

Flag

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Carillon-Sacré-Coeur flag, from 1903 to 1940, forerunner of today's Quebec flag. The flag is made of woolen cheesecloth.

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Date 1948 c

Materials fiber, wool, paint

Technique painted, sewn

Historical context

The Carillon-Sacré-Coeur flag was inspired by the banner Montcalm's French troops would have flown in their victory at Carillon on July 8, 1758. Designed by Abbé Eugène Filiatrault, who hoisted it on the Saint-Jude presbytery in 1902, it was part of a drive by French-Canadian elites of the time to give French Canadians a national flag.

At first, the flag consisted solely of a white cross on an azure background, with four fleurs-de-lis pointing inward. The following year, 1903, a Sacré-Coeur surrounded by maple leaves was added to the center of the flag by nationalist and Catholic groups. This latest version of the flag became the emblem of the Société Saint-Jean-Baptiste de Québec in 1926, by an act of the Quebec National Assembly.

In 1948, the government of Maurice Duplessis officially adopted the fleurdelisé as the flag of Quebec, but stripped it of the Sacré-Coeur and pointed the fleurs-de-lis upwards.