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## The Scot in Canada.

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead  
Who never to himself hath said ;  
This is my own, my native land !"

**G**LANCING over the records of Canada's history during the few years of her political career, the most remarkable feature, probably, is the line of illustrious countrymen who have been the guardians of her destiny as a nation. The patriotic spirit which actuated many of her statesmen, clergy and men of other stations in life, to devote their time and labor for Canada's advancement, is worthy of every Canadian's admiration. Nor are those distinguished individuals the adherents of any particular creed or nationality ; men of various races and religious beliefs have performed likewise their part in the development of this fair Dominion of ours, and have won prominence by their labors and ability. It is our purpose in this short treatise to note briefly the share which the Scottish race has taken in building up and promoting Canada's prosperity.

The advent of the primitive Scotch settlers into Canada deserves special note. Towards the latter half of the eighteenth century there landed on our shores, then a semi-wilderness, a band of Scotland's most worthy sons in search of an abode, where they might enjoy unmolested civil and religious freedom. These members of historic clans and noted families came not as con-