

PUBLISHERS' COLUMN

CANADIAN publishers are very well pleased with the book trade of the past season. The only unsatisfactory feature was the smallness of the repeat orders. However, this shortage was more than compensated for by the heavy advance orders sent in for the majority of the Fall books. The present month is, as usual, an off one in publishing circles. Quiet arrangements are being made for new Spring books, and a few paper editions are being issued.

During the month, the Copp, Clark Co., Limited, will issue paper editions of "The Loves of Miss Anne," by S. R. Crockett, "The Coming of the King," by Joseph



A Striking Portrait of Bliss Carman, Author of "The Friendship of Art"

Hocking and "The Abbess of Mlaze," by S. J. Weyman (75c each)

A summary of their Fall book sales has been made by the Copp, Clark Co., Limited. Their six best sellers in the order of sales are as follows: "A Ladder of Swords," by Sir Gilbert Parker, "Jesse & Co." by J. J. Bell,

"Whoever Shall Offend" by F. M. Crawford, "The Prisoner of Mademoiselle" by C. G. D. Roberts, "The Loves of Miss Anne" by S. R. Crockett and "Double Harness" by Anthony Hope

A paper edition of "My Lady of the North" by Rain-

dall Parrish is announced for publication this month by McLeod & Allen. (75c.)

"Beverly of Graustark" by G. B. McCutcheon has been McLeod & Allen's leader during the past Fall season, and the publishers have been delighted with the sales booked.

Apripos of the heavy demand last month for "Dr. Luke of the Labrador" by Norman Duncan, the following incident is related. A prominent Toronto bookseller telephoned to the publishers, in response to a request for an order, that "Dr. Luke of the Labrador" was selling so well that he had to put it in the backroom and instruct his clerks not to show it unless asked for and then reluctantly, for he said that with this book in a prominent place, he would carry over a large part of the balance of his stock of fiction.

A book of particular interest to Canadians was published late in December by the Fleming H. Revell Co., through their agent, Henry Frowde, Toronto, under the title of "Memoirs of a Great Detective, Being Incidents in the Life of John Wilson Murray." The book abounds with fascinating and absorbing stories of the adventures of Detective Murray, when engaged in detecting and unmasking crime in Canada. It is a large, handsomely bound volume and sells at \$2.00.

The Westminster Co., Limited, the publishers in Canada of the works of Ralph Connor, are delighted with the reception which has been accorded "The Prospector," the latest production of the gifted Canadian author. The book was placed on the market on December 4, and up to the end of the month an edition of 20,000 copies was disposed of,—a magnificent sale for any book in Canada.

A most useful catalogue of law books published in Canada, Great Britain, the United States and France has been issued by C. Theoret, law book publisher, 41 and 43 St. James street, Montreal. The books are classified alphabetically under authors' names, followed by an alphabetical index of subjects, and are all handled by C. Theoret.

The list of new fiction to be published during the next few months by L. C. Page & Co., Boston, includes "Lady Penlope" by Morley Roberts, author of "Rachel Marr," "The Black Batque" by T. Jenkins Ham, "Castel del Monte" by Nathan Gallizier and "The Winged Helmet" by H. S. Mackaye. L. C. Page & Co. will also bring out on March 1st, a splendid edition of four of Lord Beaconsfield's novels, "African Grey," "Sybil," "Coningsby" and "Tancred."

On February 1, L. C. Page & Co., of Boston, will issue "Lady Penelope," by Morley Roberts, author of "Rachel Marr." "Lady Penelope" is a satire of the most farcical sort. It is a clever, up-to-date presentation of modern society life, with situations and characters which bewilder by their brilliancy and keep the reader in one continuous laugh. It is quite safe to say that there is not another author now before the public capable of such wonderfully varied work, all of such a high class.

Morang & Co., Limited, last month secured the Canadian rights for "Mrs. Maybrick's Own Story" as written by herself, which they issued in cloth at \$1.20 net.