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Oh, Canada! I lo'e ye weel!  
Altho' nae son o' thine,  
Within thy wide domain there beats  
Nae truer heart than mine.



HAMILTON, ONT.

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TO

Joseph Price, Esq., General Manager, C. & D.,

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THIS BOOK

IS

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BY

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## PREFACE.

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IN these days the notion prevails that poetry, like miracles, has ceased, and it requires a certain amount of courage for an individual unknown to fame to come forward and say, varying the memorable expression of a great painter, that he, too, is a poet. This is the age not only of mechanical invention, supposed to be the very antithesis of poetry, but—more dreadful still—of criticism; the terrors of which make timorous poets pause. Homer and Milton stood in no dread of reviewers; though, to do justice to our own time, it must be added that they were at certain disadvantages for want of publishers! We are most of us half conscious of a belief that poetry was to be looked for as a matter of course in days gone by, when shepherds piped by the banks of classic streams, and when scholars assembled in academic groves; or when, in more recent times, our own poets found inspiration by lake and mountain, around some—

“Sweet Auburn, loveliest village of the plain,”

or in meditative quiet and solemn stillness of the