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Leave Napanee at 2.20 a.m., 3.30 a.m., 6.30 a.m., 6.35 p.m., 7.55 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 12.05 p.m., 1.20 p.m., 11.00 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 6.50 p.m., 8.15 p.m.

The Deseronto Navigation Company operate the str. "Ella Ross" and str. "Jessie Bain" running between Picton, Deseronto, Belleville and Trenton, as also the str. "Where Now" making the famous 50-mile ramble from Gananoque to all points in and around the Thousand Islands, connecting with all trains at Gananoque, as well as making the railway transfer between Gananoque and Clayton, N.Y.

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Literary Notes

A TALE OF TALBOTVILLE.

JUST at this outdoor season, appears a book for boys, which introduces the reader to a Canadian village which most of us have known. We recognise the post-office, at once, and are aware of having met a magnate somewhat resembling Jacey Creation, the supercilious postmaster. "Gaff Linkum," by Archie P. McKishnie, is an account of the adventures of two boys, rejoicing in the names of Buz and Gaff. The scene of their boyish exploits is Talbotville, on Lake Erie, which is interpreted as Morpeth by some who know Kent County, Ontario. Bridgetown also sounds like Ridgetown, while the region described in the colourful chapter, "Twixt the Blue and the Gold," must surely be Rond Eau, where the duck hunters lie low in the autumn, and where the wind sends strange whispers through the reeds. It is surely Kent County where Gaff Linkum has most eventful experiences for a Canadian small boy and finally comes into a good old-fashioned story-book fortune.

It must be remembered that Mr. McKishnie is writing of events supposed to have taken place many years ago. Hence the gypsy band and the murders along the coast are safely introduced. In modern Ontario we are hardly equal to such excitement. Canadians who wish to murder on a really magnificent scale, go away and live in Idaho, where they are happy ever after. Gaff and Buz lead somewhat too strenuous an existence, but they are a diverting young couple, whose doings deserve to be read. An evangelist, who had led a perfectly shocking career prior to his conversion, enters into the story for some mysterious reason, and delivers a sermon or two, winding up his revival meetings by making love to the most charming girl in the town. Evangelists with a lurid past are all very well in a "Pansy" book, but they have no place among Gaff's sturdy young friends.

However, in spite of the evangelist and the hymn his mother sang (it was "Darling, I am Growing Old"), this book about Talbotville has many entertaining chapters, and there are not a few readers who will echo the author's farewell words: "Good-bye, laddies. We know the fields through which you walk. We know those quiet pools beneath the willows. The winding creeks, with their pond-lily beds and brown cat-tails, even the old, flat-bottomed boat we know." Toronto: William Briggs.

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Why are there not more Canadian books for girls? There is no Canadian woman who has written a companion for "Little Women" or for "The Would-be-goods." Most small girls in this country are given most unhealthful feeding in the form known as "Elsie" books, trash of the poorest sort, which is likely to retard the development of a taste for better things. The most bewitching book ever written for small maidens was the work of a man, and a mathematical professor at that. Whatever stories may come and go, "Alice in Wonderland" remains to charm succeeding generations of bright-eyed girls who find the doing of that upside-down land "curiouser and curiouser."

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Mr. Charles F. Lummis, of the Los Angeles Public Library, has compiled some interesting statistics regarding the proportion of fiction to total circulation in various city libraries. According to the report, Grand Rapids reads less fiction than any other American community, its novels making only 39 per cent. of its circulation, while Reading has a proportion of 87 per cent. What does the disparity mean? As New York "Life" reflects: "Does it mean that Grand Rapids has less imagination than the rest of us, or that the Grand Rapidsers are more serious and more solid?" An interesting revelation might be made of Canadian cities, when it might be found that Toronto is not so good in its literary predilections as Halifax or Victoria.

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