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Editor's Talk

WE believe this to be the best ten-cent Christmas number ever issued in Canada. This may sound egotistical, but our friends will forgive us the remark. It contains two kinds of stories—that told in pictures and that in words. With the exception of two of the short stories for children and the tale by Alice and Claude Askew, every feature has been produced in Canada.

We tender our thanks to the writers and artists who have assisted in the work. Miss Kerr's cover design is worthy of special mention, while the drawings by Mr. Thomson, Mr. Greene and Mr. Jefferys are in their best style. Mr. McArthur, once editor of New York Life, contributes to our pages for the first time, and we hope to have him again. The same is earnestly said of Mr. Middleton, the clever paragrapher of the Toronto News.

A S this number surpasses all those which have preceded it, for this is our third Christmas number, so we hope the issues of 1910 will excel those of 1909. A new serial story by Isabel Ecclestone MacKay will begin in January. Mr. Harry Whitney's account of his famous musk ox hunt in Ellesmere Land will appear in six of the first ten issues. The photographs accompanying these articles are the most wonderful photographs ever taken in northern Canada and Greenland-Messrs. Peary and Cook to the contrary notwithstanding. Indeed, we thoroughly believe that the Whitney articles will be alone worth a year's subscription—in advance.

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