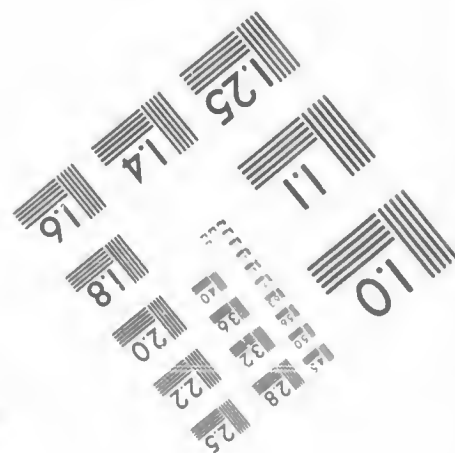
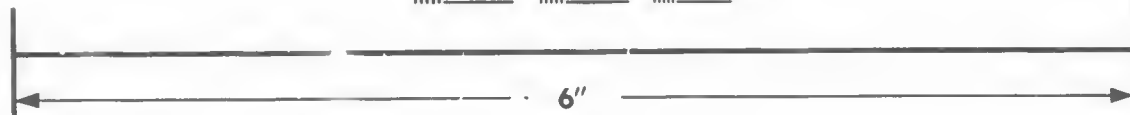
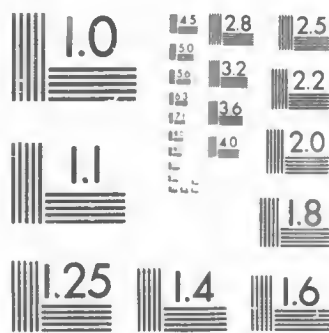


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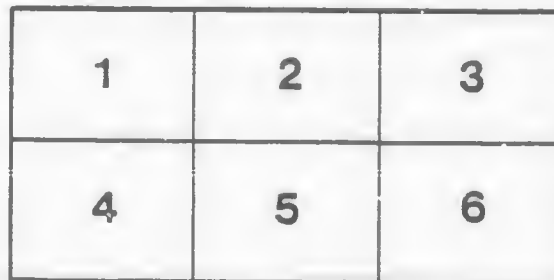
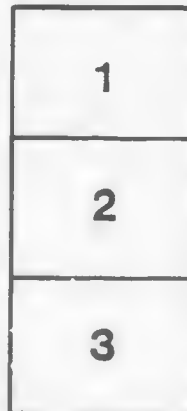
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OUR ACADIE.



I

Over fields of ice and wastes of snow,
Eager and keen the cold winds blow;
And forest and stream and fertile ground,
By the frost-king's fetters are firmly bound,
In our northern land of Acadie.

II

But our arms are strong and spirits free,
For sons of a stalwart stock are we,—
A race who never a weak fear knew,—
Who the breath of freemen ever drew,
In our honest land of Acadie.

III

Our emblem grand is the green pine-tree;
A stately lord of the forest is he,
And broad and strong his branches spread,
And high doth he hold his noble head,
In his native land of Acadie.

IV

And the summer sun will shine again,
Soft breezes will breathe over hill and plain,
Streams sparkle and smile in dancing flow,
The woods will be green, and the grain will grow
In our own fair land of Acadie.

V

When the earth her kindly increase yields,
And our toils are crowned in harvest fields,
Our thankful songs shall His love confess,
Who through all the year doth guard and bless
The free, happy land of Acadie.

VI

So if winds blow cold over ice and snow,
Or gently play where the sweet flowers grow,
Whether skies be grey, or bright and blue,
The hearts are brave and loyal and true,
In our own loved land of Acadie.

WM. P. DOLE.

OUR LOYALIST FATHERS.



Turn back the book of time.
And, on its fading page,
Read of the men sublime,
Whose virtues o'er their age
Shone, as the morning star
Shines o'er the sleeping earth,
Whose rays, beheld from far,
Herald a new day's birth.

One hundred years ago,
Our fathers landed here;
The hills were white with snow,
The landscape bleak and drear;
Driven forth an exiled band,
Scorned, outlawed, robbed, oppressed
In this unpeopled land,
They sought and found their rest.

And here they lived and toiled;
Beneath their sturdy blows
The forest vast recoiled;
Here a fair city rose,
Whose fame has grown world-wide;
Whose name is heard and known,
Where e'er its stout ships ride,
In ports of every zone.

Like men they played their part,
New homes and hearths to rear:
'Till, still'd each loyal heart,
They died; their graves are here.
Their lives run into ours,
As streams that downward flow,
Fed by the mountain showers,
To mighty rivers grow.

All that they gained at length,
To us, their heirs, remains;
The fullness of their strength,
Will in their children's veins.
Theirs was the buried past,
With all its wasted powers;
We hold their memory fast;
The future days are ours.

Ours are the hopes which rise
To welcome better days;
Ours are the brighter skies,
Through which the sun's bright rays
Shine, with unclouded might,
Over fair land and sea;
Ours is the ungarnered light,
The light that is to be.

JAMES HANNAY.

OUR COUNTRY.



Ah, feet that tread the rounds of life,
Ah, thoughts that wander far and wide,
Ah, hearts wherein are e'er at strife
An hundred passions,—turn aside
From vain pursuits, from phantom dreams,
The prize ye seek is near at hand;—
Though beautiful the distance seems,
The present is supremely grand.

Oh, land we proudly call our own,
How fondly cling our hearts to thee,—
Though better we have never known,
A better thou in time shalt be.
A child, we boast thy native worth;
A youth, we see thee strong and good;
A man, a monarch of the earth,
Chief of a noble brotherhood.

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