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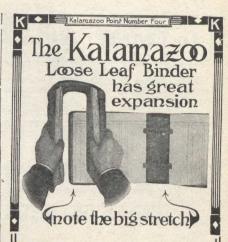
HE editor desires to thank the readers of this weekly newspaper for their patient faith in the editorial atti-tude towards public questions. All sorts of open and secret attempts have been made to give the impression that the "Canadian Courier" has a biased attitude and that it is not as independent as it claims to be. Our readers have been kind and considerate amid all this turmoil and have shown by their steady support that they have not been influenced by those attacks delivered by acknowledged partisans. The number of sympathetic and encouraging letters received by the editor indicates an unwavering confidence which is inspiring.

During the past week, the "Canadian Courier's" attitude

on the navy question has been fully endorsed by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, meeting at Halifax. They declared for a speedy and non-partisan settlement of this greatest of national questions, such as has been advocated by the "Canadian Courier" for more than a year. This is an endorsement which comes from an unexpected quarter and is consequently of great value. It may not prove that we are right, but it encourages us to believe that we represent the best people of Canada in our advocacy of this course.

A new serial story commences in this issue. To those who desire action and adventure in a story, as well as to those who appreciate a well written romance, this story will make a tremendous appeal. It is modern in every respect—so modern that a London suffragette takes a prominent part. The leading character, a lady of the slums, known as "The Red Virgin," is a type unknown in Canada and hence worthy of being seriously studied. In some respects, the author reflects the style of the mediaeval romances of Anthony Hope and Stanley J. Weyman, but the purpose underlying his work raises it above the level of a mere romance.

The editor makes another plea for more short stories dealing with the activities of Canadian life. Love stories pure and simple are not welcomed. Historical stories are also coldly re-There is so much in our everyday commercial, financial and social life which can be portrayed in fiction form, that we prefer to look for this kind of short story. The growth of Canadian daily and weekly papers seems to be greater than the supply of good fiction material. Canada needs a brand new crop of novelists and short-story writers. Authentic information as to the whereabouts of any promising writers of fiction will be welcomed in the editorial rooms of this publication.



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