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## CANADIAN BOOKS (IN ENGLISH) OF SPECIAL MERIT

The Arts and Letters Section of UNESCO made a request last September for the preparation of a list of representative Canadian books written in English.

It was proposed to distribute this list abroad through UNESCO facilities with a view to awakening and promoting interest in Canadian literature.

Moreover, a basic list would thus be available from which books for translation might be selected.

The Canadian Arts Council, acting on the UNESCO request, and with the approval of the Department of External Affairs, consulted five national organizations most closely associated with the literary and publishing field. A committee was appointed and the list drawn up.

The committee appointed was as follows:

# Canadian Arts Council Representative (and Chairman)

Philip Child-Professor of English, Trinity College,
Toronto.

# Canadian Library Association Representtives

F.C. Jennings (Secretary) - Ottawa Public Library.
W.S. Wallace - University of Toronto Library.

#### Royal Society of Canada Representative

B.K. Sandwell - Editor of Saturday Night.

#### Humanities Research Council of Canada Representatives

Watson Kirkconnell - President (elect) of Acadia University. E.K. Brown - Professor of English, University of Chicago.

### Canadian Authors Association Representatives

W.A. Deacon - Toronto Globe and Mail Lorne Pierce - Editor of Ryerson Press, Toronto.

A similar committee will make a selection of Canadian books written in French.

### LIST OF CANADIAN BOOKS OF SPECIAL MERIT WRITTEN IN ENGLISH

Bird, Will R.
Birney, Farle
Blake, W.H.
Brebner, John Bartlet
Brown, Audrey Alexandra
Buchanan, Donald W.
Burpee, Lawrence J.

Callaghan, Morley Campbell, Wilfred

Cappon, James

Carman, Bliss
Carr, Emily
Clark, A.F.B.
Cochrane, Charles Norris
Connor, Ralph

Cragg, Kenneth C. Crawford, Isabella Valancy

Creighton, Donald Grant Davies, Robertson Dawson, Robert MacGregor de la Roche, Mazo

Denny, Sir Cecil E.
Drummond, William Henry
Dunham, Mabel
Edgar, Pelham
Fairley, Barker
Finch, Robert
Frye, Northrop

Godsell, Philip H.

Graham, Angus Graham, Gwethalyn Grey Owl Grove, Frederick Philip Grove, Frederick Philip Grove, Frederick Philip Haig, Kennethe M.

Haliburton, Thomas Chandler

Hardy, W.G., Heavysege, Charles Heming, Arthur Hughes, Katherine Jameson, Anna Brownell

Kane, Paul

Kennedy, W.P.M. Kirby, William Knox, Alexander Sunrise for Peter
The Strait of Anian
Brown Waters
North Atlantic Triangle
A Dryad in Nanaimo
James Wilson Morrice
The Search for the Western Sea

Now That April's Here The Poetical Works of Wilfred Campbell Bliss Carman and the Literary Currents and Influence of His Time Bliss Carman's Poems Klee Wyck Jean Racine Christianity and Classical Culture Postscript to Adventure: The Autobiography of Ralph Connor Father on the Farm The Collected Poems of Isabella Valancy Crawford Dominion of the North The Diary of Samuel Marchbanks The Government of Canada Whiteoak Chronicles (Includes Young Renny, Jalna, Whiteoaks, Finch's Fortune, The Master of Jalna, Whiteoak Harvest) The Law Marches West Complete Poems Grand River The Art of the Novel A Study of Goethe Fearful Symmetry, A Study of William Arctic Trader, The Account of 20 Years with the Hudson's Bay Company Napoleon Tremblay Earth and High Heaven Pilgrims of the Wild Fruits of the Earth Over Prairie Trails A Search for America Brave Harvest, The Life Story of E. Cora Hind, LL.D. Sam Slick (An anthology of Haliburton edited by Ray Palmer Baker) All the Trumpets Sounded Saul; A drama in three parts The Drama of the Forests Father Lacombe, The Black-Robe Voyager Winter Studies and Summer Rambles in Canada Wanderings of an Artist Among the Indians of North America Lord Elgin The Golden Dog

