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## Editor's Talk

SELECTING a serial story for the readers of "The Canadian Courier" is not an easy task. Many good stories there are which read well in book form, but which are quite unsuitable for "instalment" reading. It is not every story which will bear breaking up into thirteen more or less equal parts. Again, it is not easy to select a story which will satisfy all classes of readers. Tastes vary, as no one knows better than the editorial staff.
The new serial story which commences in next week's issue is quite different from the one which finishes in this issue. It is by a Canadian author also, but the scenes are laid in Canadaup among the Foothills of central Alberta. It thus has an entirely different atmosphere. Virna Sheard has written several good stories of which "Trevelyan's Little Daughters" was the first, and "By the Queen's Grace," the most recent. She has also contributed largely to the periodicals of the United States and Canada. Her poetry is always in demand-for she writes good verse as well as strong fiction. That she doesn't write as much as some other popular authors is explained by the presence in her Toronto home of five stalwart sons who inherit their parents' cleverness.
"The Man at Lone Lake", was there because a secret vice drove him into solitude-where his manhood could wrestle fairly with the devil that was in him. There he lived the life of a trapper, alone with a squirrel as pet and companion. A few miles down the Lake was Old Man McCullough and Francois, the half-breed-and Nance. But read the story for yourself, first because the story is Canadian in the best sense, secondly because the author has a reputation which justifies it, and thirdly because the editor recommends the tale. Good Canadian stories are rare, because Canada has driven most of her authors abroad. Virna Sheard is one of those who could not be driven out; therefore, the country gets the value of her talent, ability and intimate knowledge of nature and nature's charms as we have it in Canada.

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As they met one day, the minister observed that he was "going to read to old Cunningham," adding (as he was aware that the old man was a patient of his friend, the doctor), "Is he much worse?"
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Hereditary. - "Grandma," said Brewster's young son one day, "which of my parents do I resemble?
"Both," the grandmother answered. "You have your mother's remarkable capacity for spending money and your father's absolute genius for not making it."-Kansas City Star.

Unpopular.-"How do you like your new minister's wife?"
"Not very well. She's just as stylish as the rest of us."-Detroit Free Press.

How the War Started.-General F. D. Grant, apropos of the uselessness of arbitration as exemplified in the case of the Turko-Italian war, said the other day in New York: "It re minds me of a story. According to this story, a war was going on, and one day, the papers being full of the grim details of a bloody battle, a woman said to her husband: 'This slaughter is shocking. It's fiendish Can nothing be done to stop it?' 'I'm afraid not,' her husband answered Why don't both sides come together and arbitrate?' she cried. 'They did,' said he. 'They did, 'way back in June. That's how the goldurned thing started.'"

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The Eternal Question. -"My wife made me what I am!"
"Have you forgiven her yet?".Satire.

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NORWEGIAN ROYALTY IN ENGLAND
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## JERRY HAINES, LABOURER

## Courage and Faithfulness of a Rough and Ready Type of Man

ON a bright winter morning a two-horse team drawing a sleigh on which were piled numerous "turkeys" and followed by the owners thereof set forth from the little town of Nepigon. The "turkeys" or, to be more explicit, gunny-sacks filled with clothing and other effects, were on the "move" because their owners had spent all their cash and had accepted the terms of the employment agent, who had promised them a good job on the line of Transcontinental Railway then being built north of Lake Nepigon.
Up in front strode a French Canadian, Jules Allard. Next was Petersen, a Swede, and directly behind him walked "Arry" Wilson, the omnipresent Cockney. Behind trailed men of all nations; several Italians, chattering in their own language; a couple of Belgians; a tall North American-whether Canadian or American it was hard to tell-and lastly Jerry Haines.
Jerry was a Canadian and Montreal was the place honoured by his birth. He was one of those big little men one so often meets. On first sight he appeared small, but on a closer view the observer saw with a start of astonishment that the head which was held up so jauntily was supported by a neck like that of a bull-dog; that in fact, under the ill-fitting garments was a compact and symmetrical form and should the observer happen to be in a belligerent mood he would likely look elsewhere for someone to vent his wrath on. As was the case with the others, his garments had not been selected with a view of matching each other, but rather had been chosen from time to time and from different vans as the ravages of wear made a purchase necessary. In one point, however, he was different. While the others wore fur and cloth caps and toques to protect them from the cold, he contented himself awith a small felt hat set rakishly on the side of his head. His hair was somewhat long and his round youthful and merry face was tanned to a reddish brown by exposure to the sun and wind. From it looked out a pair of blue eyes that never rested long on anything, but generally managed to convey correct impressions to the inner man and to impress others with their clearness.

None of the men seemed inclined to talk that morning; recent events so filled their minds that they wanted to think over them in peace. The majority of them had been up on the line before and feeling that they had enough money had come down in order to have a good time. Cashing their time cheques they had wandered around among the different hotels in Port Arthur and Fort Williant and had felt that life was worth living so long as there was money in their pockets, whiskey in the hotels and congenial friends on hand to help in getting rid of both. In a short time both money and friends had vanished and they were left to seek new work in order to replenish their exchequer.
The Nepigon Road, which, like most winter roads, winds around the hills and picks out the lakes, keeps a generally northern direction following fairly closely the western shore of the Nepigon River for

By HAROLD BROWN

fourteen miles to the first stopping place called Camp Alexander. It then departs from the river, keeping farther to the west, and eighteen miles further on comes out on the shore of South Bay, Lake Nepigon, at the next stopping place.
When our travellers arrived at Camp Alexander it was with sundry sighs of content and a few oaths at the length of the road. The keeper of the stopping place had prepared for them. Soup, broiled beef, potatoes, beans, raisin pie and tea disappeared in fast time, and then the men sat around and enjoyed a smoke. The Italians and Belgians sat apart and took no part in the general conversation, but conversed in low tones in their own language.

The others were grouped around the walls or lolling on the floor or bunks and were listening to one of 'Arry's bursts of eloquence.

This 'ere layout reminds me of the shack me and me pal had wen we was ranchin on the South Saskatchewan. Hit was built of poplar and thatched with grass and 'ad a mud floor. Strike me if I ever
worked same as I did for a month or so that summer; swingin' a scythe from morn till night and makin' hay while the sun shone. That fall along comes a rain and one night as we were abed strikes me there is a queer sound like a wind through the trees, and a snake crawlin' in the grass. I 'ops out and gives a yell which wakes my pal. I had stepped into water and strike me but we had just time to into water and strike me but we had just the river." get out when our shack goes sailin' down the river.
Jerry Haines had been looking on, calmly puffing a short clay pipe and perched on the top of a cider keg. On the conclusion of the story he sagely remarked that it was a good one but added that he was getting "dry" and he thought that the man who had the bottle must imagine it was a batch of eggs capable of being turned into a lot of chickens. Whereupon Petersen reached for his turkey, produced a bottle and it passed rapidly around until nothing was left. More were produced and in a short time the scene was one which would have delighted the heart of the God of Confusion. Smoke from the pipes filled the air from the floors to the blackened rafters above. 'Arry was singing a coster song. Petersen was attempting to sing but the sounds produced resembled the neighing of a horse. Jules Allard had brought forth a mouth organ and with head thrown on back and his right foot beating time on the floor was playing loudly, "The Girl I Left Behind Me."
Jerry Haines was in his element. His blue eyes acquired a brighter glint; he perceptibly straightened and walking to 'Arry he said, "Say, English, you are the finest songster I ever heard."

The singer stopped for a moment as if to determine whether the remark was a compliment or was a veiled aspersion. Evidently deciding in favour of the former he started anew, but was interrupted with "Honest now, you ought to be navviein' on railroads, you ought to be singing in de opery. Ihave heard singers who was no better 'an you sing ing in de opery, and they always got something handed to them."

