

Among the foremost, ever foremost, he  
 Surpassing others knit the band which bound  
 Kingdom-wide provinces from sea to sea  
 Into one mighty realm. Then bid resound  
 His praise, posterity, that he may be  
 Father of Canada fore'er renowned.

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## A CHARACTER.

Smile flashing eyes, within whose azure deeps  
 Lie worlds of all-enchanting innocence ;  
 The snow-pure brow, the sanguine lips intense,  
 Where every love his rosy mansion keeps,  
 The cheek of peach whereon a Cupid peeps  
 From 's dimple fortress, and the dainty chin  
 A lush pomegranate; framing all within,  
 The warm gold of her tresses haloing sleeps.

My Love hath all of these, but they by far  
 The least of her possessions constitute,  
 And are no fosterers of vanity.  
 A gentle heart as pure as sunbeams are.  
 Mind for whose beauty angels might dispute,  
 These, only these, are prized sweet one by thee.

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## SCENE FROM PARTRIDGE ISLAND.

Grand as the scene that on the Patmian shore  
 Rose to the vision of the sainted seer  
 Was that. Below, expanded far and near,  
 The majesty of waters; southward, o'er  
 The billows, Blomidon dark looming bore  
 His misty shroud, and where the surges sweep  
 Westward, steep frowned defiance unto steep,  
 And Fundy's floods fierce intervening roar.

There ships full-sailed or anchored in the shade  
 Of promontory steep and verdured isle  
 Told of emprise and nation-building trade,  
 Light-bearing that the desert bids to smile ;  
 And over all the westering day-star played  
 With shafts of mellowed radiance the while.

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## ON COMPLETING THE PERUSAL OF THE FAIRY QUEEN.

As one whose soul by day is rent with care,  
 At night is, by a golden dream,  
 Wafted on high where rolls the limpid stream  
 Of Life, and God his flaming throne uoth rear,