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Editor's Talk

CANADIAN books and Canadian writers have not yet come into their own, but at least the "Canadian Courier" has always given them the fullest support. Not only are Canadian authors and artists given the preference from week to week, but we have published annually a Book Number devoted to the Canadian books of the year. Indeed it is a safe remark that if the public were to treat Canadian writers as generously as do Canadian editors our native literature would bulk larger and grade higher.

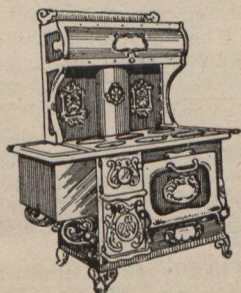
In next week's issue "The Canadian books of 1911" will be reviewed by Marjory MacMurchy and other writers. In addition to a general and exhaustive article on this subject there will be several special articles. One of these is entitled, "Was any Canadian poetry written in 1911?" Another attempts to show that current Canadian fiction deals with rural rather than urban life. There will be special reviews of several interesting volumes and a somewhat extended list of the titles of the year. In short it will be hard to ask a question with regard to the books and writers of 1911 which may not be answered by a reference to this issue.

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Canada is being visited this month by the greatest living British expert in town-planning and landscape architecture. Last week Mr. Thomas H. Mawson delivered a series of lectures in Toronto under the auspices of the Civic Guild and the University. This week he speaks in Ottawa and from there goes to several American cities. Arrangements have been made whereby the most valuable portions of Mr. Mawson's addresses will appear in the "Canadian Courier" during the next three months. His gospel of civic beautification is one worthy of wide dissemination, and we feel that our readers will appreciate our efforts to give them those portions of Mr. Mawson's addresses which are most applicable to Canadian conditions.

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Next week the fiction feature will be "The Sweetening of Ezra Sankey's Pot," by Arthur Stringer, who is recognized as one of Canada's leading short-story writers. He has just returned to New York after his usual summer's sojourn in Western Ontario. This year he varied his programme somewhat by an extended trip through the Canadian West.



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