## "Wot was that?"

"A lemon and some bad eggs."
At this 'Arry flew into a rage and swung for the jaw, but in the middle of the action he thought he would go to sleep and so sank to the floor, where in a short time his heavy breathing proclaimed he was in the land of dreams.
Turning around Jerry caught sight of Jules, and going over to him, said, "I can lick all the pea-soups between here and Montreal.'
The effect was to electrify the Frenchman. With a muttered curse he threw the mouth-organ on the rough floor and fairly flew at Jerry. Hands and feet both were used and driven towards their goal with all the relentless fury that a river man is master of. Jerry, not expecting such a sudden ebulition, was somewhat unprepared, but managed to step sideways in time to miss the onslaught. His arms closed around Jules' body and he hung on for dear life. Meantime his opponent was cursing and scratching and trying to break away in order to

get in a well-placed kick and so settle the battle. They swayed this way and that, knocked over stools and began to interest the onlookers, when Jules in making an extra effort stepped back on the hand of Petersen. That worthy immediately arose, encircled both of them with his huge arms and with a mighty effort threw them both down and with his arms still around them dropped off to sleep.
Night came, and in a short time all was still in the camp and everybody was wrapped in sleep, except one figure which occasionally rose up from a bunk in the corner and looked cautiously around. The straight black hair and the dark complexion denoted the Indian. This was Pete Jackson, the Ojibway "bullcock" of the establishment. After the third cautious look around the Indian arose and with slow and soft steps, crouching almost double, started to where the three had fallen. A log cracked loudly with the frost and the stealthy one paused with one foot raised. Nobody stirred and he continued and after a short time came to where the gunnySacks were piled and where Petersen, Jules and Jerry were sleeping. Now he stoops down and is hidden by the shadow.
Now he arises, clutching in his hand the greatest boomerang that he arises, clutching in his hand the greatest boomerang his prize he slinks back to his bunk and after taking a long pull at the bottle hides it under the blankets and settles down to a restless night.
Dawn comes all too soon and the cook wakens the sleepers with a shout. Breakfast is partaken of and the men set out for South Bay. They arrive there at about four o'clock in the tramp. Sore muscles are rubbed and that evening the hilarity is noticeable chiefly by its absence.

The next morning, accompanied still by the team and sleigh, they set their faces to the north-west on the long tramp of over fifty miles across Lake Nepigon. The air was frosty and saw the large lake stretching ahead of them far to the north with here and there islands both large and small appearing on its surface, they all experienced a feeling of exhilaration and thought that it was good to be away from the cramped quarters of the town, from the noisome bar and the alluring bowl.
It's Suddenly 'Arry said, "Look at the bloomin' island ahead. it movin'. I've been watchin' it for some time and I sees it get a flat cap on like you sees on the 'eds of the college stoodents at 'ome.'
One and all looked and there sure enough the island in question seemed to be moving. Slowly it seemed to get taller and then after reaching a certain height it seemed to spread Out until it reached three or four times its original size. Others approached it, until the whole northern horizon, instead of being made up of ice and islands, seemed a continuous plateau with cliffs descending straight to the water's edge. This did not last long. A break occurred in the range At one time it would be all snow, at another time a well

wooded plain, and yet again a broken barren country with the rocks showing their rough black faces from the snowy mantle. The talk now centered chiefly on this strange occurrence of nature and when a halt was made for dinner at a bold cape projecting into the lake, it was continued. At this juncture the tall North American, who so far had held himself aloof from the others, had a share in the conversation.
"Boys," said he, "what we have seen is not a rare occur rence. It is known as a mirage, and scientists tell us that it is caused by refraction. I have seen it often and what we have seen this morning is insignificant when compared to some I have witnessed. On an African veldt while hunting I watched a fight between a lion and a rhinoceros and saw them disappear in thin air. They were miles away, but were made plain by the same phenomenon which we have now seen." plain by the same phe therry, aside. "His Nibs has woke up."
A general laugh ensued, and for the remainder of the trip, the narrator of the foregoing story was known as "His Nibs." Sitting on a log facing the fire, with his hands extended to the genial warmth, the man seemed to thaw out and to the willing listeners he told tales of peril and adventure by land and sea. He never figured as the hero, never claimed to have been a participant, but the clearness of the recital and the intimacy of the knowledge appealed to these rough men who appreciated a man, and Jerry Haines, if he had been able to analyze his feelings, would have been surprised at the admiration for "His Nibs" which had grown up within him. It was tion for "His Nibs when a seeker of adventure. The goldclear "His Nibs" had been a seeker of adventure. The goldfields of the west, the battle-fields of Cuba and South Africa, and the building of "the big ditch" had all received attention. But the dinner hour came to an end and the party again trailed after the sleigh. Before nightfall they reached Gros Cap, where they camped that night. This was twenty-two miles from South Bay.

The next morning saw them again on the march and in no gcod humour either. The steady walk over a poor road had developed sore muscles and as they set out on the fifteen mile tramp to Blacksmith Island many of the men were limping perceptibly. This wore off after a time and they set their faces resolutely towards the island which appeared as a low. dark blot above the northern horizon. The weather, which had been very fine, showed signs of changing. A dull, leaden grayness was over the face of the sky and the wind blew from the northeast in fitful and fretful blasts. It was one of those days which have such an unaccountably depressing effect on one's feelings. After a time large snow-flakes began to fall: in small numbers at first, but gradually increasing until at last the air seemed full of them. The wind increased in velocity and seemed to bring a chilly, icy and penetrating quality which made the horses and men wish to turn away from it.

Such was the beginning of a terrible storm, and the end of it was not come for three days.

Jerry Haines liked it. He took off his hat and turning down (Continued on page 24.)

# First Election in Yale-Cariboo 

An Incident Truly Western in Its Informality.<br>By R. B. BENNETT

ceived its due share of discussion. The arrival of a miner bound out with a competence of gold was a subject to put it in the background. So when the official proclamation of the first election arrived, Bushby passed it over to attend to more pressing matters, and instead of the document being duly masted where all and sundry might view, it was posted where a pigeon-hole unnoticed.
Bye-and-bye along came R. B. McMichen, from Victoria. McMichen was inspector of the government telegraph line into the Cariboo, purchased by me government from the company that began construction on the great telegraph project overland from New York to Paris via Behring Strait. McMichen was an old friend of Bushby's, and the two hobnobbed, discussing the various incidents which enlivened life on the coast in the early seventies.
"How does the election look?" enquired McMichen. Questions then were not much different from now. The world goes on, but history constantly repeats.
"Oh, yes, election," Bushby recollected, and bethinking himself hunted up the printed poster he had received. "Nominations to-day," he declared, looking over his spectacles at the recent arrival from the capital, hoping for a denial.
Both got busy, for it was realized that no formal notice had been given of the event. Eividently elections in those days were not received with the noise and clatter that we have grown accustomed to in these modern days.
Finally, Constable George was awakened from his somnolent stretch in the sun and sent down town to round up some of the residents and acquaint them
with the fact that the day for the preliminary exercise of their new franchise was at hand. He reappeared with the blacksmith and an around-thetowner, the other electors being too busy watching the semi-weekly steamer arrive to bother about representation in a parliament reached only via San Francisco. It was too far away for second conisideration. With the officials it was different. They had a duty to perform. Mounting on a chair, Bushby read the proclamation, and, as returning officer, declared himself ready to receive nominations.

The two electors discussed the probables, but could not agree upon a suitable candidate.
"What about Col. Houghton?" the around-thetowner suggested.
Col. Houghton looked likely. He passed through Yale frequently, and was of the kind to do the province credit at the seat of government. Col. Houghton was nominated. At the end of the prescribed time no other name had been received and he was declared elected by acclamation. An onerous duty had been fulfilled.

The nominee's consent was not considered. It was a month or two before he learred of the honour that had been literally thrust upon him, but he accepted: It was chronicled in a newspaper paragraph at the time that as Col. Houghton had not received notice in time, Yale-Cariboo would not be represented at that session of parliament.
Like all good stories this has a sequel. Breathes there a man who has not done some thing and later thought of how he could have done it better. It was even so with the around-the-towner. While escorting the blacksmith to the scene of his labour, after the important nomination had been officially dealt with, he was jarred into a statue-like attitude by a sudden brain evolution.
"Why didn't I think of it!" he ejaculated.
"What?" ventured the blacksmith.
"If I'd only thought of it," he regretted. "I might have nominated myself, and I would have been elected member."

