

BOOK BREVITIES

ANOTHER striking personality has been added to the number of Canadian fiction writers. This time it is a young New Brunswicker, W. Albert Hickman, who has won distinction. His story, "The Sacrifice of the Shannon," a stirring tale of the ice-crushers of the Northumberland Straits, published in New York by Frederick A. Stokes and in Toronto by William Briggs, is receiving the highest praise at the hands of the critics.

Announcements for July from The Copp, Clark Co. are as follows:

- July 3—"Cecilia," by F. Marion Crawford. Paper edition.
- 10—"Barbara Ladd," by C. G. D. Roberts. Paper edition.
- 17—"A Speckled Bird," by A. E. Wilson. Paper edition.
- 24—"The Adventures of Harry Revel," by A. T. Quiller-Couch.
- 31—"Earth's Enigmas," by C. G. D. Roberts.
- "A Prince of Sinners," by E. Phillips Oppenheim.

Paper editions of "Cecilia," "Barbara Ladd" and "A Speckled Bird" all sell at 75c. All three are splendid novels by well-known authors.

Quiller-Couch's latest production is as fantastic as any book he has ever written. Its scene is laid on the coast of England many years ago, and there is enough mystery and intrigue in its plot to hold and keep the interest of every reader. As a book for boys it will be hard to equal it this Summer.

BOOKSELLER AND STATIONER has no hesitation in saying, without any bias whatever, that Sewell Ford's "Horses Nine" is one of the books of the year. Few more healthy or charming stories could be imagined.

Two novels by first-rate English authors to be published shortly in Canada are William Le Queux's "The Unnamed" and Joseph Hocking's "O'er Moor and Fen" (Copp, Clark Co.).

"Earth's Enigmas" was the first volume of fiction which the Canadian author, Charles G. D. Roberts, published. That was in 1892. The book has been out of print several years. Now it is announced that a reprint is to appear, to which are to be added three new stories and several illustrations. (Copp, Clark Co.).

In "A Prince of Sinners," by the English novelist, Oppenheim, that author takes up the career of a profligate nobleman and throws up in sharp contrast to his wickedness the manly determination of his son to work out his own career.

The Fleming H. Revell Co. announce this month "The Master of Millions," a novel in which Rev. Dr. George C. Lorimer, pastor of Madison Avenue Baptist church, New York, lays bare many of the rotten places in the fabric of modern civilization.

Morang's series of "Little Novels by Popular Authors" forms a dainty collection of excellent fiction. The booklets are beautifully printed and bound, and each contains an excel-

lent photogravure of the author who wrote it. So far, "Philosophy Four," by Owen Wister; "Man Overboard," by F. Marion Crawford, and "Mr. Keegan's Elopement," by Winston Churchill, have appeared. They are just the thing to slip into the pocket when travelling in Summer.

"The Grey Cloak," by Harold MacGrath, author of "The Puppet Crown," is being presented by McLeod & Allen, Toronto. The major part of this tale is laid in Quebec. It promises to be a good tourist book. Paper 75c., cloth \$1.25.

A text-book on "Canadian Dairying," by Prof. H. H. Dean, B.S.A., of the Ontario Agricultural College, is announced for issue early in August by William Briggs. It is many years since any work on this subject was published in Canada, and the amazing progress of this industry in recent years indicates a market and a use for a good text-book. The preparation of such a work could not be in better hands than Prof. Dean's.

A striking cover design has been made by Mr. John Innes for Mr. John R. Craig's "Cattle Ranching with Lords and Commons." The book contains a number of very fine engravings of western scenes, Mr. Craig, who has had nearly twenty years of experience in cattle ranching in Alberta, gives a great deal of interesting information relating to that industry.

W. A. Fraser left for London on the 9th inst., to place his new story, "The Blood Lilies," with a British publisher. The American rights have been secured by Scribners' and the Canadian by William Briggs. Those who have examined the manuscript regard the story as a distinct advance on the author's previous work. It deals with Indian life in the far Northwest, when the Hudson's Bay Company were supreme through all that country. All the best qualities of Mr. Fraser's literary workmanship—vigor, vivacity, virility, vividness of description—are given full play, and with these is combined a rare tenderness of feeling in treating of the passionate love of an Indian woman for her child. The display of human affection shown by the mother forms a pleasing contrast to the Indian character as it usually has been portrayed. Mr. Fraser himself looks upon the story as embodying the best work he has yet done.

"Lovey Mary" and "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" still maintain a place among the leaders. The former is in its eighth thousand and the latter in its thirteenth in the Canadian edition, and the demand is still active. The Canadian issue of "The Letters of a Self-made Merchant to His Son," now numbers 16,000 copies.

William Briggs announces the publication early this Autumn of the Canadian edition of a new story by Ernest Thompson-Seton, entitled "Two Little Savages." The story is now running serially in the Ladies' Home Journal, and will be published in the United States by Doubleday, Page & Co.

Miss Helen Milcete, the author of "A Detached Pirate," is a Canadian young lady residing in Halifax. The story is attracting wide attention. The illustrations are in colors and the cover design is artistic and pleasing. This is not Miss Milcete's first venture in literature. She is credited with a previous story, entitled "A Girl of the North." Her friends predict for her higher successes in the future.

Mr. Crockett's latest story, "The Banner of Blue," has run into a second Canadian edition. Though none of his recent books have enjoyed the popularity of "The Raiders," yet Mr. Crockett holds a large constituency of readers eagerly ready for his latest studies of Scottish life and character.