

facts of history must have been entirely lost but for the local traditions in which the record was preserved, instances where the tradition was discarded as unworthy of credence until the proofs of its authenticity were discovered and the scoffer confounded.

The folk-lore of Canada is still an unexplored field of research. Superstition is inherent in human nature and if in the old world superstition and the belief in it has affected the events of history why not in the new ?

We have also another field for research in the history of the aboriginal races and the bearing their influence had upon the life and settlement of the land, a country from sea to sea, from the great river to the ends of the earth. The diplomatic statesmanship of the great chiefs of the Six Nations have been no unimportant factor in the upbuilding of Canada and it is with pride we point to the Redman's loyal devotion to the Great White Mother and the Union Jack. In our local names of places there are many interesting and unexplored avenues of research from which the student may draw many a page of fascinating history. The records to be found in private letters and family documents not yet available to the general reader may in many instances throw new light upon the history of the past and answer the reason why of apparently contradictory statements, as well as betray how widely the influences of certain events affected the complexion of others.

The wave of patriotism which has been felt so strongly from one end of the country to the other, the spirit of loyalty that has found expression in every tiny village throughout our broad Dominion and which is the motive power of our history making of to-day has a wider significance than our narrow provincialized understanding can fully grasp. What wider power for good, for prosperity or universal peace it contains, of what great event it is the birth-throes we know not. Yet few there are who study our history and recognize the natural possibilities, the well nigh unlimited resources of this grand country, the cosmopolitan character of its people, the diversities of its climate and climatic influences in the making of a strong race of men and women, the arena where every colour, every language, every creed, every nationality is represented and has room to live until all are assimilated, but must query what may not the future history of Canada be to the world ?