

The well-written story of Mr. Ridley, editor of *The Bellman*, a small town newspaper, whose most cherished hope is to receive an honorary doctorate. At the beginning of the story he pictures himself as Dr. Ridley, yet by the end of the tale renounces this, his most precious goal. An interesting well-written story by one of Canada's best-known writers.

Garner, Hugh. **STORM BELOW.** McGraw-Hill Ryerson. \$2.50.

This is a novel about the way of life in a Canadian corvette during a particularly critical phase in the life of the ship and its crew members. The accidental death of one of the seamen is used as the background for a disintegration, which leads eventually to a gradually tightening of morale and strength of all the crew members. A vivid/human and at times humorous picture of the individuals who form a collective group known as a ship's company.

Laurence, Margaret. **A JEST OF GOD.** McClelland and Stewart, 1966. \$5.00.

Suffocating social mores in a dusty prairie town threaten the tenuous hold that an uncertain woman may have on reality.

Lawrence, Ronald D. **CRY WILD.** Nelson, 1970. \$1.15, paper

Excitement and suspense are well sustained in this tale of Silverheels, the gray-footed wolf. His puppyhood in the woods, his capture by a trapper, and his subsequent escape back to the wilderness make a compelling story of animal life in the north.

MacLennan, Hugh. **BAROMETER RISING.** McClelland and Stewart, 1960. \$1.95, paper.

In 1917 the east coast port of Halifax was blasted by the explosion of a munitions ship in the harbour. This is the suspense-filled story of a young man caught in that disaster. The description of the horrors of the rescue work are wonderfully vivid and this socially critical author draws a clever parallel between the explosion and the emergence of Canada as a nation.

Markoosie. **HARPOON OF THE HUNTER.** McGill-Queen's Press, 1970. \$4.95.

This is a stark and simple story of the Eskimo's struggle for survival in a little settlement high in the Canadian Arctic. It begins with a polar bear hunt and concludes with the tragic death of the