



Gilbert Parker. Author of "The Right of Way." Published by The Copp, Clark Co.

other works that I have read***Those that displayed marked ability were after all only brief stories. Many a man can write those who is not fitted for a great work of constructive imagination such as you have given us in "The Right of Way"***Your picture of a French Canadian backwoods village gives a profound and delicate insight into the facts of French Canadian life that it would be well for our statesmen to understand."

Wm. Briggs' New List.

Mary L. Wilkins' new story, "The Portion of Labor," gives her reputation as a writer a distinct uplift. Indeed, it places her in the front rank of living writers of English fiction. In Ellen Brewster, Miss Wilkins has portrayed a character worthy almost of the genius of George Eliot.

A work of distinct value is that entitled "The Early Trading Companies of New France," by H. P. Biggar, B.A., B.Litt. (Oxon.), Mackenzie Fellow in Political Science in the University of Toronto. It was originally prepared as a thesis for the degree won from Oxford University by the author. Explorations into the early history of our country are deserving of every encouragement. We hope Mr. Biggar will continue his researches.

Quite as remarkable as the growth in the trade and the discovery and development of her resources of wealth in minerals and timber and arable soil, has been the development of Canada's resources in literary potentialities. The Canadian of a score of years ago would have smiled a

smile "child-like and bland," but all incredulous, had he been told that in 20 years a Canadian novelist would have arisen of whose book a first edition of 60,000 copies at \$1.50 in the United States and of 10,000 copies at \$1.25 in Canada would be issued. But this is the case with regard to Ralph Connor's "The Man from Glen-garry." The success of the book was immediate. Within 10 days 8,000 copies of the Canadian edition were sold, and a second edition of 5,000 copies being hurried through the press. A third edition of the same number will follow immediately, and, in all probability, by Christmas fully 20,000 copies will have been sold.

A presentation edition in half-calf binding, gilt top, of Charles Mair's poems is being made ready for the holiday trade. It will be a handsome volume, and should find general favor this Christmas.

[[A volume of poems that doubtless will make many friends is the collection entitled "Canadian Crystals," from the pen of Rev. Thos. Watson, of Colborne. It will

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