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THE NEW ASSOCIATION

The following are among the objects of the Maritime Development and Colonization Association, in which New Brunswick is represented by Mr. Angus McLean and Mr. E. A. Schofield, and which has just prepared its articles of incorporation:—
"To give advice and direction to settlers entering or now located in the Maritime Provinces; to carry on activities of Maritime development; to establish and support associations calculated to benefit settlers entering the Maritime Provinces; to procure information in regard to the natural resources and industries of the Maritime Provinces and to adopt such means as may seem expedient, to act as agents without remuneration for the listing, sale, exchange or improvement of lands, natural resources, industries or any other enterprise in the Maritime Provinces."

The Halifax Echo prints an interview with Col. Robert Innes, of Ottawa, formerly of Kentville, Director of Agriculture on the Soldiers' Settlement Board, who has been directing the agricultural and scientific survey which the Provincial Government, aided by Federal agencies, is having made of Kings County, N. S. Of the new Association he said:—
"The direct object of the Association is to promote and direct local and inter-provincial colonization for the Maritime Provinces, and also to encourage by the most practical means the back to the land movement in these provinces. To aid them in this they have a further object of coordinating their efforts with the Governments of the provinces and the railways for land settlement in the provinces. Their slogan is 'Selection, Direction, and Protection,' as applied to new settlers."

This Association should have a very large and widely representative membership. Only by united effort by leading citizens in every part of the provinces can it achieve satisfactory results. Its formation is an indication of the new self-help spirit that has been manifesting itself in many ways of late and what has been well begun should be given universal support and carried on with confident energy. These provinces can improve their condition very greatly by facing their problems with a determination to find the best solution.

THE PESSIMIST ABROAD.

Mr. Raymond Robbins is remembered in St. John as a very brilliant orator who was the chief speaker at a series of meetings some years ago in the interests of social reform. He and his wife had made a great record in Chicago in connection with social work in the slums of that city, and he had imbibed doctrines which almost suggested a Socialistic trend of thought. This tendency developed in later years, and a visit to Soviet Russia does not appear to have effected any change. He told a Boston audience last week that the youngest member of the audience would never live to see a world so happy, prosperous and contented as it was nine years ago, and that given the present trend of the world, it would be a long time before the United States would guarantee to violate any law he pleased with impunity. He further asserted the West Virginia coal operators, although apparently respectable and law-abiding, are in reality just as brutal and barbarous as the perpetrators of the Herby massacre. He believed women would be conscripted in the next war, and perhaps even sent into the trenches, for it would be a war of extermination.

Mr. Robbins deludes himself. He is too easily depressed. The world has seen many periods of lawlessness in different countries, and many wars. There has never been a time when the prospect of gloom could not find food for sombre reflection. The old world has gone on, however, and after every reaction has advanced farther than before in the direction of better things for humanity. Despite the pessimist, God is still in His world.

CANADA REMEMBERED.

The Boston Canadian Club will renounce give each year the sum of \$500 to be divided among two or more meritorious young men of Canadian nationality who are students at the Boston University College of business administration. Mr. Fred R. Bailey, president of the club, himself and wife both formerly of New Brunswick conceived this plan during the past summer while visiting the province. Many young men go from these provinces to Boston. Some of them get started in business life and seek to improve themselves by a course of study. They may be short of means. To encourage and to some extent help them the Canadian Club has decided to set aside this \$500 annually. It is a

Press Comment

THE STOKES CASE.

(Toronto Mail and Empire)
It is supposed that the malodorous Stokes case has disappeared from the newspaper, a settlement having been reached. Not many men have been triply celebrated like W. E. D. Stokes. He was a member of the first Yale football team; he was the owner of Peter the Great, one of the most remarkable sires in the history of horse breeding; and it was publicly stated that his wife would rather live with a kangaroo than with him.

ONTARIO'S TWO PATHS.

(Ottawa Citizen)
The people of Ontario have probably already discerned the inner conflict which promises to arise within the ranks of the party in power at the present time. A few days ago a number of prominent members of the Conservative party were declaring that as soon as the new legislature assembled they would move for a referendum on the question of relaxing the present liquor laws. This was to be expected when the vague hints and innuendoes concerning the O. T. A. which certain Conservative candidates uttered are remembered.
But the high hopes of the wets and the "moderationists" were dampened by the pronouncement of Premier Ferguson that he would not modify the temperance laws until he felt quite certain that popular will demanded it. Equally significant was his statement this week that the two policies upon which he would bend his energies were the development of electric energy from water power now going to waste, and the better care of the suburban citizen. There will be little opposition from the people as a whole to these two policies.

THE HAPPY SENATORS.

