

## BOOKS AND PERIODICALS—Continued.

Dr. Mackay's "Pioneer Life Wm. Briggs" in Zorra " has opened with a NEW BOOKS.

large sale. Six hundred copies were taken up within a fortnight of issue. The book is a genuine Canadian Drum-tochty, full of humorous Scotch stories, and giving a very pleasant picture of the domestic and social life of the Highland settlement in the Zorra townships.

D. B. Read, Q.C., author of "The Life of Governor Simcoe," "The Life of Sir Isaac Brock," and other works, has prepared a new volume, "The Lives of the Lieutenant-Governors of Upper Canada and Ontario," which is now in course of issue, and will be ready by the end of November. The publisher reports advance orders for between 300 and 400 copies. The book will contain a portrait of each of the Governors. It will sell for \$2.

In "Kit Kennedy" we again find Mr. Crockett at his best. The pen that wrote "The Raiders" and "The Lilac Sunbonnet" has lost none of its cunning. "Kit Kennedy" is one of the best, most wholesome books Mr. Crockett has yet written—some will call it his best—and we are not surprised that it is having a great sale. Two thousand copies were sold in the first week.

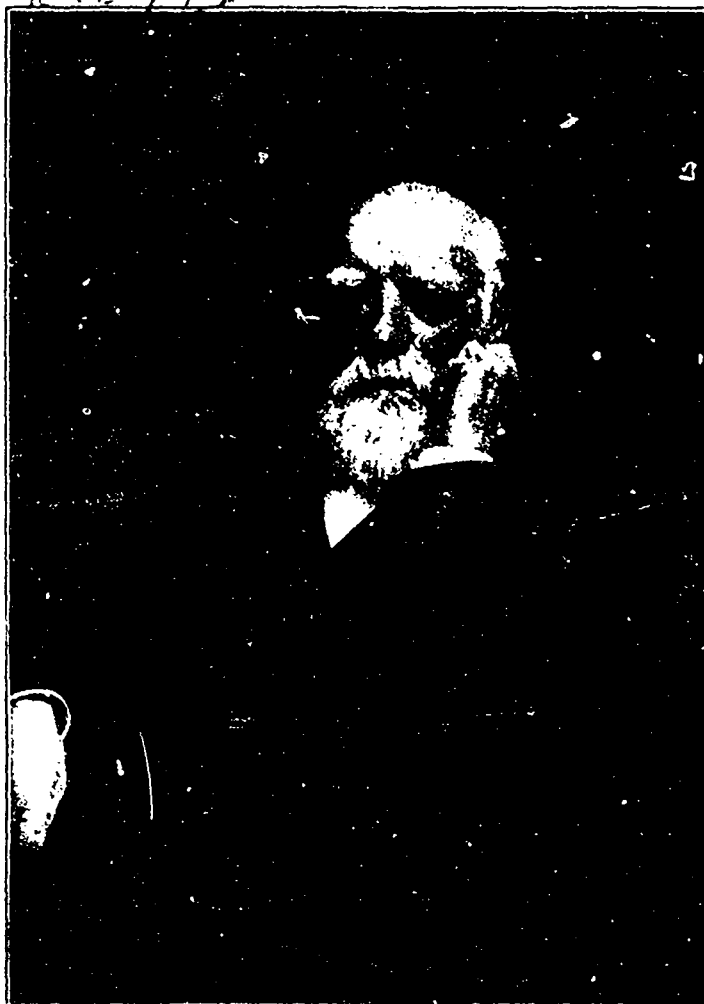
The Canadian paper edition of "No. 5, John Street" has a very pretty cover design, executed by Mr. J. E. Laughlin. It represents a street door, with the title of the book and the name of the author in panels. The combination of brown and red with the yellow paper is very effective. The book is the largest and finest at the price—30c—that has yet been put on the market. The advance orders indicate that the story will press closely on the leaders in the race for the largest sales. The Canadian publisher has shown his faith in the book by making his first edition 5,000 copies.

The Canadian edition of "The Man with the Hoe and Other Poems" is having

a sale above the anticipations awakened by the popularity of the remarkable poem that gives the book its name.

A second edition of Mrs. McAlister's "Clipped Wings" is on the press. The author should feel encouraged to make another venture. "Clipped Wings" gives promise of better work in the future.

These are the days of rapid literary work. The prize of popularity is a rich one and many there be who strive for it, and



LORD STRATHCONA AND MOUNT ROYAL.

From photo in possession of Rev. Dr. Bryce, author of "The Remarkable History of the Hudson's Bay Company."

they strive often. The books press closely on each other's heels. Of the number who seek for honors only a few are successful, but of these few A. W. Marchmont may claim to be one. A new story of his, "The Greatest Gift," is announced for publication this month by William Briggs.

Joel Chandler Harris, whose Uncle Remus stories have made "Brer Fox" and "Brer Rabbit" fireside visitors throughout all the broad continent, has chosen a homely title

for his new book, "The Chronicles of Aunt Minervy Ann," the Canadian issue of which will soon be on the market. Brer Harris' books are all and always popular. We are glad to know that his latest is to have a Canadian edition.

Stephen Crane's new story, "Active Service," will be ready within a week or two. It is a spirited story, and will sustain the reputation won by "The Red Badge of Courage."

Few American lady novelists have caught the pleasant gales of popularity with surer grasp than Blanche Willis Howard in her charming story, "One Summer." Readers of that story will be interested to learn that a new novel from her pen is about ready for the market. It bears the classic name of "Dionysius," with a sub-title of "The Weaver's Heart's Dearest."

The enormous growth of the publishing interests in Toronto is shown in the following comparison: In 1889 The Methodist Book and Publishing House had in operation 10 cylinder presses; to day they have 20, and even with these cannot keep up with the press of work. In 1889 the books issued by the house aggregated some 29,500 copies. Up to the present time in 1899 the aggregate issue exceeds 96,000 copies, and if to these be added new books and new editions now in course of issue, the total exceeds 111,000 copies. This total does not include school books, music or hymn books, or pamphlets, catalogues, etc. This is surely the "growing time" in publishing.

A fourth edition of "A Double Thread" is on the press.

## HISTORY OF THE HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY

Rev. Dr. Bryce, of Winnipeg, has in preparation, and nearly ready for the press, a work of more than ordinary interest and importance, which he entitles "The Remarkable History of The Hudson's Bay Company," a comprehensive work taking in not only the history of that great corpora-