as volume II of the *Annual Report* of the American Historical Association for the year 1943. It did not, however, emerge from the printing press until 1949. It forms the latest

of a continuous series of annual bibliographies, opening with 1906. Writings on American history published during the years 1937 and 1938 were covered in a single volume published in 1942. The present volume covers writings on American history published during 1939 and 1940.

"The plan of this bibliography has been to include all books and articles, however brief, which contain anything of value to the history of the United States. An attempt has been made to cover also, as comprehensively as possible, material on the history of British North America including the West Indies".

The volume lists writings under the following headings: "Generalities" (bibliographies, etc.) "America in General", "United States", "British North America", and "British West Indies". There follows a very complete index. Eighty-two publications are listed in this index under the heading "French". Nearly all of these, seventy-three to be exact, are to be found in the United States section; and of the seventy-three, thirty deal with the "Colonial Period to 1763", while fourteen are classified as "regional (local) history". The following is an example of an entry under "United States: Colonial Period to 1763":

"Caldwell, Norman W. Shawneetown; a chapter in the Indian history of Illinois. ILL. STATE HIST. SOC. JOUR., XXXII (1939) 193-205. A study of the importance of the friendly Shawnee Indians to the successful settlement of the Mississippi valley by the French".

There are also entries in the index under such headings as Huguenots, French Canada, New France, French Canadian, French Canadians penetration of the American continent 1763-1846, French-English, French-English-Spanish struggle for Spanish Pensacola, French influence, French revolution, Tocqueville, and French traveler. Some twenty-one volumes are listed under Montreal, fourteen of which are to be found in the section on the regional history of the "Province of Quebec". But publications relating to French-American history turn up throughout the volume. For example, in the section on "Aboriginal America: Discovery and exploration", one finds that an article on "The Robert Cavalier de la Salle monument at Lachine" was published in the *Louisiana Historical Quarterly*, XXII (1939). Under "United States: Regional (local) history, general", we find Benoit Brouillette's, *La pénétration du continent américain par les Canadiens Français, 1763-1846*; préface de M. l'abbé Lionel Groulx. In the section on "British North America", of course, many writings are listed by and about authors whose names are well known to readers of the *Revue d'Histoire de l'Amérique française*, including a booklet on *L'abbé Lionel Groulx*, himself, by André Laurendeau ("Nos maîtres de l'heure", I: no 1).

While the index is remarkably full and useful, it is not altogether without omissions. Thus, after the name "Maurault, Olivier", while two publications listed under "New France, 1534-1760" are mentioned (dealing

with Kingston and Saint-Sulpice, respectively), the index omits three writings by Mgr Maurault which are listed under "Province of Quebec" and which deal with Georges Delfosse, "l'enseignement primaire à Montréal", and "une visite princière" (to Sorel).

Altogether, 8,051 separate writings on American history are listed and described in this bibliography. Enough has been said to show that it is a publication of first-rate importance which no historian can afford to overlook.

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