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IN
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AND
SONG





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OUR LAND

ILLUSTRATED IN ART & SONG

MY footsteps bress where centuries ago
The Red Men fought and conquered, lost and won.
Whole tribes and races, gone like last year's snow.
Have found the Eternal Hunting grounds, and run
The fiery Gauntlet of their active days,
Till few are left to tell the mournful tale.

Chas. Gangster

TORONTO CANADA
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NIAGARA.

Low on forever, in thy glorious robe
Of terror and of beauty; God hath set
His rainbow on thy forehead, and the cloud
Mantles around thy feet, and He doth give
Thy voice of thunder power to speak of Him
Eternally; bidding the lip of man
Keep silence, and upon thy rocky altar
Pour incense of awe-struck braise.

Lydia H. Sigourney

THE
THREE SISTER
ISLANDS



Riagara
Falls

He shall lead them
unto fountains of
living waters ~
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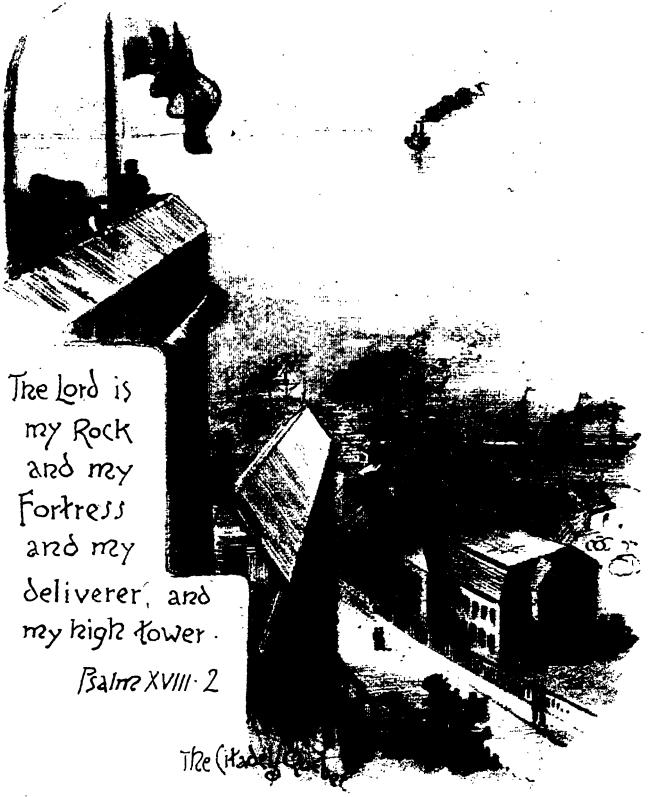
How regally it crowns the height,
Like a stunned giant on a solid throne!
Unmindful of the sanguinary fight,
The roar of cannon mingling with the moan
Of mutilated soldiers years agone,
That gave the place a glory and a name
Among the nations. France was heard to groan,
England rejoiced, but checked the proud acclaim—
A brave young chief had fallen to vindicate her fame.



WOLFE and Montcalm! two nobler names
never graced
The page of history or the hostile
plain;
No braver souls the storm of battle faced,
Regardless of the danger or the bain.
They passed unto their rest without a
stain
Upon their nature or their generous hearts;
Our graceful column to the noble twain
Speaks of a nation's gratitude, and starts
The tear that valour claims and feeling's self
imparts.

Chas. Sangster.

MONUMENT
TO
WOLFE & MONTCALM



The Lord is
my Rock
and my
Fortress
and my
deliverer, and
my high tower.

Psalm XVIII-2

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MONTREAL.