# R E F L E C T I O N S <br> By THE EDITOR 

## Christianity and Civilisation.

THE question asked on this page last week, "Is Civilization a Failure?" is answered by a prominent French publicist in the negative. In a cable despatch published here a few days ago he accused the Christian peoples of waging war in the name of Christianity. This is a charge which has been made over and over agairr in the past; but that it should be made to-day, in the age of peace conferences and foreign missionary societies, is rather disconcerting.
Is it not clear that Christianity still clings to the glories of war? The Pope hasn't opposed the war in Tripoli. The Protestant missionaries seem to be rather pleased with the revolution in China. if Great Britain and Germany went ro war, it will be with the support of the Christian bishops of each country. The only sect which is fighting in the open against war between these two people is the Socialists. This week, in Germany, they are putting up a tremendous opposition to the insane naval policy of the Fatherland.

A few days ago, there was a second big meeting in New York on behalf of the arbitration treaty with France and Britain. The excitement and disturbance were worse than at the first meeting. It is quite evident that these treaties are not popular.
Ex-President Roosevelt has openly declared hostility Ex-President Roosevelt has openly declared hostility
to them. The Christian world is not yet ready to give up the glory which comes from international war.
But this so-called Christian civilization is weak at other points. There was never a time in the world's history when the fields were so fruitful, when the ranges produced so many cattle or when the factories of the world were supplying the wants of mankind so generously. The Christian people should be happy and contented. Every Christian nation should be singing paean of praise and thanksgiving. Yet the truth is that discontent, and ill-will and hatred were never stronger. The MacNamara confessions of dynamite outrages, the numerous industrial conflicts in Europe and America, the constant struggle of class against class-all these indicate that the teachings of the Lowly Nazarene have not really sunk deep into our hearts and minds.

If the Christian civilization can not do any better than this, would it be wisdom or folly to seek for a remedy? Would it be fair to ask the heads of the Roman Catholic and Protestant Churches throughout the world to explain this failure of Christian civilization to produce either industrial or international peace? Would it be fair to even ask Roman Catholic and Protestant priests and clergymen why they cannot live at peace with one another? Either Christianity is a belief, or it is not. If the people of the British Empire, of the United States and of Germany will not believe that "God is love" and that every man should regard his neighbour as himself, then why keep up the fiction of calling ourselves Christian nations? Why cry, "Peace! Peace!" when there is no peace?

## Manitoba's New Grief.

MANITOBA has a new brand of trouble. The population of the smaller towns shows a falling off which is not encouraging. Neepawa's population has fallen from 1895 to 1883 in five years, Carman has gone from 1,530 to 1,266 , Killarney from 1,117 to 1,010 , Morden from 1,437 to 1,130, and so on through the list. Sixteeen towns show a combined loss of 1900, although there has been an increase on the whole.

Recently a deputation of provincial character waited on the Hon. George Lawrence, Minister of Agriculture, and suggested a more active immigration campaign. Mr. Lawrence announced that arrangements were being made with the Ottawa authorities which would, he believed, bring justice to Manitoba so far as this problem is concerned. Manitoba does not propose to be a New Brunswick or a Nova Scotia if united effort will prevent it.

Encouraging the Cadets.
COLONEL SAM HUGHES, the new minister of militia, is out to encourage the training of school cadets. This is in line with the sentiment expressed at the Militia Conference in Novem-
no pay from the militia department will now be recognized and paid according to the number instructed. It is further proposed to have cadet training camps next summer, at which it is expected that 40,000 cadets will be given practical instruction in field work.

Australia was the first to show practical appreciation of the cadet movement. Every school boy there, between sixteen and eighteeen, must serve in the cadets and get a military training. In other words, Australia proposes to have every citizen trained for service. It is much easier to train boys than men. They have more time, and take more kindly to the work.

For years, Canada has been struggling vainly with the problem of training men. It is now coming to be recognized that the man must be trained when he is a boy. If he doesn't get his training before he is twenty-five, he is not likely to get it at all. This is the knowledge which is behind the new movement.

## Moral Effect af Cadet Training.

OLONEL HUGHES very wisely places the value of cadet training on moral and physical as well as military grounds. He says that the cadet instructor is preferable to the policeman and the detective. The boy who is taught discipline and obedience will avoid crimes and misdemeanours and will be a model citizen. The money and effort that

## Be sure to read

The Opening Chapter
of

## "The Man at Lone Lake."

A New Canadian Story
by
Virna Sheard
In next week's issue.
is spent on cadet training will be saved in the ad ministration of criminal law and reformatives.
Of course much depends upon the instructors. The military and educational authorities must see that these instructors take the same broad view of their work. If the instructors place the military spirit above the moral and physical phases of their work, the results may not be satisfactory. This point has been emphasized in the Boy Scout movement. Where the scoutmasters failed to take a broad view of their duties and responsibilities, the benefits of the scout training have been minimized. So the Minister of Militia must see that his cadet instructors are themselves instructed in regard to the results which are expected to flow from the movement.

Canada does not desire a recrudescence of the military spirit, but it will cheerfully support any movement looking to the development of the moral and physical manhood of its younger citizens.

## Will It Be a Naval Loan?

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PPARENTLY the Hon. Mr. Hazen will proceed shortly to Great Britain to consult with the Admiralty in regard to the new Borden naval policy. Something is to be decided and that right quickly. The Nationalist members of the cabinet are likely to support any plan which will give them an easy, if not wholly satisfactory, way out.
There are those in Britain, including the London Spectator, who would like to see the British Government and Canada combine to raise a loan of say two hundred million dollars for immediate additions to the fleet. Heretofore all money for the navy has come out of current revenue. A loan of this size
would put Britain's war programme beyond all possible competition. If Canada guaranteed one half the loan, it would mean three or three and a hal think excessive if they are in favour of a direct contribution. It would also be small enough to enable the government to build some small crusers here and thus provide more training ships and partially satisfy those who believe in the ultimate triumph of the those who believe
Canadian navy idea.

Such a policy might not meet with general approval, but it would go some distance towards satisfying both sides. However, not being in the confidence of the government, I am not in a position to state whether this is a shrewd guess or a woolly idea. Those interested might remember, however, that they first saw the idea mentioned in these columns.

## Another Conservative Victory

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NSERVATIVE victories are so numerous that there is danger of the public not being able
to keep track of them all to keep track of them all. In September, the Conservatives swept the Dominion in a federal contest. In December, the same party had a decided victory in Ontario. Last week, Prince Edward Is land, long a Liberal stronghold, passed into the Con servative column. Of the thirty members in the Legislature, twenty-eight are government supporters.

The Prince Edward Island voters were undoubtedly influenced somewhat by an announcement from Ottawa that the Island would get a car-ferry service, as the best available substitute for the long-talked-of tunnel. Nevertheless the Conservatives would have won anyway. Opening voting keeps the people well in line with the ruling power at Ottawa. Premier Mathieson is pledged to introduce a ballot law, an when this is done, open voting will have passed from Canadian public life-except for the election of Separate school trustees under Roman Catholic direction.

Whether Premier Mathieson will make a move to abolish the superfluous Legislative Council and thus bring the Island Province up-to-date, is not yet decided. He would be well-advised if he did so, but constitutional changes of this kind are hard to ac complish.

## Hydro-Electric Policy Popular.

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one back on the decision. On January has gone back on the decision. On January
twenty-nine municipalities voted on it for the first time, and every one decided favourably. This is proof positive that the "Beck" policy is gaining ground in the estimation of the public.
In Toronto, the local hydro-elecrric commission asked for a further vote for $\$ 2,200,000$ for extensions. They had already spent $\$ 2,750,000$ on their distribution plant and street lighting equipment. The vote was more than five to one in favour of has although the people recognize that the work has not been any too well done. Apparently they believe themselves safer in the hands of second-class municipal administrators than first-class private owners. There is a lesson in this for privately owned public utilities, if those who control them have the sense to see it.

## Temperance Sentiment Strong.

$\lceil H E$ voting on January 1st in Ontario municipalities shows a strong temperance sentiment. In fifteen places, the anti-local-option forces tried to repeal the local option law and in every one they failed. It requires a three-fifths vote to repeal as well as a three-fifths vote to carry, but in every case the repeal was defeated on a majority vote.

On the active side, nineteen municipalities carried local option for the first time, cutting off 31 licenses. In addition Stratford voted to cut out 15 licenses and Kingston 18. In nineteen or twenty other places where voting took place there was a majority for local option, but not a three-fifths vote.

