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THE editors of The Western Home Monthly offer no apology for slightly changing the make-up of the present issue. The jubilee of Confederation is too important an event to be but sparingly referred to, and accordingly practically every page of this the July issue will be tinged with nationalism—not local nationalism, but the broad nationalism of Canada and the Empire. It is a real pleasure to present to our readers contributions specially written for them by men who are playing a large part in our development. Their messages are inspiring, and even at this time of struggle, optimistic as to the future greatness of this country of ours. Among our special contributors will be found

- Lord Shaughnessy,
- Sir Wm. Peterson,
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- The Hon. A. L. Sifton,
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The Maple Leaf Forever

In days of yore, from Britain's shore,
Wolfe, the dauntless hero, came,
And planted firm Britannia's flag,
On Canada's fair domain;
Here may it wave, our boast and pride,
And join in love together;
The Lily, Thistle, Shamrock, Rose
entwine,
The Maple Leaf forever.

Chorus:

The Maple Leaf, our emblem dear,
The Maple Leaf forever;
God save our King, and Heaven bless
The Maple Leaf forever.

At Queenston Heights, and Lundy's Lane,
Our brave fathers, side by side,
For freedom, homes, and loved ones dear,
Firmly stood, and nobly died;
And those dear rights which they maintained,
We swear to yield them never;
Our watchword evermore shall be,
The Maple-Leaf forever.

Our Fair Dominion now extends
From Cape Race to Nootka Sound;
May peace forever be our lot,
And plenteous store abound;
And may those ties of love be ours,
Which discord cannot sever;
And flourish green o'er Freedom's home,
The Maple Leaf forever.

On Merry England's far-famed land
May kind Heaven sweetly smile;
God bless old Scotland evermore,
And Ireland's Emerald Isle;
Then swell the song, both loud and long,
Till rocks and forest quiver;
God save our King and Heaven bless
The Maple Leaf forever.
—Alexander Muir.

O Canada!

O Canada! Our home, and native land,
True patriot love in all thy sons command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The true North, strong and free;
And stand on guard, O Canada,
Stand aye on guard for thee.
O Canada! O Canada! O Canada
We stand on guard for thee.
O Canada! We stand on guard for thee.

O Canada! Where pines and maples grow,

Great prairies spread and lordly rivers flow,
How dear to us thy broad domain,
From East to Western sea,
Thou land of hope for all who toil,
Thou true North, strong and free!
O Canada! O Canada! O Canada
We stand on guard for thee.
O Canada! We stand on guard for thee.

O Canada! Beneath thy shining skies
May stalwart sons and gentle maidens rise;
To keep thee steadfast through the years
From East to Western sea,
Our Father land, our Mother land!
Our true North, strong and free!
O Canada! O Canada! O Canada
We stand on guard for thee.
O Canada! We stand on guard for thee.
Hon. R. Stanley Weir, D.C.L.

Rule Britannia

When Britain first at Heaven's command
Arose from out the azure main,
This was the charter of her land,
And guardian angels sang the strain:
Rule Britannia! Britannia rules the waves!
Britons never shall be slaves!

The nations not so blest as thee
Must in their turn to tyrants fall,
Whilst thou shalt flourish great and free—
The dread and envy of them all!


Still more majestic shalt thou rise,
More dreadful from each foreign stroke;
As the last blast which tears the skies
Serves but to root thy native oak.

Thee haughty tyrants ne'er shall tame;
All their attempts to bend thee down
Will but arouse thy generous flame,
And work their woe and thy renown.

To thee belongs the rural reign;
Thy cities shall with commerce shine;
All thine shall be the subject main,
And every shore it circles thine.

The Muses, still with Freedom found,
Shall to thy happy coast repair;
Blest isle, with matchless beauty crown'd,
And manly hearts to guard the fair:

—James Thomson.



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