

BEST SELLING BOOKS OF THE PAST MONTH.

As Reported by Leading Canadian Retail Dealers.

BRANTFORD.

1. "Lullaby Land," Field—Morang.
2. "Mooswa," Fraser—Briggs.
3. "Eleanor," Ward—Briggs.
4. "Alice of Old Vincennes," Briggs.
5. "Master Christian," Corelli—Briggs.
6. "Eben Holden," Bacheller—Poole.

OTTAWA.

1. "Palace of the King," Crawford—Copp.
2. "Lords of the North," Laut—Briggs.
3. "Cardinal's Snuff Box," Harland—McLeod.
4. "Eleanor," Ward—Briggs.
5. "Eben Holden," Bacheller—Poole.
6. "Pattison Von Volkenberg," Stephenson—Copp.

HAMILTON.

1. "Eben Holden," Bacheller—Poole.
2. "Master Christian," Corelli—Briggs.
3. "David Condon," Goss—Gage.
4. "Lane that Had No Turning," Parker—Morang.
5. "Dream of a Throne," Embree.
6. "The Gateless Barrier," Malet—Gage.

MONTREAL.

1. "Palace of the King," Crawford—Copp.
2. "Eleanor," Ward—Briggs.
3. "Napoleon," Kosebery—Harpers.
4. "I. Anglon."
5. "Best War," Doyle—Morang.
6. "Gentleman of the Old Black Stock," Copp.
7. "Wanted: A Matchmaker," Ford—Copp.
8. "Tommy and Grizel," Barrie—Copp.
9. "La Noel au Canada," Frechette—Morang.

STRATFORD.

1. "Eleanor," Ward—Briggs.
2. "Eben Holden," Bacheller—Poole.
3. "Master Christian," Corelli—Briggs.
4. "Cardinal's Snuff Box," Harland—McLeod.
5. "Lords of the North," Laut—Briggs.
6. "Tommy and Grizel," Barrie—Copp.

PETERBOROUGH.

1. "The Mantle of Elijah," Zangwill—Gage.
2. "Lords of the North," Laut—Briggs.
3. "Palace of the King," Crawford—Copp.
4. "Lord Linn," Gage.
5. "Alice of Old Vincennes," Briggs.
6. "Songs of the Morning," Holpotts—Gage.

ST. JOHN.

1. "The Sky Pilot," Connor—Westminster.
2. "The Habitant," Drummond—Montreal News Co.
3. "Wild Animals Have Known," Morang.
4. "To Have and To Hold," Johnston—Morang.
5. "Eleanor," Ward—Briggs.
6. "Master Christian," Corelli—Briggs.

VICTORIA.

1. "Cardinal's Snuff Box," Harland—McLeod.
2. "Eleanor," Ward—Briggs.
3. "Palace of the King," Crawford—Copp.
4. "Stuckit Minister's Wooing," Crockett—Morang.
5. "Master Christian," Corelli—Briggs.

VANCOUVER.

1. "The Master Christian," Corelli—Briggs.
2. "Tommy and Grizel," Barrie—Copp.
3. "Lords of the North," Laut—Briggs.
4. "Alice of Old Vincennes," Briggs.
5. "Hosts of the Lord," Steele—Copp.
6. "Eleanor," Ward—Briggs.

ENGLAND.

1. "Master Christian," Corelli—Methuen.
2. "Quisante," Hope—Methuen.
3. "Isle of Unrest," Merriman—Smith Elder.
4. "Mantle of Elijah," Zangwill—Heinemann.
5. "Hosts of the Lord," Steel—Heinemann.
6. "Heart's Highway," Wilkins—Murray.
7. "Eleanor," Ward—Smith Elder.
8. "Stuckit Minister's Wooing," Crockett—Hodder.
9. "Boy," Corelli—Hutchison.
10. "The Infield," Braddon—Simkins.

SCOTLAND.

1. "Eleanor," Ward.
2. "Hosts of the Lord," Steel.
3. "Master Christian," Corelli.
4. "Tommy and Grizel," Barrie.
5. "Isle of Unrest," Merriman.
6. "Daughter of the Field," Tynan.
7. "Gateless Barrier," Malet.
8. "Madness of David Baring," Hocking.
9. "Lord Linnthgow," Roberts.
10. "Lane that Had no Turning," Parker.

THE MONTREAL TRADE.

From *Bookseller and Stationer's* Special Correspondent.

MONTREAL, February 8.

JANUARY was rather a quiet month with the Montreal book and stationery trade. Some of the stores have been spasmodically busy selling school books consequent upon promotions in some of the schools, but in fiction or reading material of any description "the newest book is not yet out." Zangwill's "Mantle of Elijah" and Crawford's "Palace of the King" have been published in paper and have found

some takers. "The Duke," by the author of a "Lunatic at Large"; "Wellington's Men," by W. H. Fitchett (Geo. Bell & Sons); "One of Ourselves," by Mrs. L. B. Walford (Longman's Colonial Library); and "A Woman of Yesterday," by Harris Dickson, are all books of more or less importance that have lately been placed on booksellers' shelves. "The Footsteps of a Throne" is another work being advertised rather widely. "Eleanor" is still having a good sale, while "Richard Yea and Nay," "With Ring of Shield" and "The Cardinal's Snuff Box" are by no means dead stock.

But the chief interest hangs about the forthcoming memorial numbers of the great Eng-

lish weeklies. Orders for these periodicals have been taken at random. Dealers have been selling unknown numbers of The London News at unknown prices to be delivered at any unknown time in the future. These special productions have been shrouded in a gloom of mystery. Even the importers themselves did not know what the characters of the special numbers would be, when they would be published, or at what price they would sell. It is now learned that there will be three special numbers of The Illustrated London News, the In Memoriam Number published this week, the Funeral Number to come out next week, and the Record Number, which is to sell at 5s. in England and perhaps \$2 here, to be published some time hence. The price of the In Memoriam Number was not fixed till February 6, the day before the date of publication. The Canadian retail value will be 50c. The Funeral Number will be more handsome and will sell at \$1. It is said that the Record Number will surpass the Jubilee Number; its price will be 5s., while the former notable publication sold at 2s. 6d. The Montreal News Co. say they never had such a rush for publications, and, although they do not know how many copies of each will be sent them, they do not expect to begin to fill the orders they have received.

All this shows that, when we come down to the fine point, Canadians appreciate the English publications far above anything else on the market. What care we for special Canadian editions of Collier's or Leslie's weeklies?

American publications are losing favor month by month. I am informed by the News Company that Munsey is far surpassed in point of sales by The Strand. Neither is McClure's gaining in popularity. One encouraging feature of the trade is the increasing number of Canadian Magazines that are selling; its hold on the reading public seems to be growing stronger.

E. M. Renouf, of St. Catherine street, has imported a large assortment of sample prayer books and hymnals published by The Oxford Press. This comprises probably 1,000 volumes, and includes the tiniest and largest publications, the most modest and most handsome bindings now put on books. Mr. Renouf has put these in a glass case, where his customers can feast to their hearts' delight and probably be ensnared to buy something that strikes them favorably.

Sir John G. Bourinot's new book on "Canada Under British Rule, 1760-1900" is now on the market. It will probably find a good sale among students and readers of political and constitutional matters. That it is up to date is proven by the comparison Sir John Bourinot gives of the Canadian