

CHAPTER I.

CANADA AND ITS COSMOPOLITAN POPULATION.

"CANADA is in the eye of the world as never before. The bravery of its sons, its compactness and solidarity—including East and West—the devotion to its old Mother across the sea—so spontaneously rendered—and its ambition to stand before the world as a unit—reputable and chivalric—have been recognized by all Europe—even by its foes in the Great War. Canada has gained a new consciousness of itself."—*James Bryce*.

The attention of the whole world has been attracted to Canada as a result of her magnificent display of courage, energy, and resourcefulness since the outbreak of the World War. Almost in the twinkling of an eye, as soon as word was flashed to our shores that the Old Mother we all loved needed our assistance—we stood to attention, and with marvellous rapidity a force was prepared and despatched across the sea. In the trenches our soldier boys have distinguished themselves on every hand, and have won the admiration and praise of nations. During the ten years preceding the war many thousands were attracted to our shores, and it is