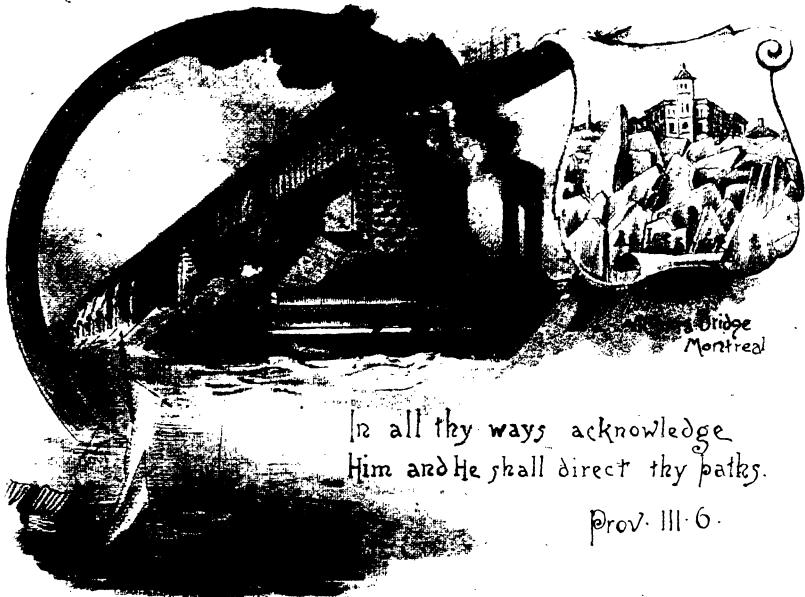
SPRUNG

from the hope of noble hearts,
Brought into being through sacrifice
Of men and women who played their parts
And counted not their lives as the price.
She has grown in her strength like a Northern Queen
With her crown of light and her robe of snow,
And stands in her beauty fair, between
The Royal Mount and the River below

Changing its hue with the changing skies
The river flows in its beauty rare,
While across the plain eternal, rise
Boucherville, Rougemont and St. Hilaire.
Far to the Westward lies Lachine,
Gate of the Orient long ago,
When the virgin forest swept between
The Royal Mount and the River below.



MONTREAL from
ST. HELENS
ISLAND



Bridge
Montreal

In all thy ways acknowledge
Him and He shall direct thy paths.

Prov. III. 6.

With its convent buildings low and white
Nun's Island lies, half wood, half plain,
While abreast of the city green and bright
Springs the wooded crest of St. Helene.
In the East the shimmer of waves is seen,
Where the River spreads in its onward flow
From the Royal city that lies between
Its Royal mount and the River below.

William McLennan.

TORONTO.

ANDWARD the soft and pure lake breezes blow
Across a silver-sailed whitening tide
Of bright blue waters bearing to the land
Niagara's foam, Superior's agate sand.
They blow upon a city throned low,
But strong, immutable, conscious in her pride,
That here, firm loyalty to law, fair truth and peace abide.
With chestnut bloom her streets in spring are gay
For coronal she wears in Autumn hours
The scarlet jewels of the mountain ash,
The ruddy gems that make the maple's flash,
And flood the darkling world with hues of day;
She floats not one flag only from her towers,
Beside her blood-bought banners wave the flags of many powers.
For not the home of Englishmen alone
Shall be this mighty city. Unto her
All men, all nations yet shall bow the knee,
Grow rich and wise and strong in equity
Taste no Lethean Lotos, make no moan
For past or present, raise without demur
A purer Athens, gentler Rome, where sages shall confer.

TORONTO



The fear of the Lord is the
beginning of Knowledge.

Prov. 1:7

AND fair among her monuments shall stand,
Though all else change, her Alma Mater dear,
The sculptured porch, the light of ruby glass,
The pillared cloisters set in emerald grass,
Were almost fitter for some older land,
But that they're hers, and being hers are here,
And she will not disparage them, although they rise so near.

From that grey tower a vision wide is spread
Of happy town and country lying fair,
A flush with orchards, merry with gay farms,
Peopled with honest hearts and lusty arms:
Where Rouille stood a column lifts its head,
Go! wondering thousands, view it and compare
Your teeming city with the fort that once stood lonely
there.

Seranus

Wm. H. Morris
Toronto

To THE

MAY FLOWER

EMBLEMATIC
FLOWER
OF
NOVA SCOTIA

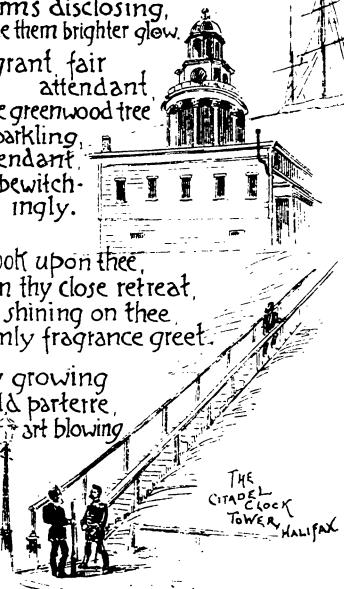
LOVELY floweret, sweetly blooming,
'Neath our drear ungentle sky,
Shrinking, coy and unassuming,
From the gaze of mortal eye.

ON thy bed of moss reposing,
Fearless of the drifting snow,
Modestly thy charms disclosing,
Storms doth make them brighter glow.