## New Idea in Almanacs.

COME person in Collingwood has created a brand new idea in almanacs. It is entitled the "Corlingwood Almanac and Encyclopedia," and coritains the brief story of one thousand events in the history of the town. These are, of course, arranged in months, with one or more events recalled by each day. The historical data was compiled by Mr. David Williams, a past president of the Canadian Press Association and a persistent student of local history.

The idea in this almanac is one which might be taken up in other cities with a view to making city zens more familiar with the local history of the city and district. Local patriotism is as valuable as national.

## NEW YEAR HONOURS

Some Leading Canadians Who Have Just Received Favours "From His Majesty the King. By DONALD B. SINCLAIR.

SEVERAL Canadian gentlemen, whose pictures appear on this page, awoke on New Year's morning, and found themselves amid a shining galaxy of Knights created by command of His Majesty. Such an agreeable experience is one of the peculiar privileges of democracy in our half of North America. A Knighthood may befall any Canadian who builds up a career of national and imperialistic achievement big enough to support one. Titles, so far conferred on Canadians, have been as a rule, fitting climaxes to lives filled with action and accomplishment. The ordinary Canadian Knighthood is as it should be-a recognition that a man has done something more than he might have done with his opportunitics; therefore good. It is harmless, because it flickers out with the life of the wearer; it does not remain awkwardly in the way at his death to run the risk of being grabbed by a "second generation" who may like honour more than endeavour.
First, in the list of those Canadians whom the King has just been "delighted to honour," is Premier Borden. Canada's first citizen is not a Knight. But he is now a Right Honourable-which some say goes a Knighthood one better. He has been made a member of His Majesty's Privy Council. That is the highest and most exclusive brotherhood in the Empire. Only the greatest of British statesmen sit in this court. The distinction has been rarely extended to colonials. Australia, New Zealand and South Africa have each only one representative in the Privy Council Canada has been indulged by His Majesty in respect of the number of citizens who sit within the charmed circle. Five Cana dians are Privy Councillors: Sir Charles Tupper, Sir Wil frid Laurier, Sir Richard Cartwright, Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, and Mr. Borden. The late Sir John Thompson and the late Sir Henri Tachereau were similarly honoured A Privy Councillor is entitled to wear a court uniform in precedence accorded to rank on state occasions, he marches before Knights.
The admission of Mr. Borden to the Privy Council is a happy tribute to the Premier's record as a constitutional lawyer and legislator. His appointments in a digne adds historical dignity to our Commons at Ottawa, because, as Sir Wilfrid Laurier is also a Privy Councillor, for the first time in the record of the Canadian Parliament, the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition will exchange remarks with such salutatory preface as, "My Right HonourMinister"" the Prime Minister," and "My Right Honourable friend the Leader of the Opposition." What Gen a royal GovernorHoneral, and Right legislation directing legislation, Canada is, indeed, being invested with the very atmosphere of Westminster.

## Knights Bachelor

TWO of those honoured have been made Knights Bachelor, which honour twenty-eight Canadians bear. Osler. E. Mr. Osler, M.P., of Toronto, is now Sir Edmund Sier. Mr. Rodolphe Forget, M.P., of Montreal, is now Sir Rodolphe Forget.
Two Knighthoods occurring in the same family in six months, as Rex Beach would say, is "going some." Sir Osler during the Coronation last June. Before the frills of Knighthood were attached to the name, the Osler family had long enough been known as an aristocracy of intellect; a triumvirate of great Canadian brothers, those three sons of the wonderful old lady who died a centenarian in Toronto a few years ago-Sir William, world authority on medicine; "B. B." dying when he was rapidly becoming Canar of the Canadian Bar; and Sir Edmund, one of Canada's first financiers. Sir Edmund's financial prominence as head of Osler and Hammond, stock brokers, Toronto, and director of the C. P. R., needs no recording here. His is a broad, constructive citizenship. Recently he has been prominent as one of the Premier's lieutenants in the readjustment of government at Ottawa. He was named as successor to Lord Strathcona. But according to what he says, he doesn't want that position. "The High


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SIR RODOLPHE FORGET, K.B. Montral


SIR JOSEPH POPE, K.C.M.G.

Commissioner has to wear evening clothes six nights a week; I find it a bother to wear them one night," he remarked laconically in a speech on the matter. A plain, quietly dressed, fire-side-loving man of thoughtful mien, getting up in years and hating fuss, because his mathematical precise mind sees into the heart of things-that's Sir Edmund Osler.
Sir Rodolphe Forget, M.P., like Sir Edmund Osler, is a knight of finance. He is a wizard of stocks in Montreal. Family is a factor in his case, too. His uncle, the late Senator Louis Joseph Forget, founded L. J. Forget and Co., Montreal, which is a modern landmark in the Province of Quebec. Sir Rodolphe early became a stock broker. He has built up a vast fabric of industrial connection. He has also found time to devote himself to parliamentary affairs and take an active interest in military work. He is fifty years of age, but could pass for thirty-five in half light. Electric in movement, shrewd in mental equipment, vigorous in physique, he is a conspicuous example of Lower-Canadian thriftiness.

## Knights of St. Michael and St. George.

W HEN you count in Sir Joseph Pope and Sir John Gibson there are fifteen Knights Commander of St. Michael and St. George in Canada. Sir Joseph Pope has known court honours before. At various times the Under Secretary for External Affairs has received such letters as C. V. O., C. M. G., I. S. O., and the JapaneseOrder of the Sacred Treasure. He is known to all social aspirants from one end of the Dominion to the other as the social arbiter of Ottawa. The Under Secretary is in the firing line for kingly favours. Sir Joseph was born in Charlottetown, P.E.I., in 1854. For years he was private secretary to Sir John A. Macdonald. Since that great leader's death he has filled high positions in the Civil Service, and many times has represented Canada abroad on delicate diplomatic missions. Sir Joseph is a keen, affable, intellectual man, possessing much finesse;


SIR JOHN GIBSON, K.C.M.G.
Hamilton
Varsity. his smile is happy and contagious, for he is human. Sir John is a native of Hamilton. He has practised law there; commanded the 13th. Regiment of Hamilton; and sat for Hamilton in the Legislature until the Ross Government, in which he was a Cabinet Minister, went out in 1905. His honour is Hamilton's honour. On New Year's Day Sir John was seventy years old; the elite of Toronto rolled in carriages to Government House to congratulate the popular Governor on his birthday and Knighthood.

## Commander St. Michael and St. George.

I T ' is a praiseworthy custom, that of bestowing royal honours on members of the Canadian Civil Service. In every batch of titles granted, the deputy head of some department at Ottawa is usually decorated. Men who devote themselves faithfully to the administrative work of government, though they do not figure as prominently in the public eye as legislators, are just as worthy of recognition. It is right that they should be in line for the high prizes.
Mr. Thomas Cooper Boville, Deputy Minister of Finance, now adds the letters C. M. G. after his name. He is the representative of the Civil Service singled out for distinction this New Year's. Mr. Boville came out from lreland when in short trousers. After winding up his education with a Bachelor's degree at Varsity, he entered the Civil Service in 1883, and passed through all the grades to the top. In off moments, he is militarily inclined. He belongs to the 43rd of Otrawa, and shot on two occasions. at Bisley.

## THROUGH A MONOCLE

## PARLIAMENT MEETS

THE, new Parliament is getting seriously down to business at last. The short end of the session-which some incurable "grafters" wanted to regard as a whole session with a whole sessional indemnity-which we had before Christmas, simply served to get us accustomed to seeing the ene of the fact that some new faces had appeared in the background. A few of the leaders are new to Ottawa, of course, but not to our political life. One of the advantages of the man who does not go to Ottawa, is that he can see our politics large-can take a national view of it-can watch men in the Provincial as well as the Federal field. Too many good men suffer from shortness of vision as soon as they get fixed at Ottawa. They cannot, for the life of them, see beyond the limits of the two Parliamentary Chambers. Parliament Hill becomes Canada to them; and, when they think of either party, they think only of we nundred odd men who sit in the House of Commulis. Even the Senators are allowed little more than an honourary membership.

