



"Canadian Expansion."—*North American*, Edward Porritt.

This article should be well received by Canadian readers. It gives a very good idea of Canada's youthful prosperity since Confederation and especially since 1906. The average Canadian knows that Canada is a flourishing country—in a most gratifying state of prosperity. But his knowledge ends there. He has not studied the immigration and finances of the country; what he knows is just what chaff has been dropped in his way. Mr. Porritt sets down all his knowledge plainly and concisely, using such diction as will never cause any reader to hesitate that he may grasp the author's meaning. This is one of the secrets of successful essay writing today. After reading the article one is pleased to be a Canadian—to be able to claim protection from the heritage of our fathers.

Beyond two or three points which are open to discussion, the reader finds that his time has not been used to a disadvantage, and Mr. Porritt deserves all the credit that a patriotic people can bestow on him.

"The Mighty Friend."—Pierre L'Ermite.

When the exponents of Commercialism and those of simple country life, meet in open conflict—the opportunity for a good novel presents itself, and Pierre L'Ermite was not long in taking advantage of the opportunity. It is a story of love and war, each sufficient in itself for a novel. When the Harminsters, a large manufacturing firm from Paris, invade the almost sacred rural simplicity of the Vale of Api with the muddy contagion of the spirit of trade, Jacques de la Ferlandière, the sturdy champion of