

## PREFACE

After all, it is as our King, as the wise and able and virtuous sovereign in whose name the British forefathers of Canada went forth into the wilderness, and for whom they endured contumely and sacrifices, that Canadians should regard the figure of George. From this standpoint I have regarded him in these pages.

Democracy has, with many, come to have an evil sound, as the resort of the unkempt in thought as well as in body and estate, but if a true and decent democracy has preserved any admiration for honesty, vigour, sincerity, and consistency it may yet find something to admire in George the Third as monarch of a free people, and even when divested of the ornaments and symbols of the kingly office it scrutinises him as man and as statesman.

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