Christmas Canadian Magazine

A Handsome Lithographed Cover. An Increased Number of Pages. Contributions by Leading Authors. Illustrations by Leading Artists.

HE Christmas Number of "The Canadian Magazine" will be the most ambitious number ever attempted by its publishers. The cover will be lithographed in seven or eight colours. The design is by J. D. Kelly, A. R. C. A., and represents "The Golden West." A North-West Mounted Policeman sits on his horse in the midst of the prairie and glances towards the sun setting beyond the Rocky Mountains. Nothing more emblematic of Canada could be conceived, since the hope of this country—at present—lies to a great extent in the developing West. The table of contents will be larger and more varied than that of any previous special number, as the following particulars will indicate:

- CHRISTMAS DAY AT SEA, by W. Clark Russell, the writer of so many famous sea stories, will be interesting to the people of a country whose shipping ranks fifth in tonnage among the nations of the world. Clark Russell is a peer among the more conservative writers of modern fiction.
- A FAITHFUL SERVANT, by Ouida, is another Christmas story which will be found wholesome and pleasing. Ouida has a power all her own and this story is one of her best productions. Nerina Taccari, the heroine of the tale, is a faithful servant of the kind whose story stirs one's humanity and softens one's heart for those who serve.
- AN IRISH STORY, by Katherine Blake Coleman (Kit), will be one of the features of the issue. The title is not yet decided upon, but the tale will uphold the good name of this the most talented of Canadian newspaper women.
- A LITTLE CIRCLE IN THE SAND, by Jane Fayrer Taylor, is a French-Canadian sketch of unusual power. Mrs. Taylor's two previous stories, published in "The Canadian Magazine," were copied far and wide in Great Britain. This new tale is in the best vein and style of this gifted Montreal lady.
- THE PLAYING OF THE GAME is a clever Canadian football story, by Marjory MacMurchy. It may seem strange that a woman should attempt such a thing, but Miss MacMurchy does well whatever she undertakes. The details are beyond criticism, and the love-story involved is most charming.