

**TO MY FELLOW RESIDENTS, FRIENDS & ENEMIES**

In the silence of last night my garden was trampled. Had I seen or heard you, I would have said, " I will gladly share with you. Help yourself to peas, lettuce, broccoli, gladioli, or anything you fancy, but, please, do not destroy my pride and joy."

I love my garden; I love the sensation of digging into the earth with my fingers; I love to watch the tiny seedlings appear; I love to watch the plants mature; burst into flower, and finally the fruit, which will supply my family with wholesome food.

But to-day I feel only hurt. Does someone hate me so much? What have I done to deserve your hatred?

This mangling of my growing things has happened before. Is someone trying to tell me that I am not welcome in Canada, and that I should pack up and return to the land from which I came?

Three of my friends have done just that - returned to the land of their birth, although they loved Canada. They could no longer bear the suspicion and hostility of some of the town people.

Do not misunderstand me. A few of my neighbours are kind, friendly people and expressed their distress and concern when I showed them the devastation in

my back yard.

So, whoever you are, if you hate me, destroy the rest of my garden, and in doing so, you destroy a part of me.

signed - (Mrs.) Katie Verdone,  
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