

traitor and open enemy had perverted or cowed those who should have been loyal; and when many despaired: he, by his firmness of purpose and decisive action, drove back the overwhelming tide of invasion, and made possible the birth and development of a new, young and independent nation, under the British Crown on the northern part of this continent.

Happily, all of the old bitterness has long since passed away, and our Anglo-celtic brothers in the Republic to the south will be as interested in the struggle of the Canadian people as an element in race-development as the Canadians have been in that of New England, Old New York, Virginia or Louisiana. To the many readers of Hawthorne, Howells, Cooper, Cable, Mitchell, Miss Johnston, and Wister, I dedicate this slight addition to the historical fiction of our continent. To the British over-sea, but in the Empire I present these pages, in the hope that they will realize that the true strength of Empire depends not on trade or commerce, not on force or political diplomacy; but on the common loyalty of her children at home and abroad to the highest instincts and traditions of a great people.

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