

Through the Heart of Canada

southern and central British Columbia will open the way to further settlement, as will the contemplated extensions of the Canadian Pacific Railway system and the Canadian Northern Railway. No part of Canada has a more hopeful outlook than its western state ; no part has richer possibilities or greater wealth hidden in its granite hills, its deep-hearted rivers, and its forested areas. An integral part of " the heart of Canada " is its Alpine province.

The creation of a Dominion forty-three years ago gave birth to the thought of dominion, of self-reliance, of a deep-seated faith in home and native land :—

" They love their land because it is their own,
And scorn to give aught other reason why."

And this love of land and country is as marked in British Columbia as in the maritime provinces, in the far East by the Atlantic as in the far West by the Pacific, and the far North by the Arctic.

But what of the Canada of the future—a Dominion swiftly passing into an Empire? Complex problems will continue to demand solution, perils will arise as in the past to tax the wisdom of the statesmen who hold the helm.