

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

THE CHRISTMAS PAPERS.

THE Toronto News Co. report that the demand for the Christmas papers is steady, and repeats have come in satisfactorily. Holly Leaves is sold out and no more are available. Ten years ago, when the number of papers was less, a bigger trade in individual papers was done, but to-day, where there are more papers, the business has correspondingly grown. It has become the fashionable thing to send a Christmas Illustrated as a present. They suit both sexes and all ages in this respect, and the trade are pushing them for this purpose.

BOOK ON QUEBEC LAW.

The first two volumes of Mignault's "Droit Civil Canadien" have been on the market for some time. The third volume is now in press. The author has previously published other books on Canadian law, and is thorough master of his subject. The book should have a ready sale, being the latest and most up-to-date book on the civil law of the province of Quebec. The publisher is C. Theoret, Montreal.

FRENCH ALMANACS.

J. B. Rolland & Fils., Montreal, have issued for 1897 their two well-known almanacs in the French language—the "Almanach des Familles" and the "Almanach Agricole, Commerciale et Historique." The former is twenty and the latter thirty-one years old, and they are established favorites with the reading public in Canada. They sell for 5c. and embody a good deal of information about Quebec province.

BEAUTIFUL JOE.

The fourth Canadian edition of "Beautiful Joe," by Marshall Saunders, paper covers, is now selling. This wonderfully successful book is now in its 140th thousand, and its Canadian authoress has no reason to complain of its appreciation. The book has been translated into Swedish. Humane societies all over the world have found in this autobiography of a dog a strong help to their work. Standard Publishing Co., Richmond street, Toronto.

A BOOK OF ADVENTURES.

"Overland to Cariboo," by Margaret McNaughton, of Quesnelle, B.C., announced for issue by Wm. Briggs early in the present month, describes tersely and vividly the hardships, privations and perils of the journey across our Northwest plains and through the Rockies of a party of 150 Canadian pioneers seeking their fortunes in the Cariboo gold fields. The journey occupied

six months, and the moral heroism and physical endurance displayed reflects infinite credit on the country that bred such men. The adventures in crossing the Rockies by the Tete Jaune Pass, and their perilous journey by rafts and canoes down the turbulent Thompson and Fraser rivers, in which several of them were wrecked and six of the party lost their lives, as told by the author, are of thrilling interest. Much curious information, too, is given of the early days of gold-digging in Cariboo. In view of the present "gold boom" of British Columbia, this little work is pre-eminently a book for the time. A large number of fine half-tone engravings—views of trading posts passed en route, cities of to-day, glimpses of picturesque scenery and portraits of leading pioneers—will make it a very attractive volume.

NO "STAR" ALMANAC.

Graham & Co. announce that owing to the attention they have given the daily and weekly editions of their paper this year, they have not issued a Star Almanac for 1897.

A PRIVATE SECRETARY'S BOOK.

Mr. F. C. T. O'Hara, secretary to the Minister of Trade and Commerce, has in press a book entitled, "Snap Shots from Boy Life," a compilation of a series of sketches contributed by Mr. O'Hara to The Baltimore Herald while he was on the staff of that newspaper. The illustrations are by Astley Palmer Cooper, one of the cleverest artists on the American press. Mr. O'Hara was persuaded by the chief editor of The Herald to publish the contributions in book form, because of the marked favor with which they were received as a literary feature of the paper. The book will be ready in about a month. Wm. Briggs, Toronto, is the publisher.

THE WARDEN OF THE PLAINS.

The well-known author of literature bearing on Indian life and customs has in course of publication a collection of stories to be entitled "The Warden of the Plains." In its pages Dr. Maclean has gathered a number of stories and sketches illustrating the strange life of our great Northwest. The contact between savagery and civilization on the frontier has developed some remarkable social conditions. Oxford University men, fierce desperadoes, zealous missionaries, Indian braves, and adventurous spirits from east and west, figure in these pages in strong, dramatic sketches. Dr. Maclean has rendered a distinct service to Canadian literature by photographing in this series of pictures a type of Canadian life which is fast passing

away. Mr. J. E. Laughlin has contributed to this book eight very fine wash-drawings, also a most striking design for the cover. The book is being published by Wm. Briggs, and will be ready by the 18th of December.

RHYMES OF ROYALTIES.

"Rhymes of the Kings and Queens of England," is a most attractive book for boys and girls, written by Miss Mary Leslie, of Guelph, and to be issued by Wm. Briggs early in the present month. The subject-matter is pleasantly written, and the interest of the young reader will be vastly heightened by the numerous engravings—nearly 120 in all—scattered throughout the volume. This should be a popular gift-book for Christmas. It is to be bound in cloth and in half-leather with gilt edges.

IN THE DAYS OF THE CANADA COMPANY.

The authors of "In the Days of the Canada Company" are being overwhelmed with congratulatory letters. The work evidently has the popular quality. Rev. Father Kilroy, of Stratford, catches this particular merit of the work when he writes to one of the authors: "One feels, in following your narrative, that you have taken a higher level than has yet been attained by any local historian in the Dominion. The subject naturally lends itself to the picturesque, and you have followed the lead admirably."

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