OUR BOOK REVIEWS.

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Mr. J. Castell Hopkins, F.S.S., F.R.G.S., in the nineteenth issue of his "Canadian Annual Review," has produced a volume that, if anything, excells his previous reviews of Canadian affairs. Year after year for nineteen years Mr. Hopkins has kept his readers informed in a way at once interesting and instructive, of events not only as they have occurred in Canada itself, but of world events that directly affect the welfare of the country, consequence being that those who have had the privilege of following this delightful author through his Annual Reviews cannot help but be well informed men and women. It is true that as every word is written by himself the reader gets only Mr. Hopkins' view, but such is the broad spirited mind and fairness of the man that every event chronicled—whether it be local, provincial or national—is strictly accurate as to facts and always fair regarding the comments on the facts. Mr. Hopkins has only one bias—a true Canadianism.

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"The Peace Conference and Canada's Part in it."

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"The Farmers' Movement."

"The Industrial Situation in Canada."

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Each of the provinces is dealt with separately—industrially, socially, pólitically and municipally—and conjointly. The Dominion is treated in every phase of public activity, whether that activity be domestic, national, imperial or international in character. The questions taken up relating to the Empire include the new Constitutional Act of India; the Sinn Fein movement in Ireland; the National movement in South Africa; Australian conditions; the After-War Construction in Great Britain, etc.

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The chief sections of the editioin are as follows:—

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London Municipal Government.—County Council, City Corporation, City and Borough Councils, Water Board, Asylums Board, Port Authority etc., etc. with names and addresses of members and officers.

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