



Mr. BRIAN COOK

Brian Cook needs little introduction to Canada. The success and popularity which greeted his series of lectures in 1935, when, at the age of twenty-four, he toured the Dominion to speak on the subject of "The Heritage of England", is shown to some extent by the selection of Press opinions on the opposite page.

Educated at Repton, he then studied art in London for a short time, and is now a director of a well-known firm of London publishers. It is in this field that he has come in touch with the fascinating study of England and its heritage, and his association with the editing and production of books on many aspects of the British Isles has given him exceptional opportunities for research and study of his native country. Though turning his attention from art to books, he was elected as the youngest member of the Society of Graphic Art in 1933 and, as a well known author recently remarked, has probably had more drawings published than any other artist of his age. A selection of these is being brought to Canada for exhibition during the early months of 1937. His more recent interest in politics has given him considerable experience and ability as a public speaker, while the knowledge and love of his subject makes him an accomplished lecturer, to which, as so many Canadians know, he has added his own individual personality.

Once again Mr. Cook will bring to many thousands of Canadians a picture of that Britain which some of them can never hope to see, in others he will re-create experiences and sights long since enjoyed, reviving happy memories of other days, so that they may enjoy the country's beauty, history and traditions, and find in that enjoyment a greater understanding of those forces of circumstances and history which have made Canada and England joint heirs to a noble heritage. Mr. Cook is also to bring to his new audiences an illustrated address on the *British Throne*, designed to illuminate the inner meaning and significance of the monarchy in a fear-ridden and restless world.

Mr. Brian Cook is to visit Canada again as the guest of the National Council of Education during the early part of 1937, when he will give a series of illustrated lectures on:

#### **1. THE BRITISH THRONE**

A brief history of the Monarchy throughout the centuries; the King's place in the Constitution, to-day and yesterday; the reigns of King George V and King Edward VIII; the ceremony of the Coronation; the Royal Palaces, their surroundings and associations.

#### **2. THE FACE OF BRITAIN**

An imaginary tour of England, Scotland, and Wales, starting from London. The Penn Country and the Chiltern Hills; East Anglia and the Fens; Yorkshire; Durham and the Scottish Border; Edinburgh; The Central Highlands; Sutherland, Ross and Cromarty; the West Coast of Scotland; Skye; Argyleshire; Glasgow and the industrial district; Ayr, Galloway and Dumfries; the English Lakes; Industrial Lancashire; the Black Country; the Mountains and Coasts of Wales; Snowdonia; the Severn Valley and the Cotswold Hills; Somerset, Devon, and Cornwall; Winchester, Salisbury; Sussex, Kent, and the environs of London.

#### **3. LONDON, TO-DAY AND YESTERDAY**

London's history and origins; Life through the centuries; the Old City Companies or Guilds; the Metropolis as it is to-day; the City; the West End; the Parks; Streets and Squares, Districts of London and their individuality; the Life of London by day and night; the Business centres; Amusements, Theatres; Hotels; Shops; Traffic and Transport; the River, the Docks, and the Suburbs.

*Each Lecture will be illustrated by more than one hundred modern lantern slides in colour and black and white which Mr. Cook has recently collected.*