

till within some sixty-three years ago its seat of government shifted about from the one province to the other. We of Ontario have come to look upon our province as being an old established institution; as a matter of fact, it was not until Confederation that Ontario can be said to have come into her own.

The history of Toronto would, perhaps, surprise us even more than that of the province in the matter of its growth. It was not the earliest settled community in the province. ^{by any means} ~~Just~~ Imagine ^{just} a century and a quarter ago, a log cabin, ^{was all there was} ~~the only constructed~~ edifice at what ^{is} to-day the corner of King and Yonge streets, ^{the heart of the business centre}. What an evolution it all has been! How very recent; and how full of hope and promise for the future? If ^{as respects the} city of Toronto, the Province of Ontario, the Dominion of Canada, or the British Empire, one wishes to have faith in the future, one has but to take a glimpse, however slight, into the past. They are all parts of ^{our great} the whole. Take any one and you find something that is expressive of all the others; something ^{which} ~~that~~ possesses qualities and characteristics that are held in common, a sort of common centre, a single heart. I have tried to find ^{an analogy} ~~something that~~ would express ~~all~~ this in a graphic way. I suppose ^{something which} Nature is the ~~place to go when one is in search of~~ ^{most fruitful source}

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