(Ottawa Citizen)
Two vacant senatorships to be filled before parliament meets, but that will not be for some time. One of them is in New Brunswick in the bailiwick of St. John. The other is in the district of Quebec. The number of senators who are willing to sacrifice themselves on the altar of public service is impressive. In the Quebec case the minister of customs will not protest if the lightning should strike him. In New Brunswick, a squabble is going on with its near O. Henry ending is one of the most charming and powerful in man's history. He has even taken the pen and written a ready sympathy. "The Van Shadow" is another story with most unexpected denouement, which keeps up an unflagging interest to the end.
John Matheson—A wholesome human story of Canadian rural life. By Clara Rothwell Anderson. Toronto: The Ryerson Press.
This very excellent human tale, written by Mrs. Anderson, has been dedicated to the memory of her father, a Scotchman, whose life, she tells us, was devoted to education. It is a Ryerson book, and this at once indicates that it is a first-class story. The author is well known and carries through with every merit, a reputation that she certainly does not lose in this well-phrased and intensely interesting tale. The story itself is a real good love one, set in the most wholesome of surroundings and packed to the full with human interest. This is a recipe which promises much to the reader looking for entertainment, but it applies in the case of this story. The author's treatment is indeed reminiscent in some ways of Barrie's Inimitable Scotch stories, though it presents the port of the Y. W. C. A. port work. Miss Ada Ross, who will remain in St. John, though it presents the port of the Y. W. C. A. port work. Miss Ada Ross, who will remain in St. John, though it presents the port of the Y. W. C. A. port work.

HON. W. S. FIELDING.

(C. B. in Ottawa Citizen)
Mr. Fielding is seventy-five years old. Of that seventy-five years forty have been spent in the almost unbroken record of public service, first in the provincial field, then at Ottawa. His three score and five have been going strong still. He has attained the rank of one of our older statesmen, but one who is at work, within the aloof and at ease, without. The circumstances in which he is held in esteem are the result of his own personal qualities. His political opponents are his personal friends. He relies the clasp of friendship on the shoulders of his house but he knows the psychology of parliament and the philosophy of it. He is not a man who looks for sympathy to carry into the lobbies the memory of those verbal acrobatics at times inseparable from debate. He is usually more anxious to understand the opponent's argument than to refute it. His position is one of great exacting responsibility and he has the record of a stern and rather unyielding administration, but he lacks the narrow sympathies which humanize the mind and beautify the character. In Hall's tonight they are looking for sympathy in his honor and from friends in all parties, well wishes go out to this virile and vigorous veteran in the midst of public life.

CALAIS ME, GYMNASIUM.

(Portland Press-Herald)
The new City of Calais Gymnasium is now a very valuable and useful piece of city property that will be of great service and helpfulness to the scholars. The new building, which is of cement construction with a concrete fireproof roof, is located between the Grammar and Calais Academy school buildings. It is 50 by 80 feet, with its floor ceiling and gable roof. The building is well lighted with 45 windows. The entrance end and on both sides is a commodious balcony for spectators. There are two dressing rooms 10 by 10 feet and two 10 by 20 feet. There is a vestibule 10 by 20 feet and a concrete platform in front of the building, 10 by 20 feet, with broad concrete steps and walk leading to the sidewalk. The roof is supported with seven large truss beams. The stage will be built so one-half will turn back over the other, on which there will be seats. In the basement will be a furnace, toilets and shower baths, the height from the floor to the ceiling peak is 22 feet. This spacious building has a seating capacity of 800. The work on the interior of the building was done by manual training teacher, Sherman Phinney and the members of the manual training class.

LLOYD GEORGE'S CAMPAIGN.

(New York Herald)
When Lloyd George was in this country a few weeks ago he complained of the swiftness of his flight and the number of speaking engagements his secretaries had made for him. He felt that he could not do himself justice in his haste.
Now, in Great Britain, Mr. Lloyd George's opponents are feeling the effects of that great American rush. It was, after all, intensive training for the great Welshman. It "spread up" a human mechanism already naturally rapid. The result is that Lloyd George is treating his country to a whirlwind tour of the like of which has not been seen in England since Gladstone, in the memorable Widdowson campaign, proved that he was not the "exhausted volcano" which Disraeli had called him.
All the American aids to furious electioneering are used by Lloyd

BOOK REVIEW

FICTION

The Witching of Elsie, by Duncan Campbell Scott, New York: George H. Doran Company.
The ruggedness and power of the Northland mountains and rivers have exerted their influence on Duncan Campbell Scott in his volume of short stories called "The Witching of Elsie." The scenes are set in the region of Hudson and James Bays and a large number of the yarns are of the period around 1818. All deal with characters which Mr. Scott apparently knows well, and there is a certain vividness of characterization and action that sets these stories apart.
Indeed, some of the tales are hardly more than sketches, and more than one is in the familiar diary form, but each holds the reader because of its powerful analysis of situation and character. He has even taken the pen and written a ready sympathy. "The Van Shadow" is another story with most unexpected denouement, which keeps up an unflagging interest to the end.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

One Experience Enough
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"How was that?"
"Why people came in and bought down near all the stuff I had."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.
They'll Alternate
"When Jack and I are married I'm going to have three servants."
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She—Oh, I wish the Lord had made me a man!
He (bashfully)—He did. I'm the man—Punch Bowl.

