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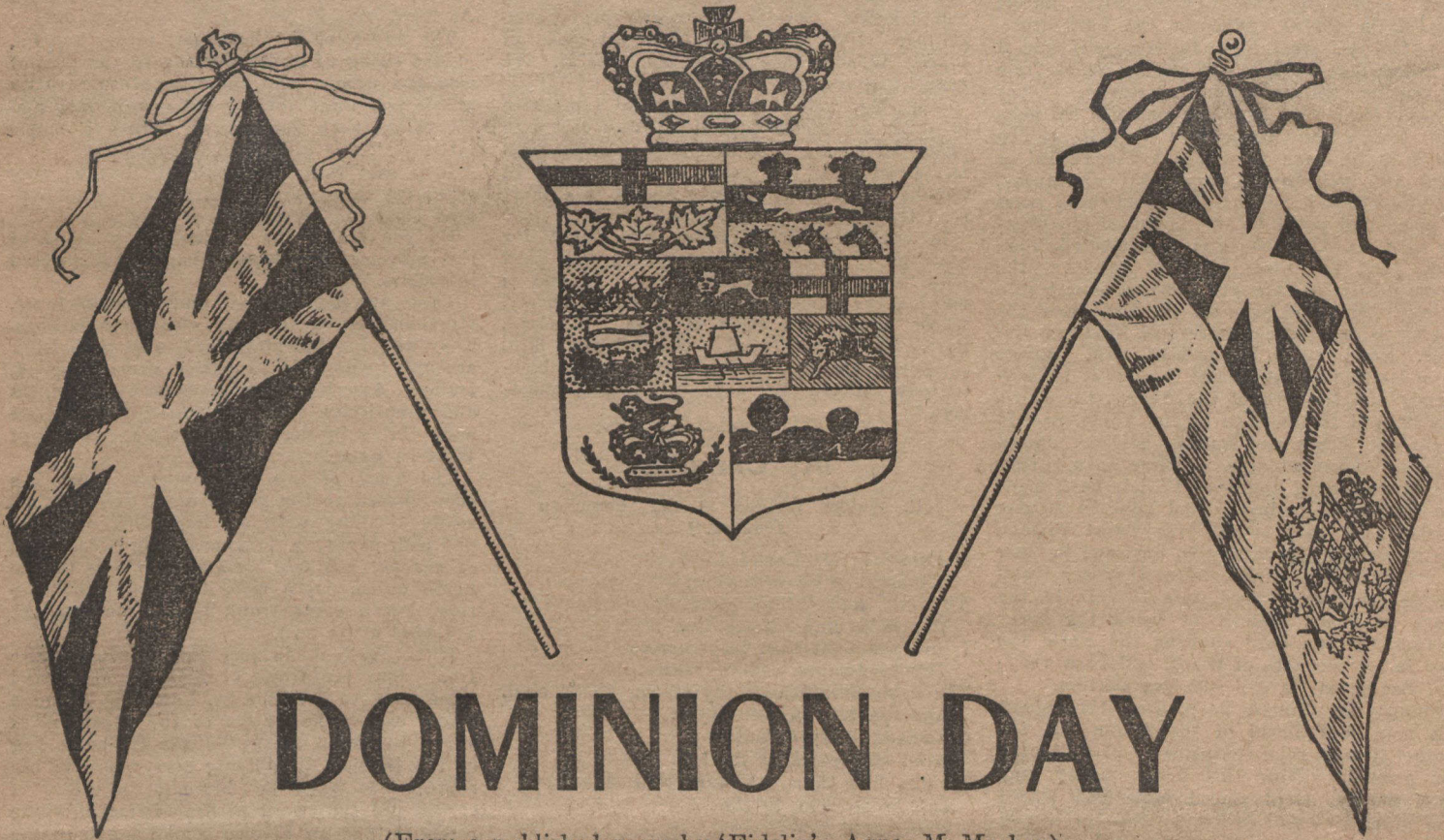
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## DOMINION DAY

(From a published poem by 'Fidelis'—Agnes M. Machar).

Four nations welded into one,—with long historic past,  
Have found, in these our western wilds, one common life, at  
last;

Through the young giant's mighty limbs, that stretch from  
sea to sea,

There runs a throb of conscious life—of waking energy.  
From Nova Scotia's misty coast to far Columbia's shore,  
She wakes,—a band of scattered homes and colonies no  
more,

But a young nation, with her life full beating in her breast,  
'A noble future in her eyes—the Britain of the West.  
Hers be the noble task to fill the yet untrodden plains  
With fruitful, many-sided life that courses through her  
veins;

The English honor, nerve and pluck,—the Scotsman's love  
of right,—

The grace and courtesy of France, the Irish fancy bright,—  
The Saxon's faithful love of home, and home's affections  
blest;

'And, chief of all, our holy faith,—of all our treasures  
best.

'A people poor in pomp and state, but rich in noble deeds,  
Holding that righteousness exalts the people that it leads;  
'As yet the waxen mould is soft, the opening page is fair;

It rests with those who rule us now, to leave their impress  
there,—

The stamp of true nobility, high honor, stainless truth;  
The earnest quest of noble ends; the generous heart of  
youth;

The love of country, soaring far above dull party  
strife;

The love of learning, art, and song—the crowning grace of  
life;

The love of science, soaring far through Nature's hidden  
ways;

The love and fear of Nature's God—a nation's highest  
praise.

So, in the long hereafter, this Canada shall be  
The worthy heir of British power and British liberty;  
Spreading the blessings of her sway to her remotest  
bounds,

While, with the fame of her fair name, a continent  
resounds.

True to her high traditions, to Britain's ancient glory  
Of patient saint and martyr, alive in deathless story;  
Strong in their liberty and truth, to shed from shore to  
shore

'A light among the nations, till nations are no more.