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OW the Parliamentary parties are the smallest part and the least influential section of those two great organizations which divide our politics between them. You may think it heresy to say so, but there are more big men-yes, big party menoutside Parliament than inside its walls. Even so staunch a Parliament man as Mr. Borden recognized this fact when he brought in three of his best
Ministers from the Provincial arena. Sir Wilfrid Laurier did the same thing when he formed his first Cabinet, by summoning to his side Sir Oliver Mowat, Mr. Fielding, Mr. Sifton and Mr. Blair. Then, as for the great mass of Independents who find harness irksome and make exceedingly poor material for the daily use of Parliament, they can turn a general election; but they would be hard put to it to command a single vote on the floor of the House. Except in support of a definite issue, Independence cannot very well organize, and so cannot become a factor in Parliament-unless there be parliamentarians shrewd enough to see the wisdom of winning the confidence of men whose confidence is vital on election day.

$\mathrm{I}^{\mathrm{N}}$any case, the new Parliament-whether or not it be less self-centred than its predecessorsnow gets to work. We are told that by dint of arduous and continuous sittings the Cabinet have got their "estimates" ready; and we know that certain of the Ministers have been swinging the "axe" with a will. Thanks to the Civil Service Commission, the shadow of the "axe" has not frightened as many households as might otherwise have trembled. But it would be idle to pretend that this new Government has not permitted some of its members to feast upon such "spoils" as they could reach without waiting for their appetites to stale. We hear of "patronage societies" already; and we see the holders of the most pitiful jobs marched out to execution in line. In this matter, there has been a marked difference between different Ministers; but it is surely a subject on which the Cabinet as a whole might feel some collective responsibility. It is a poor business for a great Government, raised to power on a majestic wave of patriotic feeling, to chivvy heipless workingmen out of their starvling jobs.

SEVERAL big questions await the initiative of the Ministry. The worst is now known about that colossal bungle-the Fisher census-and the Ministry cannot long put off the plain duty of giving the West its just representation in Parliament. Parliament dissolved on what was properly the eve of a new redistribution of the constituencies; and this fact has not been dispelled by the disappearance of the Government responsible for it. No one imagines that this new Parliament can run out its natural term. That would be flagrantly unfair to the West -and growing more unfair every year. Yet no one will ask this new House to dissolve before it has had an opportunity to put its policy in order and present an intelligible programme to the people. If the Government is wise, the redistribution which it makes will form no part of that programme. What I mean is that it should be so obviously fair and just that it will not be an issue at the elections which must follow it. This Government could do
worse than establish an independent body, wholly
outside of Parliament and outside of politics, whose duty it would be to properly redistribute the constituencies.

THE Naval Issue is, perhaps, the one most in men's minds. I know what the Courier thinks about the navy; and no one can say that you have
not fought for your convictions with vigour and courage and yet with "a sweet reasonableness" that must have made you many friends. I hope that you will keep up the fight, at all events so far as to insist upon immediate and effective naval action of some sort. Parliament must not be allowed to play with this question. The issues at stake are too momentous, the menaces which call for action are too imminent, the patriotism of our people is too fervent and profound, for Canada of all British countries to be found wanting when "Der Tag" dawns. As far as politics go, neither party is in a very good position on this question. Both have had and will have their difficulties. It is not for any of

THROUGH hearing the conversation seasoned politicians, I long ago came to the conclusion that both political parties Canada are everlastingly fighting for something they do not want. Ask members of parliament on the right of Mr. Speaker, and they will tell you their lives are blighted by the curse of patronage. Ask members who were on the right but are now on the left of Mr. Speaker, and they will tell you that the change is delightful-they are no longer harassed by the importunities of place-hunters-their life is one of blissful rest made all the more enjoyable by being able to sit back and revel in the luxury of seeing the hated enemy worried by the same cares and vexations that once afflicted them. But wait until the next election campaign comes on and you will see the honourable gentlemen to the right of Mr . Speaker moving heaven and earth to remain in power to be still further afflicted with the perplexities that now make ife a burden. You will see, too, the honourable gentlemen to the left of- Mr. Speaker "tearing passion to tatters" in the hope of dislodging the enemy and taking upon themselves again the petty vexations that they professed to have rejoiced in escaping. Each side clamouring for what it does not want.
Undoubtedly patronage is a curse to any political party, and the party in power should have the prerogative of saddling upon the defeated party the burden of filling the offices. That should be one of the penalties that the conquerors should be privileged to impose upon the subjugated. But it cannot be. The winning of victory carries with it responsibility-not surcease of responsibility with its concomitant sorrows. The burden cannot be shifted from the shoulders of the conquerors. Some one whom the people of a constituency can get even with must be accountable for the appointments as well as the policies of the conquerors. That responsibility cannot be lightly thrown upon a civil service or any other commission. The people won't stand for it. No matter how independent and nonpartisan it may be, the party in power cannot escape responsibility for its acts. The patriots who fought the battles of the party for forty years are not to be set aside in that way. Why should triey spend their time and money and drive their horses to death, election after election, if the spoils are to go to men who entered the service recently or, for that matter, worked against the grand old party that saved the country in many a crisis? No sir. The man they elected cannot evade responsibility by any such makeshift. He cannot escape punishment at the next election for appointments which he had no hand in making. The workers in the vineyard are not to be deprived of their rewards by any such sham or delusion as a non-partisan commission.

THEREFORE the present system must hold; members of parliament or defeated candidates representative of the government are intensely human, and the first law of their nature is self-preservation. None of them care to go down in the battle, victims to a new system not understood by the people. They know they will have the name and
us to "shoot out the lip" at any one else: Let us not dwell upon our differences; and let us, above all things, keep clear of the odious treason of trying to snatch a political advantage from the differences of others over this problem which is presented to bud-
ding Canada on the hard conditions of the question of the Sphinx-We must solve it or we must die.

Afor measures of material progress, the Gov-
ernment will, of course, go ahead. "Full steam rnment will, of course, go ahead. "Full steat anealinust, in on 11 faster than we can handle it-wheat is being grown on the prairies faster than we can market it-industries are springing up on all sides-our lure of virgin natural opportunity has dazzled and then drawn the entire world. In my opinion, there is more danger of Parliament spending too little than spending too much. This is no time to be niggardly. The presumption should be always in favour of every prom ising enterprise which goes to Paria Can we afford it? -but-Can we afford to miss it? Of course, fraudulent and foolish schemes must be exposed and exploded. We need not "plunge." But we must go upon the theory that we have lots of money, and that this is our supreme opportunity
to invest. THE MONOCLE MAN.

# THE WOES OF A TORY M.P. 

## By A TORY M.P

they, therefore, by way of compensation, demand the game.
Here at Ottawa, members of the Conservative persuasion nod silent but hopeless assent to the principle of non-partisan appointments, but recog nize that it is a condition, not a theory, that confronts them. The question with them is "what wil they say at home." No matter who makes the appointment, only one man will be blamed and that man is the member supporting the government from the constituency affected. They would unfeignedly rejoice in being rid of the whole business, but their constituencies will not acquit them, and so they are now engaged in the bloody task of cutting off heads and the thankless task of putting new heads where the old ones were. Questions of national moment take second place. The press may talk of the navy and the tariff as setting the government party by the ears. Be not mistaken. The thing that worries them most is patronage. Life at Ottawa for them would be one continued round of pleasure if only "la marine" and the tariff engaged their attention.
Who wants offices? Well, you would be sur prised if you knew them and the offices they wanted Sir James Whitney stated in 1905 that office-seekers had an idea that all he had to do was to reach up to a pigeon-hole and pull out the offices which they demanded. His federal colleague from Dundas, the gentle, humorous story-teller, Andrew Broder, put it up to a man who asked for a job.

Yes, I can give you a job," said Andy, "but it means long hours and hard work."
"Well, I'm used to that. What job is it?"
"Getting a job for all the men who want them.
"Getting a job for all the men
"Neither can I," said Andy.

