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USY men and busy women are not able always to keep in touch with all the new books that are published from week to week during the vear. It is the purpose of the annual Book Number of the "Canadian Courier" to review the books of the year in a reasonable compass so that every reader of this journal may estimate almost at a glance the literary output of the year. It does not overlook the French-Canadian books, which are a part of Canada's national literature.

The articles on books and book-buyers, by William Tyrrell and Norman Murray, two prominent retail bookmen, are of special interest as giving an indication of the mental attitude of the bookseller towards the book-buyer. The view of the man behind the counter is somewhat different from that of the man who is searching for the latest volume in history, science, travel or fiction. Mr. Tyrrell is probably the most experienced retail bookman in Canada, and his article shows that he takes a broad view of his relations with the public.

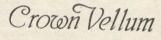
With this issue the "Canadian Courier" completes its Fourteenth Half-Yearly Volume. During the seven years of its existence, the progress has been steady and satisfactory. When this journal was first issued there was a general feeling that Canada was too small a country to support an illustrated weekly, and that national feeling was not sufficiently developed to insure the success of a national publication of this class. While admitting that there was some truth in these opinions the healthy growth of circulation during the entire seven years proves that Canada has a unified and self-conscious national sentiment. While Canada is still a large consumer of British and United States periodical literature, the number of native periodicals is steadily increasing. Further, their circulations show a higher average each vear-indicating a persistent growth in popularity. The "Canadian Courier" will enter upon its Fifteenth Volume with greater confidence than it has ever had in the willingness of the Canadian public to give national publications a full measure of sympathy and support. To the national advertisers of Canada who have contributed so much to the success of this and other national journals we acknowledge a heavy obligation.



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