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Stephen Butler Leacock, B.A., Ph.D., Litt. D., LL.D., F.R.S.C., Chairman of the Department of Economics and Political Science of McGill University, has been one of the outstanding figures of Canada for many years. Born in Hampshire, England, he came to Canada early in life and as a student at Upper Canada College and later at the University of Toronto imbibed the spirit of sturdy Canadianism which is so apparent in all his writings. Soon after graduating from the University he was appointed to the Staff of Upper Canada College and there and later at McGill he devoted himself to the study of politics and economics. Today he is an authority whose words are listened to with attention and who has built up around him at McGill a capable and well balanced staff.

Dr. Leacock's interest in Canada and her affairs has been evidenced over and over again. In 1917 and 1918 he made a tour of the Empire, lecturing on imperial organization under the auspices of the Rhodes Trust, while his works on episodes of Canadian History are well known to every student.

As an author indeed his fame has gone far beyond the bounds of Canada. His humorous works which perhaps might technically be described as satires present the most acutely drawn pictures of Canadian life, pictures which may some day take their place beside those of Aristophanes, Juvenal and Moliere. No one knows better the life of the small country town, of the rich city with its finances and its fads, of the University than does Stephen Leacock, and no one who reads what he has written with any understanding can fail to realize how healthy is his good natured ridicule.