

The Acadian Exile

So let us stand for purity and strength.
Our watchword being : ' Godlike manliness,'
For then, and only then, shall we be strong
In that which every man must most admire;
And in the world's great councils, Canada,
Dame England's eldest ⁵² daughter, ever be
An honour to her mother and herself.
Long may she stand for purity and strength,
" Our Lady of the Snows," and fruitful fields,
Our Canada, our own fair Canada !

⁵² It is true that the United States of America is the eldest daughter of England : but, in darker times, mistakes led to separation and a severance of the family tie : so that now Miss Canada usurps the title of eldest daughter, while Kipling racily makes her say : " Daughter am I in my mother's house, But mistress of my own."