Bride of Quietness

Lampman, Archibald Landon, Fred Lake Huron Leacock, Stephen Leacock Roundabout Leacock, Stephen Lower, A.R.M. From Colony to Nation
MacDonald, Wilson Out of the Wilderness MacInnes, Tom MacKay, Douglas MacLennan, Hugh MacMechan, Archibald MacNaughton, John Macphail, Sir Andrew McArthur, Peter McDowell, Franklin Davey McInnis, Edgar Mitchell, W.O.

Munro, Ross

New, Chester W. Niven, Frederick Norwood, Gilbert Osler, Sir William Pacey, Desmond Parker, Sir Gilbert Pickthall, Marjorie

Pratt, E.J. Radisson, Pierre Esprit

Raddall, Thomas H. Roberts, Sir Charles G.D. Roberts, Sir Charles G.D.

Roberts, Theodore Goodridge Robins, J.D. Robinson, Percy J. Ross, Sinclair Salverson, Laura Goodman

Saunders, Richard M. Schull, Joseph Scott, Duncan Campbell Scott, Duncan Campbell Seton, Ernest Thompson Simcoe, Mrs. John Graves

Sinclair, Bertrand W. Sissons, C.B. Skelton Oscar Douglas Slater, Patrick Smith, A.J.M. Steele, Harwood Stefansson Vilhjalmur Stevenson, Lloyd Sullivan, Alan Tranter, G.J.

Selected Poems of Archibald Lampman Sunshine Sketches of a Little Town Collected Poems The Honourable Company Barometer Rising Tales of the Sea Lord Strathcona The Master's Wife In Pastures Green The Champlain Road The Unguarded Frontier Who Has Seen the Wind Moodie, Susanna Roughing It in the Bush, or Forest Life in Canada Gauntlet to Overlord, The Story of the Canadian Army Lord Durham Mine Inheritance Pindar The Master Word A Book of Canadian Stories When Valmond Came to Pontiac The Complete Poems of Marjorie Pickthall Collected Poems Voyages of Feter Esprit Radisson, being an account of his travels and experiences among the North American Indians from 1652 to 1684. His Majesty's Yankees Wisdom of the Wilderness Selected Poems of Sir Charles G.D. The Leather Bottle The Incomplete Anglers Toronto During the French Regime As For Me and My House Confessions of an Immigrant's Daughter Flashing Wings The Legend of Lost Lagoon The Poems of Duncan Campbell Scott In the Village of Viger Wild Animals I Have Known The Diary of Mrs. John Graves Simcoe, Wife of the First Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada, 1792-6 Poor Man's Rock Egerton Ryerson, His Life and Letters Life and Letters of Sir Wilfrid Laurier The Yellow Briar The Book of Canadian Poetry Policing the Arctic The Friendly Arctic Sir Frederick Banting Under the Northern Lights Plowing the Arctic

Wallace, Frederick William Waugh, W.T. Wells, Kenneth McNeill The Owl Pen Wilson, R.A. Wrong, George M.

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Salt Seas and Sailormen James Wolfe, Man and Soldier The Birth of Language The Canadians: The Story of a People The Rise and Fall of New France

NOTE: The committee believed that the following anthologies would be welcomed by Canadian readers, and hoped that some day they would be supplied:

An up-to-date anthology of Canadian one-act plays. An anthology of Canadian Humor. A Stephen Leacock omnibus.

A collected edition of the short stories of Morley Callaghan. An anthology of Canadian Essays (to include amongst others, essays by T.B. Roberton and Emily Murphy).

A collection of the short stories of Archibald MacMechan (more comprehensive than the present volume of sea stories). A volume of selected essays by Goldwyn Smith.