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NEMESIS.

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Poet Laureate.

Still surging, surging, surging, onward, wave behind, wave before,
Human billow-battalions rolling to War's insatiate shore,
Curving, swerving, breaking, reforming, ever replenished tide,
Wending, they know not whither or why, to die as their kin have died,
From wailing matron and weeping maid in famishing homes afar;
Roofless, sleepless, heedless, lifeless, doing the will of the Czar.

But sloughing the raiment of graceful peace, and winged with the scales of war,
And grafting on thoughts and things that were the things and the thoughts that are,
An ancient People, impelled by wrath at smart of a triple wrong,
Than doggedly dauntless yet dauntless more, than colossal strength more strong,
Scale peaks and passes, and clamber up cliffs that only the thunders know,
Till the granite Muscovite ranks are shattered, and scattered like drifting snow,

And the strong young Scion of yet young Sire keeps watch, but with war-flag furled.
And British sentinels motionless stand at the fortress-gates of the world,
While Nemesis nears fraud-pilfered Port with narrowing knots of steel,
And the prowling Sloth skulks snowward more, with the feet of Fate at its heel;
And high in Heaven reigns Right Divine, still wields the sceptre and rod,
And worshippers throng to Buddhist shrines, praising the will of God.

Château D'Oex, Switzerland.

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HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL
OF MINTO, G.C.M.G., ETC.,
GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF CANADA.

Lord Minto leaves our country with the hearty good will of every section of the community. He has shown himself a faithful public servant and devoted friend of Canada, not only during his vice-regal term of office, but in the old campaigning days of the North-West Rebellion. No Roman proconsul ever administered throughout so vast a territory. No prince or potentate ever made so long a journey as that of the earl and his gracious countess from the twice captured fortress of Louisbourg, laved by the surges of the Atlantic, to the far-off Yukon, within the Arctic Circle. Our best wishes go with them as they leave our country. We know that we shall have another firm and fast friend in the great council of the nation and in whatever higher office to which Lord Minto may be called.

LORD MINTO'S SUCCESSOR.

Canada has been fortunate in her Governors-General, the chief representatives of the Sovereign in the Dominion. They have with scarce an exception been men of mark—able, accomplished, and statesmanlike. Some of them have left splendid