

Dartmouth, with a glimpse of the First Lake. York Redoubt too, to rivet the eyefeast, with its picturesque winding road, capped by a generous stretch of the broad Atlantic in the farther beyond. The western circumference of the Citadel roadway gives a far reaching bird's eye view of the Public Gardens, Camp Hill Cemetery, the North West environs, the Exhibition Buildings and in the distance, undulating hills and tree-clad heights, clothed with the smiling farms and cottages of the Dutch village. The approach by sea supplies a succession of marine views almost as striking and proves an unfailing source of admiration to visitors. Dryden's version of Virgil typifies the site of old Chebucto all down the centuries.

"Within a long recess there lies a Bay,
An island shades it from the rolling sea
And forms a Port secure for ships to ride,
Broke by the jutting land on either side."

In addition to its physical beauty Halifax Harbor is a grand commercial asset not only for its residents, but for the Province and the whole Dominion as well. A great change has taken place in Halifax during the present year in the transfer of its extensive fortifications by the British Government to the Dominion authorities at Ottawa. The garrison is now manned entirely by the Canadian Permanent Army Corps, a few officers of the Imperial forces remaining for purposes of instruction. The British drum beat, which has been a familiar sound for 157 years has ceased, the Canadian Department of Militia

and Defence taking full charge. The conditions of the transfer are not definitely known to the man on the street, but it is generally surmised that something more or less in the nature of a trusteeship governs the situation. Hopes are entertained in many quarters that the withdrawal of the over sea military element will eventually have a salutary effect in developing a more self-relying and go-ahead spirit. Varying opinions exist on this point as the associations of social intercourse which became part and parcel of the daily life for a century and a half have naturally brought about a community of interest not only with the officers of the many distinguished regiments serving on the station, but also with the rank and file. Rarely has a battalion left the city without a number of its members having secured life partners from among the fair daughters of Acadia, so that it will be considerable time before interest in the personnel of the British Army diminishes in many family circles high and low. That the traditions of the Imperial Service will be fully maintained by their Canadian brethren in arms may be taken as a foregone conclusion.

With its guardians native to the soil, the well-known quotation from Bishop Berkeley's ode "Westward the course of Empire takes its way" will have for the young Dominion a wider significance beyond the West through a chain of communication from Halifax to Vancouver—twin gateways of twin seas.