

Limited, Toronto, some time ago, and has already sold to the extent of a large edition. "Arden Massiter," besides being a masterly specimen of English, is an absorbing and well-told story of the political undercurrents that influence Italian life. At the present moment, when these very undercurrents have had so fateful a climax in the assassination of King Humbert, such a book is of special interest, and Dr. Barry's fine novel will, in the next few months, be more widely read than ever.

Mr. A. R. Carman, author of "The Preparation of Ryerson Embury," is at present in Toronto on a visit and called last week at the offices of The Publishers' Syndicate, Limited, who published his recent novel. "Ryerson Embury" has had and is yet having a phenomenal sale, both in this country and in England. One edition after another has been absorbed as issued, and the book is selling to day even better than when it first appeared. "Ryerson Embury" has provoked a great deal of discussion in Canada, especially among the members of the Methodist Church, and will have a sustained and biding interest for Canadian readers. The Publishers' Syndicate have issued a third Canadian edition of Mr. Carman's novel, in both cloth and paper. The story is full of interest, and the volume is neatly issued in both forms.

The advent of Summer has emphasized the value placed upon fine "Nature books" by the Canadian public. The Publishers' Syndicate recently put forth several books of this class, of exceptional quality and merit, which are having a very wide sale. "Our Native Trees," by Harriet L. Keeler; "How to Know the Wild Flowers," by Mrs. Dana; "Bird Homes," by A. R. Dugmore, and "How to know the Ferns," by Frances Theodora Parsons (Mrs. Dana), are all books that cannot fail to charm by their wealth of color and half-tone cuts as well as by the excellence of their letterpress. Their value does not depreciate as the Summer passes, for they contain much of equal interest for the Autumn months, while their information is of fascinating interest to nature students throughout the entire year. The Publishers' Syndicate are to be congratulated on the success which is attending the publication of these beautiful and high-class books.

"The Canadian Contingent" is the title of a new book which is about to be issued by T. Fisher Unwin in London, and by The Publishers' Syndicate, Limited, in Toronto. The author is Mr. W. Sanford Evans, of Toronto, and the volume promises to form by far the most interesting contribution yet made to this subject. The work is to be historical, and therefore strictly impartial, but it will throw an entirely new

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