

FOR THE SAKE OF THE MAN WHO CANNOT GO WEST.



Canadians are we from ocean to ocean. A jealous provincialism in Canada is to be deprecated and a comparison of East and West to the scorning of the one and the boasting of the other ought to be considered odious as it is. The West holds many today whose appreciation of the West is very great and at the same time their memory of the old home by the Atlantic is dear. And this is well. It were base ingratitude to discount or "damn with faint praise" the helps of the home in the past because a new home in a new land is sweet and pleasant to dwell in. Westward Ho! has always been a rallying call. The East is the old. The West is the new and "some new thing" is the quest of dissatisfied man.

But what of the folk who cannot go West? What shall these men do? Are the opportunities in the West so many and so magnificent that the man who stays East is to be commiserated? Is the East depleted and the West untapped? Are the best things only in the West? The Red men who lived in Nova Scotia, before the seas were crossed by the discoverers of this continent named it *Acadie* meaning a land of plenty. It afforded these sons of the forest an abundant supply of game, fish, fruits, berries, nuts and roots. It was a land of plenty then and it is not yet anything else. The Nova Scotian is still an Acadian. The fish still swarm around the coasts of our province that thrusts itself out into the sea like a great pier. The forests still shelter noble game. In our valleys and on our mountains slopes the fruits that command the highest prices in the great world markets ripen and mellow through the long and slow fading autumn. We have ranching lands where thousands of cattle can feed and miles of meadow and marsh and dyke land that yield fodder for the wintering of stock. The economic values of Nova Scotia are many. Men with enterprise and capital are needed to develop these and Nova Scotia will be a very important wealth producer. Already she has shown what is possible in this respect.