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It is a little puzzling to find an American publication devoting a whole issue to Canadian affairs. But this is what has been done in its number of August 18th by The Inglenook, a magazine published at Elgin, Illinois, at a dollar a year. And it could hardly have praised Canada more unreservedly had the writer of the articles been a Canadian. For example, the editor's letter to us says: "What we [press editors] saw in Canada will be a surprise to tens of thousands of our American readers." On page 804 the magazine says of far West Canada: "That region of Canada which we have under consideration is one of the healthiest in the world. The country is open, the atmosphere is cool and dry, and there is an abundance of bright sunshine. In the winter, in this part of our territory the snow never falls to more than a few inches in depth and is dry and powdery." Page 817; he is speaking to United States readers: "Strange how a near country is so little understood. Lots of people will wonder about their reception by the Canadians, should they wish to settle among them. The answer is that you will be welcomed. . . . Outside of their form of government, which is more of a sentiment than a hard fact, one might as well be in the United States. The people are about the same in the northwestern part of Canada as they are anywhere in any English-speaking country." And again, on page 823: "Going to the western part of the Dominion is not like going to a foreign country. It is rather a visit to a little-known section of our own land, and that is what it really is. The English language is spoken, and the customs of the middle and western part of the country are very like those of our own home. In fact, there is nothing at all to indicate that one has crossed the border. Meeting

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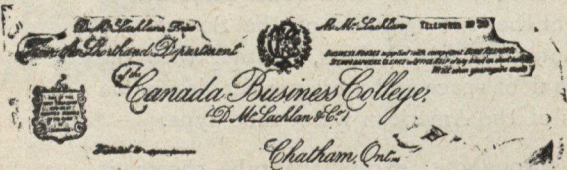
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