

~~At the Director's~~ Growth and Expansion
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In nothing has the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation been more fruitful than in what it has compelled of a study of the history of our country; and in what ^{as a consequence,} it has taught by way of comparison. In ~~all~~ our varied activities, social, political, economic, we have gone back to the early beginnings, we have traced growth and expansion year by year, and then we have made our comparisons between the past and the present, with, I believe, in every sphere, a degree of surprise which borders on amazement.

Let us look first ^{of all} at our Dominion. Its legendary past, associated with Indian tribes and their primitive habitations, is but four hundred years distant. ^{afterwards} ~~Then~~ for one hundred years, there is the early era of intermittent discovery and exploration, nothing more; ~~Then~~ the beginnings of settlement and government, with which the name of Champlain will ever be associated. We speak of the settlement at Quebec as constituting the founding of Canada, because ^{settlement time} it proved to be continuous, and because ^{then was} it established ^{also} something in the nature of authority. But what a tiny thing it was; and what ^{mere spot} a spot it occupied in the wilderness by which it was surrounded; ^{there were} a few soldier pioneers, oddly enough ^{primarily} on a religious mission, ^{they} possessing ^{ed} the rude beginnings

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