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of Charles II.'s Court, the monarch of whom Rochester said :

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PUBLISHERS' SYNDICATE BOOKS. No book by a Canadian author published in recent years has created so deep an impression in England as the work just published, by Mr. W. Sanford Evans,

entitled "The Canadian Contingents and Canadian Imperialism," the Canadian edition of which is now being placed on the market by The Publishers' Syndicate, Limited, Toronto. Canadian literature has certainly been greatly enriched by the production of this work, which treats of the Imperial problem in a manner so clear, so fair and so comprehensive as to have attracted the immediate attention of political authorities both in Great Britain and in this country. It is not the purpose here to review this book, but simply to quote from some of the leading journals which have dealt with its treatment of the subject, with a view to showing the recognition which it has already received. In a commendatory article, The Daily Telegraph says that "Mr. Sanford Evans has written an important, as well as a very interesting, book," and describes his proposals as "well worthy of discussion." The Manchester Guardian says that "Mr. Evans' study of the Imperialistic movement in Canada during the last two years is the most closely reasoned that we have seen. * * * This is a book that all interested in the relation of England to the colonies should read." The Scotsman says: "This book is at once an admirable narrative of great events and a thoughtful study of important colonial problems." The Dundee Advertiser says

that "Mr. Evans' volume must be described as one of the best Imperialistic and the most satisfying in all the literature of the war."

In a column editorial, The Liverpool Post "advises all interested in the question of Imperial cooperation to study it as it is moderately and judiciously presented by Mr. Evans." The Pilot describes the volume as "a timely warning that the worst enemy of Imperial Federation is the Imperialist in a hurry." The Country Gentleman commends the "clearness, the logical method and the obvious determination to weigh everything in the balance with scrupulous care" which characterize the work, while The Glasgow Daily Mail uses the facts presented as a text to urge caution on the British Government in its dealings with the colonies in the Imperialistic propaganda.

No less genuine and serious are the tributes paid to Mr. Evans' book by the Canadian journals whose reviews have so far been published, and it may be taken for granted that it will be widely commented on by the Canadian press in the future. Mr. Evans' admirable volume is assured of a high place in the library of Canadian literature, while it should also have a large and steady circulation in every Province of the Dominion.