STRANGE it is that in these days when the re wards of independent action and industry are so great, that strong, lusty men should be willing to tie themselves up to "government jobs," which means generally the deadly routine of office work, sometimes purely mechanical, ofttimes with slim chances of promotion. But the desire for "government jobs" is a public craze. Probably the limit was reached when a member received a letter from an inmate of a penitentiary asking first for a release and secondly for a government office. There is a man who does not know when he is well off. Already in the service of the government, he pesters the government for other service.
One word in behalf of the party that is accused of a bloodthirsty desire to chop off heads. There is not a member of parliament here who likes the business of headsman. If he asks for the head of an official, it is generally because the party in his constituency demands it, and if they demand it depend upon it some blame attaches to the official. Speaking of my own particular constituency, I can say that there are several Liberal office-holders whose heads not one solitary Conservative has de manded. They are men who gave up political activity just so soon as they obtained public offices There are others who were not quite so wise, men who never dreamed apparently that there was any

## KING EMPEROR AND QUEEN EMPRESS



The King and Queen, wearing their robes and crowns after the Dubar ceremony, show themselves from a bastion of the
Peoples ' Fete in the Belta or space between the Fort and the river Jumma.
chance of the Laurier Government being defeated They were never before quite so active as in the last election. If they had recognized that it is not seemly for men in the employ of both parties to work openly for one, they would have saved me a heap of trouble, and themselves a heap of anxiety. For such men I have but little sympathy. If they were sportsmanlike they would resign as men of honour will pay bets that they lose. They wagered their positions against the defeat of the late government and lost. Now they do not want to pay their bet. One exception only. He sends along his resignation. He admits that he worked hard for his party. He says, "I was sure we would win, but having lost, I hope I am sport enough to pay the penalty gracefully." Others who were offensively partisan take no such manly stand, but on the conrary, appeal to me to save them, forgetful of the fact that if their work had been successful I should not have the power. They ask a tavour in return or an injury. And I should be glad to grant it, or there is no satisfaction in depriving any man of his position. But the first law of Nature again gets in its work. Any number of my supporters tell me if I do not dismiss these partisans they will lever vote for me again. Suppose, in the face of his, I keep these men in place. Will they help to nake up a few of the votes they know I am losing by my generosity to them? Not much. On the contrary, they are just partisan enough to sit back and laugh with delight at the losses I sustain through keeping them in their places and hope the losses will be sufficient to defeat me. That's "where I get off at," and I am a mere human.
I say, in conclusion, that every Conservative member of parliament would be glad to-day if every Liberal office-holder had done nothing more than vote at the last election. I repeat there is no satisfaction in depriving him of his position, and there is less satisfaction in filling the vacancy. Only one can have it where two dozen apply. That one may turn out an ingrate. At the best he is sure to develop into a persistent beggar for promotion, perquisites or higher salary. The other twenty-three may become enemies. At the best they are disappointed and may become only lukewarm, where once they were ardent.

THEIR MAJESTIES ARRIVE AT BOMBAY


Their Majesties standing before their thrones during the arrival ceremonies at Bombay and acknowledging the cheers of their Indian subjects.


The stately procession passing the Mosque of Jumma Musid. The Queen's carriage is seen in the picture followed by an Indian bodyguard.


## GREATEST OF MODERN PAGEANTS



A motly crowd of Indians watching the Royal progress at Delhi from the house-tops.


The State Carriage containing the Queen-Empress, the Duchess of Devonshire and the Earl of Durham coming through the famous Delhi gate into the city.


The King-Emperor and Queen-Empress passing through the Apollo Bundar in Bombay.


SHE floated. She was badly down by the nose, to be sure, but she floated. The Austrians were arriving all along the river-bank-the tubby gentleman in civilian dress conspicuous among the uniforms. On the opposite shore the Servian guard came down close to the water's edge, and looked on with amazement. It grieved them that they had no excuse to take a hand in the game.
Down the river, the little motor was coming on at a great pace. Up the river-but much farther away-the big motor was also hurrying to the scene of excitement.
"Game's up! Shall we drop the parcels overboard?", suggested Carver.
"Oh," groaned Sergius, "if the dogs hadn't smashed my , leg, I could have swum ashore with both parcels."
"I couldn't swim more than half that distance," said Carver, slipping off his shoes as he spoke. "But I'1l try it. Give me the other bag. If you make signs hard enough to your friends over on the shore, maybe they'll understand and come to the rescue. Worth trying, eh?" And he threw off his coat.

At this moment the Austrians began firing again. Several bullets struck the plane, but most of the shots, to the amazement of Sergius and Carver, seemed to be directed at the little motor-boat, now almost upon them.
"Gee!" shouted the American, half rising and just saving himself from toppling overboard. "They're friends!"
He sat down again, the bullets kicking up the water all around the 'plane. Coolly he lifted his
rifle. As he fired, the civilian, who had been directrifle. As he fired, the civilian, who had been directing the attack upon the motor-boat, dropped. He fired again, aiming with quick deliberation and a mounted officer rolled from the saddle. Then a shout from Count Sergius distracted him just as he pulled the trigger, and his third shot went wide.
Before he could shoot again, the motor-boat had rounded to between him and his rarget and was poking her beak up over the drowned wings of the aeroplane. To Carver's amazement, she had hoisted the Servian flag. And then, to his double amazement, he caught sight of Madame de L'Orme, crouched as flat as possible in the bottom of the boat.
"Come quick!" Come quick!" she cried in a
desperate voice. desperate voice.
"Gee!" said Carver as he caught the bow of the boat with one hand while he reached to help Sergius with the other. The American followed nimbly, seating himself beside Madame de L'Orme. The boat darted for the Servian shore through a singing swarm of bullets. But having the Servian flag at her stern, she gave the Servian guard the excuse they were craving. Their flag had been assaulted! They opened fire enthusiastically, and the little boat, running under their fire, darted for the mouth of the Drina.
Forgetting her peril, Madame sprang up from her place of safety, ran forward and knelt beside Count Sergius, who lay with his eyes closed. She wrung her hands passionately.
"Oh, where is he hurt? What is it? What is it?" she wailed.
"It's his leg. Can't do a thing till we get him ashore," said Carver, and resumed his deadly practise on the Austrians.

The next moment Sergius opened his eyes. At the sight of Madame's face bending over him, he smiled, grasped her hand and sat up. A glance at the Servian shore, now very close, showed him that the day was won. The pain fled from his face, leaving it alight with solemn joy.
"We have achieved the great quest!" Then, turning his eyes once more to Madame's face, as she knelt bending over him, he went on, "And it is your hand that snatches victory for us at the last! I am glad! You don't know the great thing you have done! I am glad it is your hand."
Madame had been dry-eyed, but now the tears rushed suddenly down her face.
"I've done the only great thing I care about, if

I've helped you, if I've served you!' she sobbed.
The American looked at her, at the distortion her beautiful face, and puckered his lips in a sudden, vast comprehension.
"And I'd thought all the time it was Andrews!" he muttered.

Then the boat, which had run out of range a few hundred yards up the Drina, poked her nose softly into the bank. Carver, seeing that Sergius had fallen back unconscious, stooped to lift.
"Don't be frightened," he said gently to Madame as she bent to aid him. "It's loss of blood. He'll be all right."

Swarthy men in the Servian uniform came hurrying down the bank to help. The steersman of the motor-boat, the blood dripping from his left sleeve, came forward, grinning with triumph. Madame de L'Orme turned to the other side of the engine, leaned over a huddled heap and gently shook it.
"Poor Andreas!" she muttered. Then she called two of the guards into the boat and pointed to the dead man.
"He has died for his country," she said simply and turned to hurry after the little procession which was bearing Count Sergius up the bank.

## CHAPTER XV.

## THE FRUITS OF VICTORY.

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 OUNT SERGIUS did not go to Shabatz. They carried him to the nearest farm-house, not far from the water-side. From Shabatz they summoned the army surgeon of the district to set and dress his leg; while Carver and Madame remained to nurse him.The American was filled with admiration for the courage and efficiency Madame had shown in her conduct of the rescue. But her reception of his eulogies left him hopelessly bewildered. She repudiated them desperately, crying, "Oh you'd never even speak to me, if you knew!" Then she fled from the room in a passion of tears. Carver stepped outside, took his place by the open window where he could keep his eye upon the patient, and lighted one of his inexhaustible cigars.
"Seem to be just as queer in Servia as they are in the U. S. A.!" he murmured reminiscently. A few minutes later he mused aloud: "I wonder if she knows it was me potted that tubby bounder who was trying to kill her. If so, she don't seem to bear me any grudge. I wonder if she knows!"

Presently Madame reappeared, her emotion brought to hand. Her white face smiled upon him frankly in the twilight, as she passed him to reenter Plamenac's room. The American stopped her.
"I've a notion that Monsieur de L'Orme had something, to do with messing up our expedition this way," he said in his direct fashion, scrutinizing her face with his strange bright eyes.
Madame's mouth hardened for an instant. She looked as if she were on the verge of explaining something. Then she said abruptly,
"Don't let us talk of him. He is dead."
She spoke very clearly and deliberately. Then she passed in to Plamenac's bedside.
"Wonder how she found it out so quick," mused Carver.