Y. W. C. A. WORKERS HERE FOR WINTER

National Secretary and Others Arrive to Organize Port Work.
On the noon train yesterday there arrived Miss Winifred Hutchinson, the recently appointed Y. W. C. A. and Travelers' Aid, who is making her first visit to St. John, and will organize the Y. W. C. A. port work. Miss Ada Ross, who will remain in St. John, though it presents the port of the Y. W. C. A. port work. Miss Ada Ross, who will remain in St. John, though it presents the port of the Y. W. C. A. port work.

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The Adventures of a Lion Family by A. A. Pienaar, Longmans, Green and Company, Toronto.
Unique interest attaches to this book because it is the first South African story written in Afrikaans, the dialect derived from the Dutch, but distinct from it, which is the native tongue of the majority of the inhabitants of United South Africa. It has been translated into English by B. and E. D. Lewis.
Canada's interest in South Africa, awakened first by the struggle of 1899-1901, in which we took part, has been growing steadily, thanks chiefly to the particularly happy political relations which have been developing between the two dominions ever since South Africa obtained its autonomy. So it is with especial pleasure that I welcome this pioneer work representing the South African literature of the future. I hope it will not long maintain its solitary position as the only thing of its kind known to us.

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A RECOLLECTION.

(Elizabeth Scollard in New York Herald.)
Day like a light of fragile rose and gold
Flickered to dusk as other days have done
And fled away at setting of the sun
As days may flee for aye and yet untold.
We spoke of this and that—the coming cold.
The last brave blooms that faded one by one
Out in the yard, and happily we spun
New fancies from the fabric of the old.

Yet though the gentle tumult of our talk
Pauses would run; we both were listening.
And the expectant, vibrant, pulsing air
Seemed with a hundred tiny bells to ring
When a step sounded on the garden walk
And we looked up to see you standing there.

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Miss Hutchinson is not at all inclined to speak of herself but she can speak of the work of the Y. W. C. A. in something like half a dozen languages and she speaks of that work with great enthusiasm.
In the immigration work alone the Y. W. C. A. links up 18 countries. In the last month alone the Canadian Y. M. C. A. received requests to care for special cases of immigrants arriving from 12 different countries, Denmark, Australia, Jamaica, Belgium, France, England, Scotland, United States, Germany, Turkey, Russia and Sweden. The Y. W. C. A. port workers also aid any traveler who has need of help, specially caring for women and girls traveling alone. There are 43 Y. W. C. A. centres in Canada, located in the larger cities and towns, and about 200 corresponding members in the smaller centres. Both associations and corresponding members stand ready to help in the follow-up work of welcoming the immigrant, doing lookout work and seeing that the new citizen gets in touch with people of her own faith and is introduced to Y. W. C. A. clubs or otherwise makes good friends.
Immigration without colonization is a very serious mistake in the opinion of Miss Hutchinson. She told of the folders printed in three languages, which the Y. W. C. A. distributes to all who land at Canadian ports. The folder has much information that will be wanted immediately by a stranger in a strange country and it has also an invitation to write to the association at any time. The very large number of letters which have been received from the recent arrivals has proved the value of these folders.
In the Travelers' Aid work Miss Hutchinson has devised a splendid plan by which each of the Travelers' Aid committees from coast to coast submits reports to headquarters and outlines problems every month. Headquarters has now been made a bureau of exchange where solutions to problems are suggested on the basis of experience. The Y. W. C. A. work is geared so that such work can be made uniform. Some idea of the value governments place on the Y. W. C. A. work is gleaned from the fact that Jamaica has now put into force legislation requiring every woman registered at the Y. W. C. A. before leaving the island as a means of assurance that the girls will travel without danger. The Y. W. C. A. workers work side by side and in close co-operation with the women's branch of the Department of Immigration.
Miss Ross, who is to take charge at St. John as Y. W. C. A. port worker, has been with Miss Hutchinson in Toronto both in the patriotic fund work and in the work of the Soldiers' Aid Commission.

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