

PLAYING CARDS—BRITISH INDIA.

It is difficult to estimate the exact value of the playing cards imported into Calcutta, as they are generally classed by the customs in the category of games and toys, there is, however, an undoubtedly large trade in this article. The leading clubs buy an enormous quantity of packs of cards, these are almost exclusively of English make, although the Americans also enjoy a share of the trade. Among the natives the demand is principally for the cheaper playing cards, made in Austria and in Belgium. These two countries share between them the native trade. The business is done with a number of dealers in the Colootollah quarter of the town, and payment of consignments is for cash against documents. Although the Austrian article is much inferior to the Belgian, there is an enormous trade being done by the Austrian makers; this is chiefly due to low prices. Austrian cards sell at 8s. 9d. the gross, whereas the price of the Belgian goods is, at least 13s. The Austrians trade principally direct,

whereas the Belgian makers do so through English export houses. Playing cards are packed for export to India in cases of 5, 10, or 20 gross.—Belgian Consular Report.

ALL-CANADIAN CARDS.

ANYTHING as artistic and clever in private greeting cards as the series of "All-Canadian" designs, manufactured by Savory and shown by Menzies & Co., Toronto, would be hard to find. There is a wide variety both in styles and sizes. The Canadian coat of arms, the Provincial coats, the maple leaf, crests, and initials, are used mainly for the designs, which are exquisitely embossed and tinted. To give any idea of the beauty of some of the colored embossing in mere words would be a difficult and all but impossible task. Suffice it to say that nothing quite as elaborate in this line has been shown here before. Prices at retail range from \$15 to \$45 per hundred.

BEST SELLING BOOKS OF THE PAST MONTH.

As Reported by Leading Canadian Retail Dealers.

CALGARY.

1. "Rose of the World," by A. and E. Castle. Copp, Clark.
2. "The Great Mogul," by Louis Tracy. McLeod & Allen.
3. "The Call of the Wild," by C. G. D. Roberts. Copp, Clark.
4. "Black Rock," by Ralph Connor. Westminster.
5. "Mrs. Wiggs," by A. H. Rice. Briggs.
6. "The Gambler," by K. C. Thurston. Revell.

CHARLOTTETOWN.

1. "A Courier of Fortune," by A. W. Marchmont. McLeod & Allen.
2. "The Pit," by Frank Norris. Morang.
3. "The Great Mogul," by Louis Tracy. McLeod & Allen.
4. "A Race With Ruin," by Headon Hill.
5. "The Winged Helmet," by H. S. MacKaye. Copp, Clark.
6. "The Sign of Triumph," by S. Stevens. Copp, Clark.

COLLINGWOOD.

1. "Mid the Thick Arrows," by Max Pemberton. Copp, Clark.
2. "A Courier of Fortune," by A. W. Marchmont. McLeod & Allen.
3. "Roger-Trewinton," by Joseph Hocking. Copp, Clark.
4. "Rose of the World," by Agnes and Egerton Castle. Copp, Clark.
5. "Maid Margaret," by S. R. Crockett. Copp, Clark.
6. "The Man of the Hour," by Octave Thanet. McLeod & Allen.

GUELPH.

1. "St. Cuthbert's," by R. E. Knowles. Revell.
2. "Nedra," by G. B. McCutcheon. Briggs.
3. "The Gambler," by K. C. Thurston. Revell.
4. "The Great Mogul," by Louis Tracy. McLeod & Allen.
5. "Rose of the World," by A. and E. Castle. Copp, Clark.
6. "The Garden of Allah," by Robert Hichens. Briggs.

KINGSTON.

1. "The Gambler," by K. C. Thurston. Revell.
2. "The Voyageur," by W. H. Drummond. Briggs.
3. "The Garden of Allah," by Robert Hichens. Briggs.
4. "The Ravaneli," by H. Dickson. Langton & Hall.
5. "Maid Margaret," by S. R. Crockett. Copp, Clark.
6. "Sandy," by A. H. Rice. Briggs.

MONCTON.

1. "The Garden of Allah," by Robert Hichens. Briggs.
2. "The Voyageur," by W. H. Drummond. Briggs.
3. "God's Good Man," by Marie Corelli. Briggs.
4. "Dr. Luke of the Labrador," by Norman Duncan. Revell.
5. "The Harvest of the Sea," by Dil on Wallace. Revell.
6. "A Courier of Fortune," by A. W. Marchmont. McLeod & Allen.

MONTREAL.

1. "The Gambler," by K. C. Thurston. Revell.
2. "Rose of the World," by A. and E. Castle. Copp, Clark.
3. "St. Cuthbert's," by R. E. Knowles. Revell.
4. "The Cherry Ribband," by S. R. Crockett. Copp, Clark.

OTTAWA.

1. "St. Cuthbert's," by R. E. Knowles. Revell.
2. "The Gambler," by K. C. Thurston. Revell.
3. "Pam," by B. Van Hutten. Musson.
4. "The Garden of Allah," by Robert Hichens. Briggs.
5. "Nedra," by G. B. McCutcheon. Briggs.
6. "The Master Mummer," by E. P. Oppenheimer. Copp, Clark.

ST. JOHN.

1. "Wings of the Morning," by Louis Tracy. McLeod & Allen.
2. "The Garden of Allah," by Robert Hichens. Briggs.
3. "The Great Mogul," by Louis Tracy. McLeod & Allen.
4. "The Lightning Conductor," by Williamson. McLeod & Allen.
5. "The Voyageur," by W. H. Drummond. Briggs.
6. "Beverley of Graustark," by G. B. McCutcheon. McLeod & Allen.

TORONTO.

1. "The Gambler," by K. C. Thurston. Revell.
2. "Nedra," by G. B. McCutcheon. Briggs.
3. "A Servant of the Public," by Anthony Hope. Copp, Clark.
4. "Will Warburton,"
5. "Maid Margaret," by S. R. Crockett. Copp, Clark.
6. "My Friend the Chauffeur," by Williamson. Musson.

VANCOUVER.

1. "The Gambler," by K. C. Thurston. Revell.
2. "The Garden of Allah," by Robert Hichens. Briggs.
3. "The Challoners," by E. F. Benson.
4. "The Marriage of William Ashe," by Mrs. Ward. Briggs.
5. "Sandy," by A. H. Rice. Briggs.
6. "The Empire of the East."

VICTORIA.

1. "The Lightning Conductor," by Williamson. McLeod & Allen.
2. "The Princess Passes," by Williamson. McLeod & Allen.
3. "Pam," by B. Van Hutten. Musson.
4. "The Garden of Allah," by Robert Hichens. Briggs.
5. "In the Bishop's Carriage," by M. Michelson. McLeod & Allen.
6. "The Man on the Box," by Harold MacGrath. McLeod & Allen.

WINNIPEG.

1. "A Courier of Fortune," by A. W. Marchmont. McLeod & Allen.
2. "The Gambler," by K. C. Thurston. Revell.
3. "The Great Mogul," by Louis Tracy. McLeod & Allen.
4. "Maid Margaret," by S. R. Crockett. Copp, Clark.

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