

# Statue

## *Sir Louis-Hippolyte La Fontaine*

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The cream-and-brown statue depicts Louis-Hippolyte La Fontaine (1807-1864) standing with his right foot slightly forward, his left arm bent, his hand tucked into his jacket, and his right arm resting on two leaves resting on a pillar decorated with a coat of arms, all surrounded by a ribbon bearing the Latin motto “as et origo”, meaning “like the origin”. On the first leaf is the inscription: “Responsible government”, and on the second, “You have the places, but not the power”. He is dressed in a long jacket and lapel over a collared shirt, fastened with a knotted tie.

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Artiste / Auteur T. Carli and Petrucci Limited

Date 1885

Materials plaster


Technique cast, painted

Measurements 75 x 30 x 21 cm

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## Historical context

Louis-Hippolyte Ménard, dit La Fontaine (1807-1864), a native of Boucherville, was a lawyer and politician. He was elected deputy for Terrebonne in the House of Assembly of Sock-Canada in 1830. He was a member of the Parti patriote and pursued a political career until 1851. His hairstyle and general posture are reminiscent of Napoleon Bonaparte, a resemblance that was noticed during La Fontaine's stay in Europe. The statue was modeled by T. Carli-Petrucci limitée after the painted plaster sculpture Sir Louis-Hippolyte La Fontaine (1885) by artist Louis-Philippe Hébert (1850-1917), now in the Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec. Located on rue Notre-Dame near rue Bonsecours, in 1929 the company brought together statuaries and model-makers from two families of Italian origin. The company was born of the 1923 merger of two statuary-modeler workshops: those of T. Carli (founded by Thomas Carli and Carlo Catelli in 1867) and Petrucci & Frères. After several reorganizations, the T. Carli-Petrucci limitée ceased operations in 1965. The Louis-Hippolyte-La-Fontaine house is located at 1395-1401 Overdale Avenue in Montreal. It was the home of Louis-Hippolyte La Fontaine from 1849 until his death in 1864.



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