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A country is defined by its books. A serious writer reflects his country and helps the world, including his compatriots, see what it's all about. What is Canada all about? In this issue Canada Today/ D'Aujourd'hui hopefully presents a part of the answer in its annual review of Canadian books. Two - A Vision of Canada and Four Decades — are visual histories of the art epoch which began with The Group of Seven shows in 1920. By sad coincidence the epoch ended as the reviews were being written — A. Y. Jackson, the last surviving member of the original 1920 group, died in Ontario at the age of ninety-one. Extensive displays of Group of Seven painters, with accompanying biographical sketches, are on pages 4 through 10. We planned them even before we heard of Mr. Jackson's death. We also take note of two other remarkable artists. Cornelius Krieghoff, whose masterwork, After the Ball Chez Jolifou, is reproduced below, was, perhaps, Canada's most distinguished artist of the nineteenth century. David Blackwood, whose emotive wedding in Newfoundland is on page 2, is one of the newest. A country is defined by its pictures as well as its books.

