

the Acts of Parliament and of our various legislatures, is so little made obvious by expatiation that it may have become clear to many a Canadian heart and brain only after ranging the West. There, if you travel with the right password of nativity, you shall learn how the wider new Canada contemplates the old Canada that was and is. Western Canadians experience no such sloughing of home ties as is undergone by emigrants to a foreign land in the course of subduing themselves to the new environment. In prairie or mountain shacks of sod, or logs, or frame, you shall hear women as fondly garrulous of Ontario, or Quebec, or "The Island," as ever was your grandmother concerning the Old Country she left. You shall find children who never saw an eastern county familiar with traditions, and old gossip, of Colchester, Sudbury, Niagara or Argenteuil. In new scenes these people still "belong" East. When first the traveller has come across the black furrows, or over the hilltop, into a circle of fond talk about Canadian places, and events, and persons—so humble, so obscure—away back home in the native township or village, he may flush with such surprise as if the tones of his boyhood's church bell came creeping on the western air. There is revelation in hearing the native voices as if merging with those of the unforgotten dead who turned backward thoughts to no Canadian ground. He had not previously dreamed of his migrant compatriots' yearning to their old countryside, and province, even while vaunting the wondrous fertility of their new acres. He had not ever before beheld children reverently touched by their parents' accents of reminiscence, except in reference to England's primroses, or the Dee by Aberdeen-awa, or the bells of Shandon by the pleasant waters of the river Lee. In the States he had found Canadian parents often moved by the foreign environment to a sense that duty required them to let the old Canadian home be forgotten, lest their children entertain, and be harmed by, an aloofness from the surrounding American sentiment. Hence there was in the West a species of new education from voices that