

colonial empire, a plaything they have never had before. The point for Canadians to consider is, however, that now is a very good time for them to drop some of the American magazines which they have been so generally patronizing in the past, and transfer that patronage to home publications, such, for instance, as THE CANADIAN MAGAZINE, which is a splendid publication, equal to many of its American contemporaries, and which can be

made infinitely superior to them if given the support it merits from the people of Canada. In this way our magazine readers would escape a surfeit of war literature with which they are bound to become disgusted, and would give a patriotic support to Canadian literature and art, which only require proper encouragement to hold their own with the best productions of the United States.

THE MARCH CANADIAN MAGAZINE.

THE March Canadian Magazine will be a very attractive number both in illustrations and in contents. A. H. U. Colquhoun will give a Canadian estimate of *The Marquis of Salisbury* undoubtedly one of the greatest statesmen of the century, but one of whom very little has been written. His early life, his political progress, his maturer views, and his personal characteristics will be described in the vigorous and picturesque style of which Mr. Colquhoun is a master.

"*The Early Railroad History of Canada*," by S. J. Maclean, is particularly appropriate at a time when the transportation question is receiving so much attention on all hands. Canada's railroad policy has always been one of her greatest problems; it has made and unmade governments; it has been the subject of numerous pamphlets and books and much more numerous speeches. Mr. Maclean's article, which is very exhaustive, will be found instructive.

The Clayton-Bulwer Treaty is little understood even by well-informed Canadians. Its abandonment—as seems probable at present—is a question which should be considered at once. Professor Adam Shortt, of Queen's University, will deal with it in a clear, comprehensive manner in a brief article. He gives a history of the negotiations and a resume of the clauses.

The City of St. John is developing into an important Canadian winter port. Mr. A. M. Belding will contribute an article descriptive of the city and of its economic situation. This will be illustrated with a number of photographs.

A Daughter of Witches, by Joanna E. Wood, one of the brightest serials ever written for a Canadian publication, will be continued. This story is published exclusively in THE CANADIAN MAGAZINE.

Short Stories will be contributed by W. A. Fraser, Clinton Ross and Jane Fayrer Taylor. These three tales are rather better than the average Canadian short story, and two of them are distinctively Canadian in the characters and scenery described.

A Story of Kitchener, by Charles Lewis Shaw, will appear in this or the following issue. Mr. Shaw saw much of Lord Kitchener when he (Mr. Shaw) was a member of the body of Canadian Voyageurs whom Lord Wolseley took up the Nile in 1885-6. This story describes an incident which reveals the character of the great conqueror of the Soudan.

Current Events Abroad, by John A. Ewan, is a department well worthy of a careful monthly perusal. Mr. Ewan is a bright, thoughtful, and well-informed journalist, and has the happy faculty of outlining in a few words the course of foreign politics.

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