

It indicates, too, the many trials, difficulties, and delays that beset the path of the inventor; his great patience, perseverance, and industry in bringing about the successful introduction of an invention; the expenditure of the greater or less amount of time, labour, and money involved; and the avidity with which infringers endeavour to reap the fruits of the genius of others, even in the face of the patent law.

It clearly points out to Canada, with her vast territory, her fertile plains, her wooded hills, her rich mines, her immense water-power, and her possibilities for a great future, the necessity of jealously guarding her system of patent laws, and protecting the rights and principles of that great public benefactor—the inventor.

And, lastly, it calls our attention to the creation of a new industry, the pioneer of the railroad, the steam-ship, the telegraph, the telephone, the electric light, and the thousand and one new industries that have sprung up with the past century, giving labour to millions of human beings, conferring wealth and prosperity on hundreds of thousands, conquering distance, time, and space, bringing nations into closer contact one with another, educating the masses, and affecting nations and men in all conditions of life.

STANSTEAD, *Que.*

"AS A FOND MOTHER."

AS a fond mother, when the day is o'er,  
 Leads by the hand her little child to bed,  
 Half willing, half reluctant to be led,  
 And leaves his broken playthings on the floor,  
 Still gazing at them through the open door,  
 Nor wholly reassured and comforted  
 By promises of others in their stead,  
 Which, though more splendid, may not please him more;  
 So nature deals with us, and takes away  
 Our playthings one by one, and by the hand  
 Leads us to rest so gently that we go  
 Scarce knowing if we wish to go or stay,  
 Being too full of sleep to understand  
 How far the unknown transcends the what we know.

—*Longfellow.*