About four o'clock next morning Madame got up from her chair and blew out the night-light which stood on the floor beyond the foot of the Count's bed. The surgeon had been there some hours before and dressed the wound, and Sergius was sleeping. Carver, exhausted, was sleeping profoundly on a blanket in the farther corner of the room. Plamenac's voice called to her faintly and she glided back to the bedside.
"What is it?. Do you want anything?" she whispered.
"I want you to sit down by me. I want to thank you!"
She obeyed, putting her hand into his craving, outstretched palm as she did so.
'You risked so much-your life-everything-to
save us!" he muttered searching her face with eyes that would not be denied.
She bore that look for a moment, then turned away her face, gently withdrew her hand, and pressed at her throat as if it hurt her to swallow.
"It was all my fault-that you were spied upon," she said at 1
face averted.
She was silent for several minutes, while Sergius gazed at her intensely and the coloured light flooded wonderfully across the bed.
"I can not let yout go on thanking me and honouring me," she continued, her voice growing small and unresonant. "I was in the Austrian Secret Service - a spy! At the very beginning, after Gregory's
visit to your rooms that day, I became suspicious and gave warning at Vienna. I was sent to Paris to watch you. Oh, I was well, well paid! I worked quite independently of my-husband, and was paid much more than he.
"We detested each other, but had to work to-gether-had to seem to live together. In Paris II came to know you better, to know you and Captain Andrews better, and I began to understand how base a thing it was that I was doing. I understood. And I suffered-oh, I suffered! You will believe that, surely! But when I tried to draw back, it was too late-they knew too much.
"When I refused to spy for them any longer, my -Monsieur de L'Orme went on with it. Thenthen I tried to get back into favour with them, so I might find out what they were going to do and warn you. But for that I was too late. They wouldn't trust me again. I could learn almost nothing. But, oh-I did warn you, as well as I could. And just at the last I found out in time. For that, perhaps-you will come to despise me less, some day."

She burned her face in her hands and her shoulders shook with dry, strangling sobs.

After a moment, Count Sergius spoke.
"You were not one of us-you were not a Servian, you know!" he said. "So, you must remember, you were not a traitor!"
She made no answer to this. She kept her face covered; but her sobs gradually ceased, because she had caught no note of scorn in Plamenac's feeble voice. Presently he spoke again:
"I think you have very, much more than made amends to Servia. Oh, yes-many times over. What you did was everything! And was that-was that the only reason you did it-to make amends?" Neither to this did she make reply.
"Please give me your hand again," he begged, his voice growing feebler. She gave it to him, still keeping her face averted. He tried to pull her toward him-but feebly. She realized how feebly and turned and looked into his eyes. What she saw there told her plainly that it was all the strength he had-that he was trying with all his heart to draw her to him, though his hands were so weak. At his weakness her eyes ran over. "Oh, my dear. she sobbed, and bending swiftly she gathered his head into her arms.

NEAARLY four months later, at a table in the extreme outer corner of the Cafe Danilo, sat Madame de L'Orme, Andrews, Carver and Count Sergius.
In those four months Sergius had slowly recovered. He had been well nursed, the surgeon said, without contradiction from the patient. But
the wound had been a nasty one. The Count's the wound had been a nasty one
crutch was not yet thrown away.
After the affair at the river there had been ${ }^{2}$ bad quarter of an hour between Austria and Servia, and Austria had tried to bully her little neighbour into an apology for having struck back when her flag was fired upon. Her case, however, when ex amined, had seemed so palpably bad that she had graciously dropped it at a hint from her sagacious ally on the Baltic.

There had been a nine days' marveling all over the Balkan lands as to the great adventure and the object of it. Songs of "The Runners of the Air" were sung in the mountains. But beyond a whis pered, expectant rumour about the recovery of the "Holy Stone" and certain miracles it was going to work for Servia, nothing of the truth had leaked out. They had close tongues, those admirable ban dits of Gregory's.
Carver, forgetting his dream of an Antoinette factory at Toronto in a more exciting version o battles and empire-building in the Balkans, had stayed by Sergius all summer, helping Madame with the nursing.
He loved Sergius with $\dot{a}$ devoted comradeship which the Count fervently returned and the sum mer had not seemed long, for he had a new mono plane sent down to him from Mourmelon-le-Grand
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First Impressions of "The Electric City." BY ELIZABETH R. MACDONALD.

[T is with deep design, oh gentle reader, that I launch this sketch under the title of First Impressions. Surely no one would be hyper-critical enough to pounce, cat-1ike, on airst Impression! At any rate, let me trust so, and try at least to capture and clothe in words some of that most subtle of subtleties, the "atmosphere" of a place.
The place is Nelson, B. C. I reached it by night, reached it by a long white boat that moved smoothly over the dark waters of the Kootenay. It seemed to me then all a glimmer and glitter of fairy-like lights, lights strung across the streets, lights sparkling from windows and porches, lights up-hill and down-dale-and the great guarding arm of the mountains curved about it all.
In the morning I ran to my window eagerly. There were the mountains, strong and reassuring, with drifts of white cloud across them here and there; there was the lake (or river, whichever the geographers decide to call it), grey and somewhat grim; there, still gaily burning, were many, if not most, of the electric lights!
Later, we found this lavish lighting all through the town, and it certainly adds much to the general cheeriness of things.
Nelson is a city of contrast, and contradictions, at least to the new observer. It is progressive, up-to-date, and energetic; yet with equal truth we may call it dreamy, shut-in, and fairy-like! These mountains close us round; we cannot see the country that lies beyond; yet there is nothing oppressive or depressing in that magic massive wall. There is a keen exhilaration in the air, though the days-I am writing in December-are often sumless and grey as There are churches thought. orous and faithful: vigthere are darknesses not yet dispelled by either spiritual or material light. But enough of contrasts; the world is full of shadows lights and over the whole round earth!
In the New Brunswick city whence this pilgrim ${ }^{\text {comes }}$ glory there is such a glory of trees-arching, vista-making elms, maples to flaunt gold and crimson banners in autumn, goldcatkined willows on the river-shore-that it really does not matter much if the houses are beautiful or not. (Of course, they are beautiful; but that is not the point!) There is so much in the tree-line to occupy attention of the passer-by that the houses might well be a secondary consideration. But in Nelson, large trees are lacking, and the new-comer notes with interest the architectural features of each quaint attractive house. They are not large houses, as a rule-or when large, their largeness is a matter of extra rooms added at fully back, so that the front view remains delightfure miniature in effect. And though big trees are not to be found, there are small ones in plenty that add greatly to the charm of the landscape. Especially picturesque and numerous are the rowantrees, with their masses of red berries, vivid among the grey branches.
There is one other lack in Nelson, or, if not quite a lack, at least a scarcity! Four days had I been here before I beheld even one solitary cat! It sound S Irish, perhaps, to call a cat a rara avis, but,
it is it is evidently something of the sort. "They say"
that the high altitude does not agree with puss-kind, and that a little higher they cannot live at all. So lovers of cats and lovers of mountain-air have to choose between their loves!
But whatever we find and whatever we miss in this little mountain-girt city, one thing is obvious and good to see-and that is the spirit of optimism, hope, and energy which looks out at you from the friendly eyes of the inhabitants!

## Canadian Women-and Humour. <br> BY CANADIENNE.

HEN a young man is twenty-three years of age, he knows all there is to be known about feminine faults and foibles, and informs you in

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a department mainly for women

blase and sub-acid tones that he has no illusions on the subject of woman. The Philosopher has reached that charming age and discourses in a man-of-the-world fashion on a variety of topics, including Bernard Shaw and the decadence of the drama. ing Bernard Shaw Canadian Courier has set a few editors The Canadian lack of Canadian humour," said The Philosopher, on a dreary grey afternoon.
"Is there a lack of Canadian humour?" I asked innocently.
"Of course there is," he replied promptly, "and it's chiefly the fault of Canadian women. They're so deadly serious. Now, and he says our girls got back from the South, and he says our girls have no real vivacity-and George Bates, who spent six months in Honolulu, says that life is all fun and flowers over there. Canadian women are dull. You can't deny it."
"I haven't had time to deny it yet. But a friend
pervious to the amusing aspect of Life's little ironies, then society and literature will be the poorer. There is no doubt that "the smiles which have no cruelty" are a means of grace and that existence without them is a dreary affair.

