of Canada is Halifax : the City of the Citadel, and the successor of Louisbourg. Once again out of death came life. The levelling of the walls of Louisbourg fortress led to the founding of Halifax ; the once mighty stronghold of a French king on the western main of the Atlantic was destroyed in order that another fortress centre might rise at the word of an English king.

So Halifax was born, and Cornwallis was its father. On a June day of 1749 one of the first streams of English-speaking emigration landed in the Bay of Chebucto—the Pilgrim Fathers of a greater Britain to be. During the thrilling war year of 1758 the fleet and army that effected the first capture of Louisbourg foregathered in the harbour of the new town of Halifax, and in the more decisive war year of 1759 Wolfe's armament filled its twin harbours both before and after the siege of Quebec.

Other stirring days came with the American Revolution and the war of 1812-14, and, incidentally, through the American Civil War of 1860-65. Thus for over a century Halifax has heard the martial strain, the defiant bugle-note, the reverberating cannon echo, the march of armed men. It chanced, therefore, that of necessity