

Miss Canada.

MR. RUDYARD KIPLING recently wrote a poem in which he called the fair Dominion of Canada "Our Lady of the Snows." This well-meant, but ill-advised expression, has been severely criticised in the Colonial papers. One country editor concludes his remarks with a suggestion that "Kipling should be spanked with a Snowshoe." Others have put their views into verse, as follows :—

CANADA TO KIPLING.

The title is pretty, I grant you,  
And I know you meant to be kind,  
But I wish you could hit on another  
Less risky, if you don't mind.  
Of course, as implying my "whiteness,"  
I modestly murmur "It goes,"  
But I fear few will give that meaning  
To "Our Lady of the Snows."

You see, there's a prevalent notion—  
Which does me a grievous wrong—  
That my climate is almost Arctic,  
And my winters ten months long.  
Perhaps that is your idea,  
For it's widespread, goodness knows !  
And this phrase will make it more so—  
"Our Lady of the Snows." —J. W. BENGOUGH.

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