Introduction.

Nothing has been of greater interest to myself than, in a spare hour now and then, to trace, by the help of this "Alphabet of First Things in Canada," the changes that suggest the rapid development of homogeneity throughout the Dominion, by means of which, from Cape Breton Island to Vancouver Island, we are being fashioned into one community, with identical interests and aspirations, supplied with the best features of the highest civilization.

The little touches here, and the big changes there, by which the new overcoat of Confederation has been made an easy and comfortable fit, must always excite lively interest in the minds of those who are proud to wear it — the people of all the provinces of the Dominion of Canada.

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