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Legends, and Incidents, and throw the light of my own nature around them, illucidating principles, defending moral right, and give a healthy tone to the sentiment of my countrymen as far as I can succeed in yielding an influence over them.

I do not dream that my little book when issued will shake the poles, or that its numbers and music will bend the stars and draw the seraphs from their spheres, or that our glorious Niagara and St. Lawrence will stop in their courses when their names are mentioned by the magic of its strains. But not withstanding, the light that flashes from my spirit may illumine and bless the rustic homes of this forest land and extort a laugh, or move a tear from the eyes of my adopted countrymen.

It matters little to me should any part of the Canadian Press from Political Motives, or otherwise, endeavour to stifle the sale of my work. I defy the low groveling spirit of such. I smile as the Eagle may when she's basking in the effulgence of the sun laughing at the fowler when out of his reach. I have long fortified myself in the bosom of love of my own happy Canada.

From the reception that my Poems, (Dedicated to C. J. Brydges, Esq.,) have had, and the amount of intelligence, usefulness, and genius, accorded to them by the common sense of the country, I feel confident that my present volume will have a favourable reception in this country. The great variety of subjects it embraces, the great many passions and principles of our nature that it displays, and the themes it discusses, will secure it attention from a great many of different tastes and sentiments. I am free to say, that I am an ardent lover of my Queen and country; I have therefore sought at all times to defend