

modern times trod those lonesome haunted wilds, and the first European eye looked in wonder and awe on those sublime streams and mighty inland waters.

Here nobility and heroism, wisdom and piety held the pioneer outpost, in Canada, of European civilization, and here Montcalm, the last great Frenchman of the old Regime, struggled in vain, while France's rule went down amid the blatant folly of a Vaudreuil and the material corruption of the Intendant B...

Here in the glorious victory of Wolfe, British rule in Canada began; here the first attempt at British constitutional government in Canada had its birth; here the Fathers of Confederation met, here our Dominion was proclaimed, and from here embarked the first Canadian contingent to fight outside of Canada in the battles of the Empire.

All these events which constitute, as it were, the very vertebrae of our national history, render this old place, associated with great names from Champlain to Laurier, the sacred or mother city of our young northern land.

We may have other greater, more densely populated, more wealthy and progressive cities. We may produce metropolises of commerce and industry, marks of modern effort and achievement; but we have only one Quebec, the Gibraltar of the west, the gateway of the St. Lawrence, sacred to the memory of the early explorer and adventurer, those daring spirits who:

'Counted no dangers; dreamed all seas their road
'To possible futures; struck no craven sail
'For sloth or indolent cowardice; steered their keels
'O'er crests of heaving ocean, leagues of brine,
'While Hope firm kept the tiller, Faith in dreams
'Saw coasts of gleaming continents looming large
'Beyond the ultimate of the sea's far rim.'
'Souls too great for sloth and impotent ease,'

without whom our place as a people on this western continent would scarce have been possible.

It is for all this, and more, that Quebec stands: and is for this reason alone that the coming tercentenary of the founding of Canada by Champlain and the institution of the Battlefield Memorial should be of the deepest significance to every Canadian.

Throughout the Empire and all over the world there is spreading a keen interest in this great and important gathering. Britain, France, the United States, and the sister colonies, all will take part in and be associated with the approaching celebration.

But especially here in Canada should this event be a love feast, as it were, between the two great sister races, whose fate lies, not only