

Seeds of Pine

These others whom I have held back until that your attention might not falter, are dauntless, high-adventuring men who crossed mountains to where the land lieth soft to the These are the men of the new appointed city Prince Rupert; the men of the fortunate, built city of Victoria, and those of sure-se Vancouver. May they build strongly and v It is seemly that the forefront of our royal House Canada should be of far-shining splendour.

We have high delight in this Province British Columbia; in its unshorn hills that furrowed with rifts of roses, in its fair-water fruitlands, and in the rice and silk ships that reel down its bays. This is a new-peopled land of fostered folk and, of times, men's hearts them lest these stranger-guests march not in step with the genius of the race. We who are your sister provinces, O Columbia by the Sea, stretch forth our hands to you and pray you as sentinels to keep our portals straitly, but, notwithstanding that you be wise in love to all things living. . And, now, to the hither side of the mountains have come these western men of erect spirit to sing with us the song of the North and of Canada.

I wish my pen might tell you of our song, but this were a hard task, for while our voices are tuned to one chord our themes are manifold. Whatever things a man may desire, these may he find in his Mother Canada. Some men sing of her ample skies and the incorruptible glory of them of her changing climes, limitless fields, and law-loving spirit. Others have pleasant cause of song