

whole book is decidedly refreshing and shows that Merriman deserves the fame which he is rapidly winning.



CANADA'S MINERAL WEALTH.

Canada's natural resources are made up of timber, fish, minerals and fertile soil. These are what a bountiful nature has given us, and from which Canadians must derive their wealth. It is important that each of these four should be thoroughly understood, not only by those desiring to accumulate a competence, but by our rulers. Professor Arthur B. Willmott, of McMaster University, Toronto, has just published* an instructive book entitled "The Mineral Wealth of Canada." In his introduction he compares our mineral resources with those of other countries and explains where our minerals are found. He then takes up each kind of ore, notes how it occurs, the different varieties, and where each is found, ending his book with a chapter on soils and mineral fertilizers and some tables. The publication of such reliable information is opportune, and although intended primarily for university students will be found very valuable to the general reader and to the student of Canadian economics. The author has performed his work very thoroughly.



RURAL SCIENCE.

Macmillan's Rural Science Series† is worthy of hearty commendation to Canadian farmers, who read and study too little. The day when farming could be carried on by unskilled labour has gone by, and the successful farmer is now the man who reads, studies and travels. This series of books includes: "The Soil; Its Nature, Relations and Fundamental Principles of Management," "The Fertility of the Land," "The Spraying of Plants," "Milk and Its Products," "The Principles of Fruit Growing," "Seeds and Seed Growing," "Feeding of Animals," etc. "The Fertility of the Land" is by Isaac Phillips Roberts, Professor of Agriculture in Cornell University, and a practical farmer. As the editor of the series says: "It sets forth the author's philosophy of the means of maintaining the productivity of the land; and since the productive power of the land is the first and fundamental consideration in farming, it must follow that this book comes as near to being a treatise on agriculture as any single volume can be. It combines the best teachings of science with the philosophy of farm practice. It is the ripened judgment of the wisest farmer whom I have known."



A NEW SCHOOL HISTORY.

"Of all mankind," says Carlyle, "there is no tribe so rude that it has not attempted history, though several have not arithmetic enough to spell five. History has been written with quipo-threads, with feather-pictures, with wampum-belts; still oftener with earth-mounds and monumental stone-heaps, whether as pyramid or cairn; for the Celt and the Copt, the Red-man as well as the white lives between two eternities, and warring against oblivion, he would fain unite himself in clear conscious relation with the whole future and the whole past." And with Carlyle we must still agree that history writing ranks among the highest arts.

* Toronto: William Briggs. Cloth, 201 pp.

† The Macmillan Co., New York. Toronto: Tyrrell's Book Shop.