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Editor's Talk

SELECTING a serial story for the readers of "The Canadian Courier" is not an easy task. Many good stories there are which read well in book form, but which are quite unsuitable for "instalment" reading. It is not every story which will bear breaking up into thirteen more or less equal parts. Again, it is not easy to select a story which will satisfy all classes of readers. Tastes vary, as no one knows better than the editorial staff.

The new serial story which commences in next week's issue is quite different from the one which finishes in this issue. It is by a Canadian author also, but the scenes are laid in Canada—up among the Foothills of central Alberta. It thus has an entirely different atmosphere. Virna Sheard has written several good stories of which "Trevelyan's Little Daughters" was the first, and "By the Queen's Grace," the most recent. She has also contributed largely to the periodicals of the United States and Canada. Her poetry is always in demand—for she writes good verse as well as strong fiction. That she doesn't write as much as some other popular authors is explained by the presence in her Toronto home of five stalwart sons who inherit their parents' cleverness.

"The Man at Lone Lake" was there because a secret vice drove him into solitude—where his manhood could wrestle fairly with the devil that was in him. There he lived the life of a trapper, alone with a squirrel as pet and companion. A few miles down the Lake was Old Man McCullough and Francois, the half-breed—and Nance. But read the story for yourself, first because the story is Canadian in the best sense, secondly because the author has a reputation which justifies it, and thirdly because the editor recommends the tale. Good Canadian stories are rare, because Canada has driven most of her authors abroad. Virna Sheard is one of those who could not be driven out; therefore, the country gets the value of her talent, ability and intimate knowledge of nature and nature's charms as we have it in Canada.

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