

NEWS OF THE BOOK WORLD

MAY BEST SELLERS.

Who said there was no such thing as a Canadian literature? We have successful authors at all events. Scarcely a month passes by but a Canadian author's name is found among the six best sellers. The leader this month is Canadian. Last month it held second place; this month it displaces last month's leader, which has dropped to second place. Another Canadian holds third place this month; it held the same place last month, and was the leader the month before. Then look at the "Doctor"! It has figured extensively both in the United States as well as the Canadian best six. There are more coming! Paralyzed by the unpatriotic tongue which declares we cannot as well grow successful authors as No. 1 hard wheat!

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PUBLISHING ACTIVITIES.

One of the cleverest contributions to contemporaneous Canadian literature is the volume of "Songs of a Sourdough," by Robert W. Service, published by William Briggs. Mr. Service is a dweller in the Yukon, where he is employed by the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and his verse deals with the life in the west. (Cloth, 75c.)

William Briggs has in stock a splendid European Guide Book, by M. D. Frazar, which, at \$1. contains a tremendous lot of valuable information for the tourist.

The Copp, Clark Co. have ready their editions of "The Great Plot," by William le Queux, and "Rising Fortunes," by John Oxenham. The latter book is prettily designed and should have a particularly good sale.

Paper editions of "Prisoners," by Mary Cholmondeley, and "The Second Book of Tobiah," by Una L. Silberrad, are announced as ready by the Copp, Clark Co. An edition of "Benita," by Max Pemberton, and "On Common Ground," by Sydney H. Preston, will be ready by the middle of the month.

E. P. Oppenheim's book, "The Secret," came on the market about the end of May and has been favorably received. Oppenheim is evidently growing in favor. The publishers, the Copp, Clark Co., are to be congratulated on the tasty cover design and general get-up of the book.

About the middle of June, the Copp, Clark Co. will have ready their editions of "The Man who was Dead," by A. W. Marchmont, and "The Nether Millstone," by F. M. White, both good summer sellers.

The Copp, Clark Co. will publish during the summer two powerful novels that should prove good starters for fall trade. One is "The Woman," by Antonio Fogazzaro, the other is "The Shulamite," by Alice and Claude Askew. The latter has been staged in England, where it has created quite a furore. (Cloth, only \$1.25.)

Amongst recent importations of the Copp, Clark Co.

is a supply of "Red Russia," by John Foster Fraser. The book is descriptive of conditions in Russia at the present time and is profusely illustrated with many full page plates.

Since the Copp, Clark Co. were appointed Canadian agents for the White House Cook Book, the sales of this valuable compendium have been largely increased. The trade should remember to secure their supply now from this house.

William Briggs has ready the last work of the late Dr. John Watson (Ian MacLaren), a novel entitled "St. Jude." The story was written shortly before the author's death and had just been corrected during his stay in New York. The book is attractively designed and contains an introduction by "Ralph Connor." (Cloth, only \$1.25.)

"Daft Days," by Neil Munro, author of "John Splendid," will be ready in a few days, appearing with the imprint of William Briggs. (Cloth, \$1.25.)

"Nimrod's Wife" is the title of a handsomely illustrated book by the wife of Ernest Thompson-Seton, Grace Gallatin Seton, which is said to be equally as good as anything he has written. William Briggs publishes the Canadian edition. (\$2 net.)

Paper editions of "Little Esson," by S. R. Crockett, and "Short Cruises," by W. W. Jacobs, are now ready at William Briggs.

The Oxford University Press have ready Canadian editions of "The Long Labrador Trail," by Dillon Wallace, and "Ian of the Oreades," by Wilfrid Campbell. The first edition of the former was sold out on the day of publication, attesting the wonderful hold its author has on the affections of readers in this country.

The Oxford University Press reports large and continuous sales of "The Cruise of the Shining Light," by Norman Duncan.

The Oxford Medical Publications, under the general editorship of Dr. William Osler, are announced for publication this year by the Oxford University Press. The publishers present a series of handbooks written by well-known specialists and designed to embrace the whole range of medicine and surgery as it concerns the daily practice of the profession.

The Macmillan Company of Canada last month published William Stearns Davis' "A Victor of Salamis." Mr. Davis seems to be the legitimate successor of Siemkiewicz. His "A Victor of Salamis" is a continuous narrative of glorious fighting and splendid episodes of action. (\$1.50.)

The Macmillan Company of Canada are the publishers of Horace A. Vachell's powerful novel "Her Son." It is now in its third edition in England.

The Macmillan Company of Canada are publishing a one-volume edition of Winston Spencer Churchill's "Lord Randolph Churchill." The purchaser of the new edition will have the satisfaction of knowing that he possesses the whole book as it originally appeared. (\$2.50 net.)

The Macmillan Company of Canada have published "Vancouver's Discovery of Puget Sound," by Professor Meany, of the University of Washington. It contains forty illustrations, including portraits and reproductions of old engravings. (\$2.50 net.)