

The December number of the *Dominion Illustrated* is to hand and presents a varied table of contents. More space is devoted in this issue to articles on Western Canada, among which are two splendid contributions fully illustrated, on "The Queen's Highway in the West," by H. J. Woodside, of Portage la Prairie, and the other "Portage la Prairie" presumably from the pen of the same writer. Several good illustrations of the town of Portage la Prairie are given, also a threshing scene near the same place. The Lake of the Woods Milling Co., at Keewatin, is well depicted and the towns of Rat Portage, Norman and Keewatin, receive a fair share of attention. We are pleased to see the *Dominion Illustrated* turning their attention to the Golden West, and we hope their effort will be fully appreciated. J. Castell Hopkins contributes an excellent article on "Canada and American Aggression." F. Clifford Smith relates "A Christmas Adventure." F. Blake Crofton continues "Scraps and Snaps," while "Newfoundland and its Capital," receives a share of attention at the hands of C. Winter, and Beatrice Glen Moore tells an interesting story "How Remi was Satisfied," the scenes of which are laid in Lower Canada near the St. Lawrence. A supplement, in a well executed engraving of the Lieut. Governor of Quebec, is also given with this excellent number, a copy of which everyone interested in Canada should obtain. Published by the Sibaston Litho. Pub. Co., Montreal. Subscription, \$1.50 per year.

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A copy of the Christmas number of "*Saturday Night*," issued by the Sheppard Pub. Co., of Toronto, has been received, and to say that it is superb would but half express what it is. As a Canadian work, it reflects credit on the publishers and will at once establish beyond a doubt, that Canadians can come to the front in literature and hold their own with any other country. The number before us is one of the finest we have ever seen, and compares favorably with London and New York publications of a similar kind. Editor Sheppard certainly deserves the thanks of the public, in presenting to Canadians such a work of art. Some of the best writers on the continent contribute to its pages, the article of which are finely illustrated. No one should be without a copy, as the beautiful colored supplement entitled, "Her Bright Smile Haunts Me Still," is worth alone the price of the paper, and is well worth framing. Be sure and see it and we know you will want one. Price 50c, for sale by all newsdealers. Published by the Sheppard Publishing Co., Toronto. Ltd.

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*Castorologia*—"Or the History and Traditions of the Canadian Beaver" is the title of a book, recently issued by Horace T. Martin, F. Z. S., of Montreal. This

valuable work, which forms an excellent addition to the library, represents a large amount of scientific research on the part of the author, and presents to us a complete monograph, clearly and concisely written. Mr. Martin has divided his book into divisions, stating in each the various relations, story and traditions, which have been handed down for generations, and which form interesting features of the work; while there may appear too many paragraphs, abruptly terminated, yet had Mr. Martin enlarged on them in narrative style, it would have required several hundred pages to have related in full, what is otherwise intended as a monograph. The illustrations which were executed in Montreal, by Deabrats & Co., represent to what perfection engraving is done in Canada. The book as a whole is finely gotten up and is a credit, not only to the publishers but to the young and rising author, who has rendered such science to the cause of Natural History. Every one should possess a copy which should receive the patronage and support of every Canadian. For a Xmas present, it would be most appropriate. For sale by Ferguson and Co., Stationers, Winnipeg.

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The *Colonist*, a monthly magazine published at Winnipeg in the interests of Manitoba and the Northwest, is exceptionally good for December. Several timely articles full of useful information are given, also a capital illustration of a scene in British Columbia. Subscription, \$1.00 per year. Published by Bailey & Co., Winnipeg, Man.

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Two famous preachers have written striking articles soon to be printed in *The Ladies' Home Journal*; one by Rev. Morgan Dix, D.D., on "Are Society Women Insincere?" and the other by Rev. John R. Paxton, D.D., on "Are Women more Religious than Men?"

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*The Carberry Express*, a weekly Conservative paper published at Carberry, starts out with a good prospectus. An original cartoon adorns the first page each week, while the general make up is newsy and to the point. We wish the new venture success.

### Miscellaneous.

If you want to make Christmas day bright and happy and see your little ones dance with joy, get old Santa Claus to go to Miss Maycock's and see her big display of dolls and Christmas novelties. She has one of the largest stocks ever seen in Winnipeg and you will be surprised how far your money will go when making your purchases there. Everything is imported direct, and consists of the latest designs in toys from Wonderland.