



You'll enjoy the dinner if

COSGRAVES

(Chill-Proof)

PALE ALE

is served.



THE ONLY
Chill-proof Beer.

The family will appreciate
it. Your guests will like it.

Telephone your dealer for a case.

Esterbrook Pens

250 styles

The smooth, easy-writing qualities, long wear, and ability to hold a large quantity of ink, are some of the things that have helped to make Esterbrook's Jack-on Stub No. 442 the most popular of all stub pens.

Write for illustrated booklet
Esterbrook Pen Mfg. Co.
New York Camden, N.J.

Brown Bros., Limited
Canadian Agents, Toronto

Ask your stationer

LUXFER PRISMS

Catch the daylight and deflect it at any required angle into dark rooms, thus making gloomy interiors both light and dry, and saving the cost of gas and electricity. For store-fronts, sidewalk-hatches, roof skylights, window canopies in narrow streets—in fact, for any place where the light has to be turned inwards and multiplied. Ask us about your problems.

The Luxfer Prism Company, Limited
100 King St. W., Toronto, Ont.

The Canadian Courier

A National Weekly

Published at 12 Wellington St. East, by the Courier Press, Limited

VOL. XIV.

TORONTO

NO. 26

CONTENTS

Men of the Day	Illustrated.
Helping Mrs. Muggins, Story	By E. A. Taylor.
The Civic Official	By Britton B. Cooke.
Fourth in a Series of Municipal Articles.	
Pity the Poor Hangman	By the Monocle Man.
News of a Week	Illustrated.
Sign of the Maple	Illustrated.
Demi-Tasse	By Staff Writers.
Money and Magnates	By the Financial Editor.
The Red Virgin, Serial	By G. Frederick Turner.
Reflections	By the Editor.

ANNUAL BOOK SUPPLEMENT.

What the French-Canadian Reads	By Alfred Mousseau.
Canada in Fact and Fancy	By Reuben Butchart.
French-Canadian Literature	By Bernard Muddiman.
Canadian Genius in Poetry, Humour and Fiction	
The Year in Canadian Poetry	By Marjory MacMurchy
Portentous Growth of the Imperial Catalogue	
Canadian Novels of a Year	By Hugh S. Eayrs.
Books and Book-buyers	By Wm. Tyrrell.
Books and Book-sellers	By Norman Murray.
Best Books for Boys and Girls	By Mona H. Coxwell.

Editor's Talk

BUSY 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 year. 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 year—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.



Give your Husband a
Box of Embossed
"Crown Vellum"
for Christmas

There is no better Christmas present for a man than a box of fine "Crown Vellum" stationery, embossed with his private address.

It is a gift that not only displays distinct thoughtfulness upon your part, but it is also a gift that any man of taste and discrimination will heartily appreciate.

Crown Vellum

is the highest grade of men's stationery manufactured in Canada to-day. It is of strong texture, very heavy, and has a fine finish.

You can obtain it from any good stationer, but if you have any difficulty, write to our office nearest you, and we will arrange to have you supplied.

Barber-Ellis, Limited,
Brantford, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver.

Don't Blame the Stenographer

She can't make bright, business-like letters unless you supply good typewriter ribbons. And you can't get clean, easy-to-read carbon copies from poor carbon paper.

PEERLESS

will settle both these points for you. PEERLESS ribbons make the type stand out on your letters clear and free from spots and blurs. PEERLESS Carbon Paper makes copies clear as originals.

Order Peerless Ribbons for your machines. Try a box of Peerless Carbon Papers. Get the sort of letters and copies you want. Dealers everywhere.

Peerless Carbon & Ribbon Mfg. Co., Ltd.

176-178
Richmond
St. W.
Toronto



G.H. MUMM & CO.

BY ROYAL WARRANT



TO HIS MAJESTY
KING GEORGE V.

CHAMPAGNE