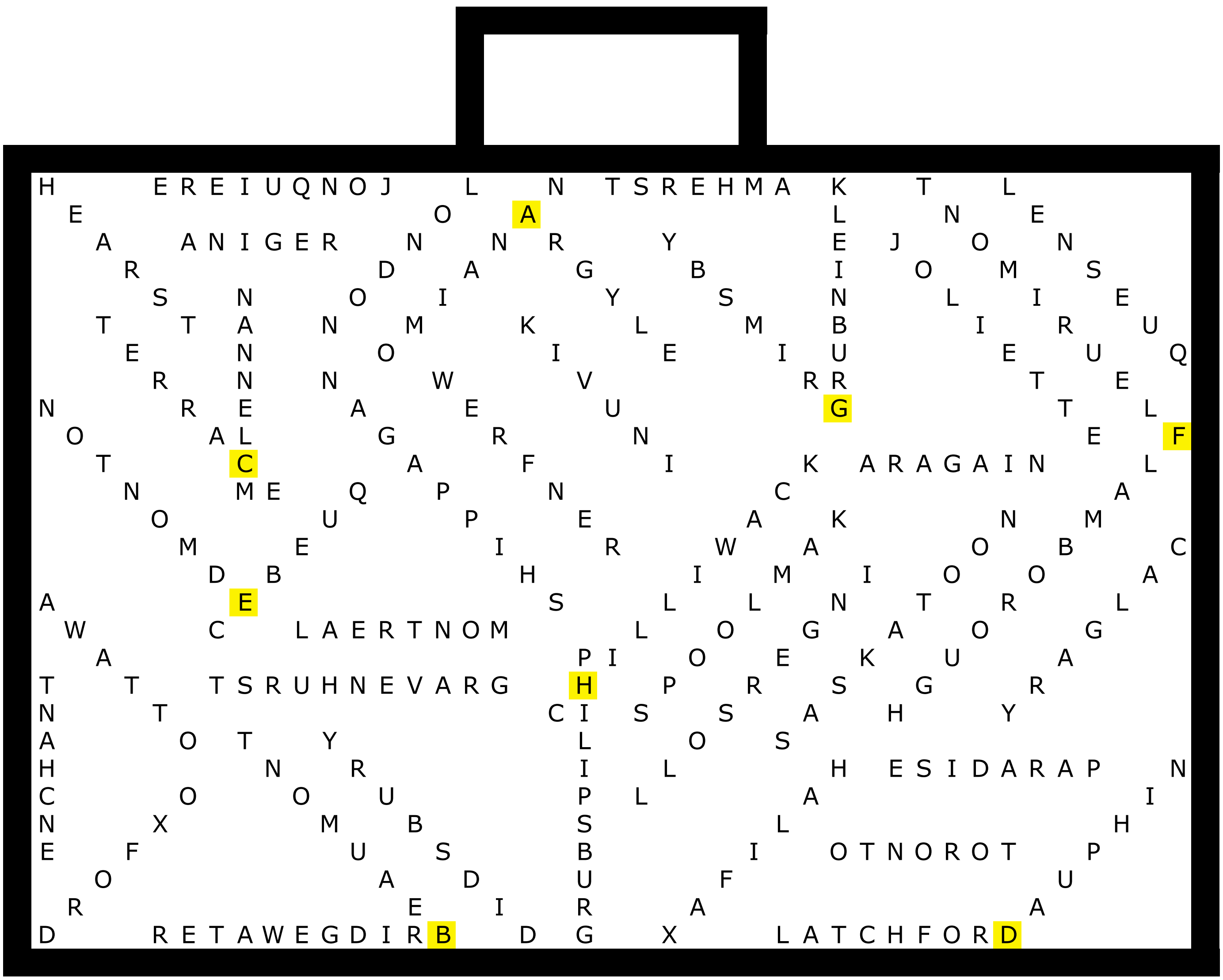
The Suitcase--solution

Within the grid are hidden forty ("two score") cities in Canada. The variation on the opening line from A Tale of Two Cities is meant to hint that city names need to be paired together. As it stands, there are eight pairs of city names that intersect, and the letters at the intersection points are A through H. If the intersecting pairs are considered in this order and converted into semaphore letters (the quote "flag-waving so far out at sea" hints at semaphore), the resulting message is "not quite," indicating that you're on the right track. The trick is to notice that there are two city names that begin with each letter of the alphabet from A through T. You need to make 20 new pairs of cities in this manner, and convert each pair into a semaphore letter. For example, the first pair of cities is Argyle and Amherst. Argyle runs down and right from the origin point (the initial letter A), while Amherst runs left. This combination in semaphore yields the letter S. The entire message reads "SOLUTION IS AMPHIBIOUS."



A	Amherst (l)	Argyle (dr)	=	S	
B	Bridgewater (l)	Beaumont (ul)	=	O	
C	Chilliwack (ur)	Calgary (dl)	=	L	
D	Didsbury (ul)	Dauphin (ur)	=	U	
E	Edmonton (ul)	Enchant (u)	=	T	
F	Fleurimont (ul)	Flamborough (dl)	=	I	
G	Gravenhurst (l)	Grimsby (ul)	=	O	
H	Hearst (dr)	Halifax (dl)	=	N	
I	Inuvik (ul)	Ingersoll (dl)	=	I	
J	Joliette (dr)	Jonquiere (l)	=	S	
K	Kleinburg (d)	Kamloops (dl)	=	A	u = up
L	Latchford (r)	London (dl)	=	M	ul = up and left
M	Montreal (l)	McLennan (u)	=	P	ur = up and right
N	Niagara (l)	Nanaimo (dl)	=	H	
O	Ottawa (ul)	Oxford (dl)	=	I	d = down
P	Paradise (l)	Philipsburg (d)	=	B	dl = down and left
Q	Quebec (dl)	Quesnel (ul)	=	I	dr = down and right
R	Regina (l)	Renfrew (ul)	=	O	
S	Saskatoon (ur)	Shippagan (ul)	=	U	
T	Toronto (l)	Terrace (dr)	=	S	