

3. What are the chief commercial routes between Canada and China, and of what articles does the trade chiefly consist?

4. What commercial communication have we with: (1) The West Indies, (2) The East Indies, and contrast the importance of our trade with each?

5. The North-West Transportation Company plies between Sarnia and Duluth, via Port Arthur; of what will the cargo consist, (1) up; (2) down?

6. Give the termini of the three leading railway systems of Canada, showing the reason for the selection of each.

7. Name and locate the railway links between Canada and the United States over our chain of inland waters.

8. Name the competing commercial routes between: (1) Montreal and Winnipeg, (2) New York and Chicago.

9. A person leaves Montreal for Victoria, V. I., via C. P. R. How often and at what places will he have to change his time on the route?

10. Compare eastern and western Canada with respect to: (1) Physical characteristics; (2) Natural resources; (3) Commercial advantages.

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE.

The Publishers' Circular issued on the 15th of each month at St. Dunstan's House in London, by Messrs. Sampson, Low, Marsden, Searle and Rivington, is a reliable and convenient guide to and record of British and Foreign Literature.

The Dominion Illustrated for March 18th has portraits of the late Hon. Thos. White, the Hon. J. W. Longley, and the Hon. G. W. Ross, as well as beautiful views of Government House, St. Johns, Newfoundland, in winter, and of Lake St. Joseph, etc.

THE March number of *The Decorator and Furnisher*, a magazine published in the City of New York by the Art-Trades Publishing and Printing Company, contains Easter designs, designs of panels, staircases, railway upholstery, sideboards, mantles, an Oriental smoking room, and many others—nearly all of them accompanying articles.

THE *Wide-Awake* is one of the best juvenile magazines. The character of its contents, the illustrations, and the general tone of the magazine are all good. In the current number one finds several items relating to the Inauguration of the President of the United States. "Men and Things," "Cooking Papers," "Geological Talks," etc., merit high commendation. It is enough to say of the stories that they are by such writers as Margaret Sidney and F. J. Trowbridge.

The Quiver for this month contains at least one article particularly appropriate to the spring season. "The Silence of the Woods," which tells of the English song-birds. A contribution from J. Cuthbert Hadden deals with the metrical version of the Psalms, giving what is known of the lives of the nine writers whose work it is. Though one may agree with Thomas Fuller that in some cases "their piety is better than their poetry, yet we are not likely to pass over an article on so interesting a subject. In fiction and other departments the *Quiver* sustains its good reputation.

THE March number of *Scribner's Magazine* contains another of the railway articles entitled "The Railway Mail Service," written by Gen. T. L. James, who was Postmaster-General of the Garfield Administration, and is now president of a bank in New York City. The article is well conceived, and the subject well treated. The author shows a generous appreciation of the work and needs of the trained mail clerks. A former Fellow of Johns Hopkins writes on "Economy in Intellectual Work." A musical article, a Mexican article, a travel paper, poetry and fiction make up the balance of the number.

THE March *Harper*, which contained Mr. Warner's article, has received a good deal of attention from the Canadian press—most of our papers publishing extracts from the