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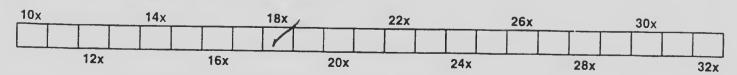
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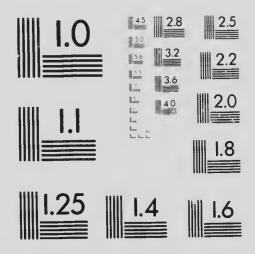
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CANADA

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Hail to the land I love,
Canada!
Revered all lands above.
Land of the purling stream,
Land where the soft lights gleam,
Land of the poet's dream,
Canada!

Where lies thy charm for me,
Canada!
Wild coast or inland sea?
Wide stretching prairie laud,
Mountains that snow-capped stand,
Forests, majestic, grand,
Canada?

Not these alone the spell,
Canada!
Though these might charm full well,
To me their greatness cries,
"From strength to strength arise,
Gird thee to high emprise,"
For Canada.

Mother across the sea,
Canada
Stretches her hands to thee,
Proud of her ancestry,
Strong in her loyalty,
True to her destiny,
Canada!

A MOONLIGHT NIGHT IN CANADA

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Deep lies the snow on vale and hill The Frost King reigns—the night is still, A Winter night in Canada.

All silvery-white the pale moonbeams Such moonlight as one sees in dreams Of Fairyland or Canada.

Steel rings on ice—the silence breaks To mirth and song the night awakes A moonlight night in Canada.

Hark! from afar the sleigh bells chime With hoofs that beat in rhythmic rhyme Sweet music make in Canada.

The tide of life beats high and strong And hearts are turned to one glad song On such a night in Canada.

So pure the light—so white the snow The soul expands, the pulses glow With rapture here in Canada.

Oh! glorious Lady of the Snows! What other land has nights like these That Elfland make of Canada?

"TRUE EMPIRE LIES IN THIS"

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When the British Lion strikes
In a righteous cause and just,
Count on the Lion's brood,
Reckon with them you must!

Count on the loyal sons,
'True sons of the Motherland—
Who, though the seas divide,
Are with her, heart and hand!

Count on such times as these
To bury petty strife;
Count that we stand or fall
One with the Empire's life!

Striking a blow for Right;
Helping a brother's need;
These are the thing hat count
Ir a true Briton's creed.

So shall we fight this fight;
So shall we right this wrong;
Judge thou, oh Lord of Hosts,
Make thou Thy people strong!

EMPIRE DAY QUOTATIONS

Non Nobis Solum.

To-day where'er on loyal winds
The Empire's flag is blowing,
Methinks perchance as ne'er before
The blazoned cross is showing.

For sacrifice the cross still stands; The old flag tells its story That never yet did selfish aim Blaze out the path to glory.

And they who love—aye, truly love— That old flag proudly streaming, Will show that love in service true— And sacrifice, not dreaming.

And they who fight beneath its folds
Will find true love constraineth.
That never act or word of theirs
Its boasted honor staineth.

True Britons! ours a heritage
Long centuries have hoarded;
We dare not risk the nobler gifts
And choose the base and sordid!

We dare not compromise with wrong;
Our lofty standards lower
To do the things we loathe and hate
For selfish gain or power.

Insullied let the old flag fly!
Still let the Empire's story
Be one of justice, truth and right;
That way alone lies glory!

AN EMPIRE'S PRAYER

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Great God of Battles, in whose hand The issues are of death and life, We dare to lift our hearts to Thee For guidance in this hour of strife: This awful hour with anguish rife!

Our faith is strong, that to our arms Vict'ry must come or soon or late; Since pure and high our motive is Take from our hearts all venomed hate, Make Thou the Empire truly great!

Strong to take arms for those oppressed; Strong to keep faith where honor grips; Strong in her "hearts of oak" who hold The "King's Highway" in Britain's ships And die with "England" on their lips.

The spirits of the mighty dead Are round us—Nelson points the way; And as the nation's annals read In those brave days, they read to-day; But oh the price! the price we pay!

We pay the price, and what the meed? Not to enlarge the Empire's might— But for a weaker brother's need For Honor, Liberty and Right; These are the things for which we fight!

AN EMPIRE'S PRAYER-Con'd

And so, with motive pure, we dare To lift our hearts in prayer to Thee For these, the Empire's sons, who fight This awful fight on land and sea; God grant a speedy victory!

And those who wait at home—to them Give strength of heart and courage high, Else must they sink beneath their load; Hear Thou the broken hearts that cry; In their dark hour oh be Thou nigh!

Great God of Battles, in whose hands
The issues are of death and life,
Humble, we lift our hearts to Thee
For guidance in this hour of strife;
This awful hour with suffering rife!

THE BOAST OR THE WAY?

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They counted the cost and went; You count the cost and stay; Yours is the patriot boast, Theirs is the patriot way.

Have they seen what you have not seen,
These men with the courage high?
Have they heard what you have not heard,
That this is their stern reply?

A vision in truth they have seen; They have seen it and, lo! they go; 'Tis wrong on the throne triumphant And truth on the scaffold below.

They have heard the cry of the outraged As to God's throne it rose,
And the soul of the Briton has answered
"These foes are Britain's foes."

They counted the cost and went,
True patriots undismayed!
Yet not for a trifling cause
Do they draw the avenging blade!

Not for a trifling cause

Does the field of France run red!

Not for a trifling cause

Is the blood of our bravest shed!

With manhood, tried in the balance,
And priceless honor weighed,
They counted the cost and went;
You counted the cost and stayed.

"THE UNION JACK"

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Oh flag of a mighty Empire!
Oh banner of the free!
Old Union Jack, you nothing lack
To bind our hearts to thee.

Your red, the blood of heroes;
On many a hard-won field,
A nation's pride, they fought and died.
They died, but would not yield.

Your white, the motive pure and just, True greatness goodness is; Our God will fight but for the right, The victory is His.

Your blue, the loyal hearts and true—
The hearts that know no fear;
For Britain's name and Britain's fame
They count their lives not dear.

Oh flag of the clustered crosses!

Oh banner of the free!

Old Union Jack, you nothing lack

To bind our hearts to thee.

SOLDIER REST!

Soldier rest! no armed tread Shall profane the sacred dead; Rest thee in thy narrow bed!

Peace—such peace as comes from God— Hovers round the silent sod Where the warring hosts have trod.

Yours no more the din of strife, Reddened fields with carnage rife, Yours the fuller, higher life!

Pride and grief for mastery Struggle, as we think of thee Dying there so valiantly.

For the weak your life you gave— He who died the world to save Saith "Greater leve can no man have."

Soldier rest! for not in vain Are the suff'ring and the pain Life—eternal life—we gain!

