

EDITORIAL

"Who's Who in Canada and Why"

The Montreal "Journal of Commerce" has the following to say about the new edition of the Canadian "Who's Who:"

"The 1919-20 edition of "Who's Who and Why," edited by B. M. Greene and published by the International Press, Limited, Toronto, has made its appearance. It contains nearly 4,000 sketches, which is probably about the number of Canadians who are really entitled to inclusion in such a work of reference. For those who are concerned with industry, commerce and finance the list will be found fairly complete, though we note with some surprise the absence of Mark Workman, Sir Henry Pellat, Sir William Mackenzie, Hon. W. E. Edwards, F. Orr Lewis, W. I. Gear, F. H. Anson, Shirley Ogilvie, W. H. Moore, Dr. Milton Hersey, George Chahon, Jr., to mention only a few names which come to mind in connection with the world of directorships and business enterprise.

"But it is when we come to learning and the arts that we find the blank spaces most notable—blank, indeed, so far as the men who should be in a "Who's Who" are concerned, but filled up so far as type goes with the names of people whom few if any students of such a volume are ever likely to turn up. Out of 50 consecutive names in a portion of the book selected at random, 40 are company directors or managers with no other claim to fame, three are public officials, one is the principle of a ladies college, three are politicians, one is a publisher and editor, one is a judge and one (this is really astonishing) is a librarian. It is not possible, surely, that four-fifths of all the genuine attainment of Canadians is in purely business spheres and none of it in learning, literature or the arts."

We would add that judging from an inspection of the work there appear to be no men of note in the mining world of Canada. Of recent presidents of the Canadian Mining Institute we do not find included Mr. D. B. Dowling, or Mr. A. A. Cole. Practically no members of the Geological Survey are included. Dr. Ami, Theo. Denis and Dr. Miller are names we cannot find. The Fuel Controller, C. A. Magrath is not included, although the Assistant Fuel Controller, Mr. C. W. Peterson, is included. There is not to be found the name of a single superintending official of the Dominion Steel or Coal Companies. In Nova Scotia we miss the inclusion of such representative Canadians as Major the Rev. John Pringle, Moderator of the Presbyterian Assembly, and not unknown in Canada; the venerable Speaker of the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly, the Hon. Mr. Goudge, and such persons as Prof. Sexton of Halifax, lately honored by Queen's University, the late George Gray of Stellarton, a most representative Nova Scotian, and the Hon. Robert Drummond. Even D. D. McKenzie, for a time leader of the Opposition at Ottawa, is not included.

The "Canadian Bookman" says: "Since the last publication of the late Mr. Morgan's admirable work, which is now many years old, we have no Canadian "Who's Who" except a volume to which admission can be procured by practically anybody upon payment of \$25, \$50 or \$100, and from which practically all distinguished Canadians who do not care to part with such a sum are sternly excluded."

So far as regards men of eminence in the mining profession is concerned, "Who's Who in Canada" is not a complete source of information.

The Levant Disaster

The disaster at the Levant Mine, by which 31 men were killed, and 11 very seriously injured, is one of the worst in Cornish annals, and will excite sympathy from emigrant Cornishmen and their descendants who are represented in every rock-mining camp the world over. The accident was of an unusual nature, said to be the only case of fatal accident from failure of a man-engine of this primitive type that has occurred in England. In this issue will be found an interesting historical summary of the Levant engine taken from the "Mining Journal" of London.

There are several examples in Nova Scotia of Cornish pumping engines, of the rocking-beam type, not now in use, which were installed by the General Mining Association in the early days of the coal-mining industry there. Those who have had to deal with fallen pump-spears know the damage they can create in a wooden-timbered shaft, and in the Levant case the work of rescue must have been most difficult and very dangerous, but aid came from every neighboring mine.