

Through the Heart of Canada

CHAPTER I

DOWN NOVA SCOTIA WAY

To a native born, Canada is a name with which to conjure.

Homeland it is to him, nation-land, empire-land—a land rich in historic perspective, absorbing in its present life, alluring in a future bounded only by the capacity and faith of its people.

Time is a relative term when applied to a country like the Dominion. England is old enough to measure her history by a millennium or more; Canada by centuries—four since the hardy French sailors made their way up the St. Lawrence when in their search for China they discovered Canada; three since Champlain founded in Quebec the first permanent settlement in North America.

Canada's life is covered by three outstanding