

Foreword.

And the words that Edmund Clarence Stedman used in reference to the literature of the United States are equally applicable to Canadian literature: "One who underrates the significance of our literature, prose or verse, as both the expression and the stimulant of national feeling is deficient in that critical insight which can judge even of its own day, unwarped by personal taste or deference to public impression."

Among Canadian writers of the present day Dr. J. D. Logan, through his scholarly attainments and his literary genius, deservedly holds a high place; and the present series of historical poems in celebration of the makers of Canada will undoubtedly enhance his reputation. The deeds of those who have helped to make Canada what it is to-day should be a source of pride and inspiration to all Canadians, and by enshrining them in the "form divine" of poetry Dr. Logan has rendered a patriotic service that is worthy of the highest commendation and that entitles him to the cordial appreciation of the public.

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