

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

A WORK ON THE CANADIAN INDIANS.

WILLIAM BRIGGS has in the press a comprehensive work on the Indians of Canada from the pen of Rev. John McLean, M.A., Ph.D., to be entitled "Canadian Savage Folk." The book will be issued in an octavo volume of some 600 pages, freely illustrated. The author spent many years among the Indians of our North-west, with whom the work mainly deals, and has made a very thorough study of their customs, language and traditions. The work will be an exceedingly valuable contribution to literature of its class. The want of such a book has been felt, a want voiced by an enquiry received by Mr. Briggs from a London, Eng., bookseller for a quotation on a hundred copies of the work. Dr. McLean's work entitled "The Indians of Canada; their Customs, Manners and Traditions," published in an English as well as a Canadian edition, has attained a considerable sale. Dr. McLean possesses one of the largest and most complete collections of works on the Indians of North America to be found on the continent. He therefore writes "by the book" as well as from extensive original observation and studious research.

A USEFUL LAW BOOK.

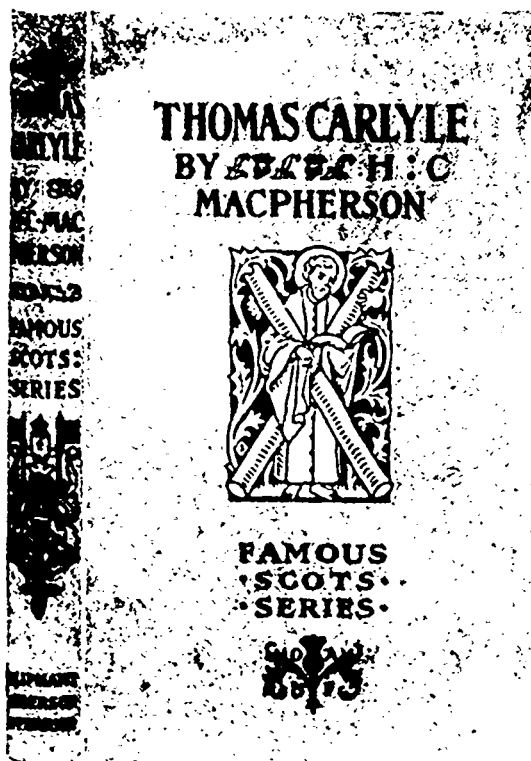
Last month we referred to the issue of a treatise on "The Railway Law of Canada," by C. Theoret, law bookseller and publisher, 11 and 13 St. James street, Montreal. The work is now in the hands of the trade, and has met with favorable comment. A glance at its pages shows it to be a useful handbook of the law applicable to railway companies in this country, and supplies in a practical and useful form the want which has been felt for such a book. No attempt has been made to produce the enormous mass of English and American jurisprudence in railway cases, but most of the leading cases of authority bearing upon the majority of questions affecting railways which have arisen will be found in its pages. Reference has been made to the leading American text writers, and in cases arising under English statutes similar to our own a free use has been made of the jurisprudence of the English courts and of English text writers. To sum up, the general scheme of the book is to give as far as possible in consecutive order and sequence the principles of law, statutory or otherwise, governing railway companies, their incorporation, organization, operation, acquiring rights of land, etc., etc. In addition there is given an appendix of the text of the Railway Act, any differences in the various Provincial

Acts, the sections of the Criminal Code, and some special statutes affecting railways.

FAMOUS SCOTS SERIES.

By kindness of Dr. Briggs, we are enabled to give our readers an engraving showing the style of binding of Macpherson's "Thomas Carlyle," the first volume in the "Famous Scots Series," noticed in our last issue, for which the Book Room has the Canadian agency.

If the standard set by Mr. Macpherson is maintained, the series will be a most valuable addition to biographical literature. Few recent books have had such a general chorus of commendation from the press. It is certainly a masterly condensation of the records of a great career. The author shows



himself a bold and vigorous thinker, capable of forming an intelligent estimate of the character and influence of the "Chelsea Sage," and he presents his matter in faultless literary style.

A POPULAR EDITION ANNOUNCED.

Mrs. Kingsley's new story, "Stephen: A Soldier of the Cross," was announced in the last BOOKSELLER AND STATIONER for issue in a Canadian copyright edition to sell at \$1.25. Since then the publisher, Wm. Briggs, has made arrangements to bring the book out in a cheaper edition, to sell in paper at 50c., and in cloth at 75c. In this popular form and with the introduction secured by the enormous sale of the author's first story "Titus: A Comrade of the Cross" (of which the present story is the sequel,,

"Stephen" should be one of the best selling books yet taken up by the house. Those who have read advance pages declare it a powerful story with much of the fascinating interest that made "Ben Hur" so widely popular. The publisher is doing wisely in placing it at popular prices.

A NEW EDITION OF DR. WITHROW'S STORY.

Dr. Withrow's "Barbara Heck: A Story of Canadian Methodism" has added greatly to the author's reputation as a good story-writer. Though issued but a few months, a second edition is already called for. The story has interest for other than Methodist readers. Dr. Withrow, with true historical instinct, has possessed himself of an intimate knowledge of the early history of Canada, and most graphically does he describe the

conditions that existed during the times of the American Revolution, and—himself of good U.E.L. stock—he tells with sympathetic pen the story of the adventures of the Loyalists in their migration to Canada, and in making for themselves homes in the then northern wilderness. Such stories as this and the same author's "Neville Trueman, the Pioneer Preacher," a thrilling tale of the War of 1812, should be in every Canadian library. Our boys and girls cannot have too much of such reading. We hope Dr. Withrow will not abandon the field in which he has done so well.

A VIGOROUS TALE.

"Tickleton's Experiences," a reminiscence of Eton life, is a very attractive booklet issued this month by Wm. Drysdale & Co. The story, to use the words of the editor's preface, admirably sets forth the influence which one youth—possessed by a high and worthy ideal of life—will almost certainly exert over another who has no ideal at all; and shows how a wild and lawless nature may be subdued unto higher and nobler purposes. But whether one considers the moral of the story or not, no one can read it without perceiving the forcible charm of the writing, the nervous energy of the style, the clear, terse English idioms employed, and the fine power of portraiture and description here displayed.

MURRAY'S INTEREST TABLES.

Mr. W. B. Murray, the principal officer of the accountant's office at Osgoode Hall, has now in the press of Warwick Bros. & Rutter, nearly ready for issue, an important work which he has copyrighted under the name of "Murray's Interest Tables." The tables have been made up on a basis of 2½ to 8 per cent., at half cent rates, on \$1 to \$10,000, from one day to 368 days. The work will be printed on Bank of England paper, carefully