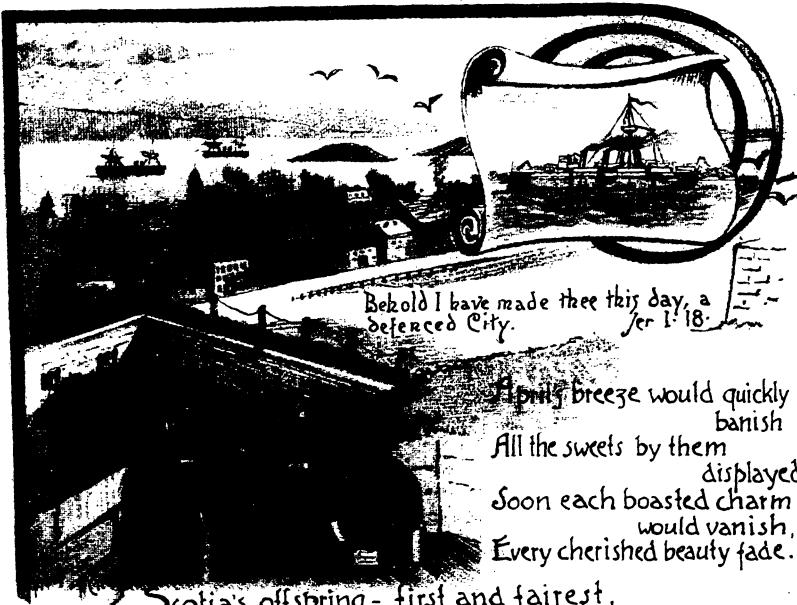
Spring's mild fragrant fair
attendant,
Blooming near the greenwood tree
While the dew-drop sparkling,
bendant,
Makes thee smile bewitchingly.

Oh! I love to look upon thee,
Peeping from thy close retreat,
While the sun is shining on thee,
And thy balmily fragrance greet.

View exotics, proudly growing
On the sheltered mild parterre,
But if placed where thou art blowing
Would they bloom and blossom
there?



THE
CITADEL
CLOCK
TOWER,
HALIFAX



Bekold I have made thee this day, a
Defenced City.

A flying breeze would quickly
banish
All the sweets by them
displayed
Soon each boasted charm
would vanish,
Every cherished beauty fade.

Scotia's offspring - first and fairest,
Nurst in snows, by storms caressed.

Oh! how lovely thou appearest
When in all thy beauty dress'd.

Red and white, so sweetly blending,
O'er thy fragrance throw a flush
While beneath the dew-drop bending,
Rivall'd but by beauty's blush.

Welcome little crimson favor
To our glades and valleys wild,
Scotia asked and flora gave her
Precious boon, her fairest child

Hon. Joseph Howe.

CHAUDIÈRE FALLS

OTTAWA

BEFORE DAWN.

THE stars are stars of morn, a keen wind wakes
The birches on the slope, the distant hills
Rise in the vacant North, the Chaudière fills
The calm with its hushed roar, the river takes
An unquiet rest, and a bird stirs, and shakes
The morn with music; a snatch of song thrills
From the river; and the air clings and chills.
Fair, in the South, fair as a shrine that makes
The wonder of a dream, imperious towers
Pierce and possess the sky, guarding the halls
Where our young strength is welded strenuously;
While in the East the star of morning dowers
The land, with a large tremulous light that falls
A pledge and presage of our destiny.

Duncan Campbell Scott.

The law of the Lord is
perfect, converting
the soul. Psalm xxiii.

Parliament Buildings
Ottawa.



Our Land.

methought in visions of the
night-
I saw as in a dream
Our fair Dominion spread in
Elysian,
As from a prophet's mount
of vision.
From east to west it seemed
to be
Across the continent
extended.
And mighty stream and in-
land sea

Gleamed in the sun - a vision splendid.
Fair heritage and fruitful soil.
This land - our own - we fondly cherish,
Kept for us by the blood and toil
Of those whose memory ne'er should perish.
A land where Nature's forces teach
A lesson stern, of bravely bearing
Danger and ill - and youth may reach
A prime of right and noble daring.

Fidelis.

THE RIVER ST. JOHN.

Come from the green pine forests
Where nature grows wild and free -
From the haunt of the deer and the ravening wolf
To the grey and restless sea.

I sing by the cliffs grown hoary
Where the echoes my songs repeat -
By the woodland home of the pioneer
And the villages white and sweet.

And often I pause to dally
With the wheels of some busy mill,
Oh! the wheels go round, and round, and round
And the clatter is never still.

And along by meadows cool and sweet
That are haunted by vagrant bees
And along by willow bordered banks,
And under the shadowing trees

BEACON FROM ST. JOHN
AT LOW TIDE.



St John

I pause by the bustling city
With its heavenward pointing spires
And I sob at a thought of the toilers there
With never quenched desires.

Till at length my journey is ended
Afar from the land of the pine;
Bend low, I will whisper a secret
This story of mine is thine.

H. L. Spencer



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Thunder Cape
Lake Superior