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**Editor's Talk**

WHILE our cover this week is an indication that the fall racing season is in full swing, the issue is devoted mainly to recent events in Canada's great Northland. We have been pushing back the limit of civilisation and commerce at a tremendous rate, and the long-delayed conquest of Hudson's Bay is at hand. What has been a dream for three hundred years is shortly to be accomplished

Have you faith in the future of your own country? Do you believe with Lieutenant-Governor Gibson that along the line of the National Transcontinental in Northern Ontario, the climate is equal to that of southern Manitoba? Do you believe with Lord Grey that Hudson's Bay will soon be as full of shipping as the Gulf of St. Lawrence? Do you believe that within five years there will be thousands of white people living north of the present northern boundaries of Manitoba and Saskatchewan? If you do not believe all these things, read the two stories in this number by Mr. Brock and Mr. Anderson. Don't check your imagination—let it run riot. Great deeds of development have been done, but there are still greater deeds just over the horizon.

NEXT week we shall publish another Roberts' story. We thought the supply exhausted, but in response to much urging from all over America, the Professor has sent out fresh material. There will be four more at least—perhaps twelve. No series of stories ever published in this journal have met with such universal praise and appreciation.

SIR GILBERT PARKER writes that he hopes to have a long story for us shortly. There are some details to be arranged, but our readers are pretty safe in expecting something good shortly from this greatest of Canadian novelists. If we mistake not, this will be the first long story by him to appear serially in a Canadian publication.



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