

would be bound together into one whole. The building of the Grand Trunk and Intercolonial railways had contributed to the wiping out of provincial distinctions and animosities, the yearly meeting of the legislators in Parliament at Ottawa made each better acquainted with his brethren from the other Provinces, and gradually the horizon became enlarged until when the great iron band, the Canadian Pacific,



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bound all the Provinces together, there was in all minds some tangible idea of the glorious inheritance which is open to Canada's sons and daughters. Characteristic of this period is the fertility of the authors of whom some of the best known are women.

It was in the last decade that the youngest generation of poets began to bestir themselves. One of the earliest was Charles Mair,