

The Harp in Canada



From time immemorial nature has been a source of inspiration to the poet. The majesty of the mountains, the serene beauty of the forests, the charm of rivers—all seem to have their effect upon the poet's soul. Canada, with its wealth of glorious scenery, is therefore naturally the home of poetry and, indeed, it has been said that one cannot there be a "writer" without writing one.

The Canadian school of poetry is essentially a literary school. G. D. Roberts and Archibald Lampman have set the standard and a very high standard it is. Probably nothing in Canada has ever been more popular than Bill McMenamy's "Low Tide on Grand Pre," a poem which breathes the spirit of nature as felt on the lovely shores of Nova Scotia.

Canadian poets are following in the footsteps of these writers, but going further, as it were, in the direction of travel and exploration. Most Dominion poets extend their horizons. In a new volume of poems by a young Irish-Canadian poet, M. A. Hargadon, the scenes described range from the British Isles, Scotland, Quebec, and the Canadian Rockies. Here is a charming verse from a poem about Lake Louise:

"This is God's best picture;

that is why—

Be hung it on the mountains in the sky—

And set it in a nest so sweet a frame;

Art series heaven have none

the same."

This is the closing verse of a poem inspired by the majestic beauty of Banff.

"There is no lovelier place to live;

And when at last I die,

I think my soul will go to Banff;

I intend to go there,

For there the sun is sorrowing;

No suffering nor care,

And up so near to paradise.

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Illustrated through all this

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There will be an auction sale of the Estate, to be held at the premises, situated in the Village of Glen Williams, in the County of Halton, on THURSDAY, MARCH 1st, 1922, at 1 o'clock P.M., following property: Part of the ninth east-half of lot number TWENTY ONE in the Ninth Concession of the Township of Exeter, in the County of Halton, and may be more particularly known and described as follows: Commencing at a point on the westerly limit of alluvium, running easterly, line bearing to the south, about ten rods to the westerly limit of road between the ninth and tenth concession line, southerly along said westerly line, about eleven rods to the place of beginning, containing half an acre of land more or less.

On the premises is a two-storey, seven room house, built with a good cellar, also good stable.

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Highly happy;

I write His poetry to-day;

I see the flashes of His hand

On distant hills, along the bay,

All through the fair dominion

Land.

His book is every scene about,

There are a million happy

hours;

The sweetest I have chosen out

Beneath the steeples of the town,

Many of the poems are about Ire-

land, a country which has given

Canada many good settlers, and no

doubt will give many more.

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Part of the first half of lot number twenty in the ninth concession of the Township of Exeter, in the said Town of Georgetown according to a plan of the said town, made by George McPherson, Jr., P.L.C., Surveyor of the Township of Exeter, in the County of Halton on the 20th day of June, 1914, containing by admeasurement two-fifths of an acre being the same or less, (the said premises being residence and residence of said deceased.)

On the premises is a comfortable two storey frame house containing seven rooms and a good cellar, said house being in a fairly good state of repair. There is also a small one-story house in the rear of said house, also a stable or barn about 16 feet by 20 feet.

There will also be sold at said time and place all household goods and furniture of the said deceased, the more important of which are: Four piece dining room furniture, including Cook stove, 6 kitchen chairs, 1 kitchen table, 1 parlor cook stove, 1 long sideboard, 2 round tables, 1 dining room extension table, 2 round tables, 1 iron bedstead, 1 iron bedstead, lace curtains, stove pipe and other miscellaneous goods.

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