

A CLEVER CANADIAN CARICATURIST.

IF we would find where, in the world of art, the artist is surest of winning and keeping the heart of the people—and of the Canadian people, possibly the most intensely practical nation next to the Americans—we must turn to caricature, a field which is, perhaps, on a lower plane than some of the branches of illustration, but which requires the keenest perception of detail and the most facile handling of



political human nature and its surroundings. Here the very practicality which has retarded our appreciation of ideal art is a potent factor in our enjoyment of the caricaturist's work. With very few exceptions those who have made the history of this branch of Canadian art are living men.

Mr. A. G. Racey, who stands at the forefront of this distinctly modern art—

in Canada—is a son of John Racey, M.D., the well-known and highly esteemed physician of Quebec; and a grand-nephew of the late Admiral Sir George Westphal, R.N., and the late General Ford, R.E. Mr. Racey is a self-taught artist, he has a keen sense of humor, and surprising skill and power in rendering what he has seen and felt into caricature. In his work the most salient feature is his subtle appreciation of the humorous side in the politics of Canada, in which he is well versed, and in the last general election Mr. Racey's pencil proved a power that was recognized by the greatest politicians as a danger to the party it was directed against.

For the past ten years Mr. Racey has been connected with *The Montreal Witness*, but has lately been engaged to join the staff of *The Montreal Star*. Mr. Racey's work has been reproduced in every quarter of the globe, and his world-famous "Alliance Wheel" cartoon was reproduced even in Tokio, Japan.

In 1894 he won *The Montreal Herald's* caricature competition against all Canadian caricaturists, and since then his rise has been extremely rapid, and his success is well deserved. As an illustrator, watercolor painter and illuminator, Mr. Racey has achieved success, and the addresses which he illuminated for Lord Aberdeen and the present Governor-General of Canada from the Caledonian Society are valuable works of art

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