

RECENT BOOKS ON CANADA

- "Le Canada : Les deux Races"—André Siegfried, Colin, Paris, 1906, pp. 415. 4 fr.
- "Canada, To-day"—J. A. Hobson, T. Fisher Unwin, London, 1906, pp. 143.
- "Canada : The New Nation"—H. R. Whates, J. M. Dent, London and New York, 1906, pp. 284.
- "Canada As It Is"—John Foster Fraser, Cassells, London and New York, 1905, pp. 298.

EUROPE is now doing its best to wipe away the reproach of knowing nothing about Canada. The output of English books on Canada is bewildering. The time is evidently approaching when the school children of Kent or of Caithness will know the geography of Canada much better than the Canadian child knows that of England. This will not be a national disgrace to us. For the young Canadian to know that Edinburgh is on the east side of Britain, or that Leeds has a population of 450,000 is, to use the modern jargon, part of his "cultural" education. Its money value is incalculable. But for the little Londoner to learn that Winnipeg is reaching the 100,000 mark, and that the wheat area of Canada is extending before our eyes ever nearer to the North Pole is strictly "vocational" instruction. He may be growing "No. 1. hard wheat" in Alberta before he is ten years older.

The group of works which I have selected all treat of Canada as it is, its problems, its hopes, and its difficulties, and in all of them there is some attention given to tariff proposals and other schemes for strengthening the union with the