

In relation to the history of Canada, too, it may be that the following story has been written none too soon. Indeed it may be regretted by some that it was not written sooner. The old types of pioneer are rapidly vanishing. In place of the people who cleared the forest because they *would* live under the Union Jack, there are coming masses of people who are breaking up the prairie that they may add to their material gains. Once it was conscience; now it is convenience. Once it was duty; now it is gain. The new population, like newer strata of rock at the foot of the Laurentians, is already overlapping the old, and threatening to hide in oblivion its toilsome and virtuous enterprises.

The ambition of the writer has been to place in popular form a family story that may illustrate and emphasize the facts already contained in histories, but unfortunately too often limited to reference libraries. Limitation of space, of course, forbids anything like an exhaustive treatment of the theme in hand; but the desire has been to set forth the ideals of life which gave enduring value to the efforts of the Canadian pioneers of more than a century ago, and which are worthy of the most loyal acceptance by their descendants. Purity of personal character, industry, economy, humility, integrity, faithfulness and generosity, the fear of God and an abiding appreciation of righteousness—such were the foundation stones on which rests the Canadian superstructure; and such elements combined to give contentment, peace, happiness and long life to those patriarchs of our country who so universally embodied them in their personalities. Looking at all the circumstances one might very well say "go thou and do likewise."

The materials from which the accompanying story has