## W

 OMEN are accustomed to this charge of being destitute of humour. It is so old that we suspect it was first laid by Adam, who said to Eve as they fled from Paradise: "This would never have happened if you had possessed the least spark of humour." Man has always insisted that woman cannot see a joke. It is because woman has learned to conceal some of her feelings and seldom allows man to see when he is amusing her most thoroughly? It is probably a difterence of mental attitude which so often evokes this masculine criticism. A group of school-girls is nearly always agiggle. There is little which is not ridiculous in their youthful eyes. Perhaps it is true that woman grows old more quickly than man and loses earlier that sense of "glad, confident morning" which makes for gayety.We have neither a Punch nor a Life in Canada, and our cartoonists are few and far between, depending on politics for their chief inspiration. Several professedly humourous publications have arisen and flourished for a short time, only to go the way of liquidation. It is sad to relate that the hideous "comic" supplements of our newspapers come from United States syndicates and are dian households, to whom "Alice in Won derland" would be a burden. Yet we are nct without hope for the gayer side of Canadian reading, and again we may look to Western women for aid and enlightenment. Such thoroughly amusing studies as those of "Janey Canuck" and Mrs. McClung give assurance that we are not entirely a sorrowful sisterhood.

YET we come back to the consideration of native short-comings and wonder if we Canadians are too sad and sour. French Canada can hardly be accused of this failing. Go among the Canadians or Gaelic descent and you are greeted with smiles and courtesy. And you will observe that a sense of humour is nearly always allied with politeness. The French are accused of insincerity on account of this very
regard for the amenities of social intercourse. The Irish are also criticized for resorting to the blandishments of "blarney," when they are merely exercising the talent

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## "We may call it dreamy, shut-in, and fairy-like."

of mine, who has just returned from a trip to Great Britain, declares that we're ever so much more hopeful-looking than the average British crowd, and that he never saw in Canada such a dismal lot of women as he beheld in Glasgow."

The Philosopher ignored my reply. "Just glance about you in a Toronto street car, or London, or Hamilton-and see how few pleasant faces there are. Nearly all the women are scowling or unhappy."
"ou're suffering from too much Christmas dinner," I protested in indignation. "We're just as happy as any one else-and we don't frown, unless we're talking to people who make us tired."
The Philosopher was silent for about fifteen seconds. "You're mistaken," he said firmly. "The Canadian woman is entirely too sombre, both in conversation and manner. She takes herself and life too seriously and it is no wonder we have so little humour in this country." The Philosopher said several other things which were intended for wisdom, but which I have forgotten.

Is there any truth in the criticism? Are Canadian women lacking in vivacity and that joie de vivre which make for the gayety of the nation? Have we devoted so much attention to "the daily round and common task" that we are in danger of becoming indifferent to the lighter graces of life? As a delightful Irishman once said: "It is no joke to be incapable of seeing one." If Canadian women are so absorbed in the solemnities as to be im-
for saying the agreeable thing. Mr. Arnold Bennett is so bold as to express the opinion that the English and the Germans are convinced that there is virtue in blunt rudeness, and therefore say what is dis agreeable in the firm belief that they are being honest. Humour and bonhomie are usually to be found together, and an amusing answer is more than likely to turn away wrath. Wherefore, it is well for the Canadian household to cultivate the talent for discovering the laughable side of life.
This admonition, however, brings us face to face with another problem. Is it easy to cultivate a sense of humour? Is it not dangerous to advise our friends or acquaintances to look for the ludicrous rather than the tragic? The very essence of fun is its spontaneity-and the attempt to encourage it is a dubious undertaking. If you have ever been ill and have had well-meaning friends call, with the deliberate intention of "cheering you up," leaving in their trail Stevenson's texts on courage and fortitude, you will know just what I mean. Forced fun is about the ghastliest stuff in the world, and one would rather talk of "worms and epitaphs" than listen to warmed-over jests and quips.

We often mourn over the class of immigrants that we get from the South of Europe; yet, if we could obtain the sunny qualities of these races without running too much risk from their more turbulent traits, the Canadian spirit would doubtless be quickened. As the years go by, and the texture of the nation is woven from many strands, there will be a change from the fabric of the past. Let us hope that it will be brighter and gayer than the old, while no less "durable" in quality.


## Prize List.

The six books offered as prizes for the best stories, poems, drawings or photographs, have been awarded as follows:

Douglas Macbeth, aged 8.
Ruth Robinson.
Joseph Thompson.
Mary Kewrick.
Marjorie Martin (poem).
Lewis Notkin (drawing).
Honourable Mention: Eric Duggan, Mary Reid, Myra Moses, Marian Cole, William S. Williams, Katie McKenna, and Howard MacGregor.

## Squealer.

BY DOUGLAS MACBETH (Aged 8).

ONCE, when I was a little boy, and lived in the country, I was in the house on account of a storm, and when it was over I went out and saw a little duck in the yard. It was only as large as the toy ducks you see on Easter
cards, and was badly beaten by the rain. We took
it in, wrapped it in it in, wrapped it in some warm things, and then fed it on crumbs and milk and put it to sleep by the kitchen stove. It was so tiny we never thought it would live. The strange thing was that none of


DAUGHTER OF HON. ADAM BECK
A photograph taken at the Horse Show at St. Thomas, Ont.
the farmers near had any ducks and we thought it must have been carried a long way by a hawk who had dropped it. It did not die, but got stronger and so tame that it followed me and my baby brother outside all over the place, and when we went to take our naps in the afternoon, it would jump up and down at the foot of the stairs and squeal. It did this, too, in the morning, before we came down to breakfast, so we called it Squealer. One day our maid stepped on poor Squealer's foot, he was so small and would run after her, and she broke it. He looked very pitiful limping, so my uncle, who also was fond of him, bandaged his leg with two match sticks for splints and soon Squealer could run as fast as though the leg had not been broken. When I sat down in our sand pile or on the verandah, Squealer used to hop up on my bare feet and go to sleep. I can imagine I can feel his fuzzy little body. He liked, beside this, to be put in my little brother's carriage and be wheeled around, although he always went to sleep. When he was little he used to say Peep Peep, and was yellow, but when we left the country he said, Quack, and was quite white. We hated to leave him, but we had to give him to our gardener, John.

Wasn't this a funny pet?
-Certified by Mrs. Macbeth, Ottawa.

## Togo and Cronje.

## BY JOSEPH W. THOMPSON (Aged 16.)

I AM very fond of pets, and especially my two black collie dogs, a birthday present from my Uncle Bob. You will perhaps be amused at the names I gave them. The smaller one, which had very sharp eyes, I called "Togo," after the famous admiral of Japan, or, as he generally got, "Tog." The other somewhat dull looking one, but because of his ability to get out of every place you could put him, unless it was almost air-tight, I called "Cronje." "Con." "Con."
The first night they were mine 1 closed them in a box stall at the end of the stable. There was only one narrow board off the top of the partition, all the rest being closed in. In the morning, however, Mr . Con. was sitting leisurely on a wisp of hay in the passage, and Tog. was howling mournfully for company. My oldest brother thought he would catch him and put him back into his place again. When he made the attempt, Con. dashed into old Maud's manger and from there to her back, for she hadn't arisen from the night's rest. She didn't do any damage, but the scramble she made to get to her feet, and the snorting, was rather alarming. When I (who had been watching all the performance) went to the door, Con. was rapidly disappearing around the corner. I called as nicely as I could to him but he would not listen to me.
We thought the best thing to do was to let him go, with the hope that he might go back to Uncle Bob's or return to us. He came back, however, during the day, trailing a pair of trousers with him. We found out afterwards that they belonged to Mr . Mitchell, who lives about a half a mile from the corner.
I cannot, however, give you a detailed account of how I tamed Con.; how I stopped Tog. from sucking eggs, and the time I had breaking them in to draw the hand-sleigh. It took a long time, of courso, to teach them all the tricks they were up to, but considering the teacher they had, I think they proved themselves very apt scholars.
It was about two years after this, one day in the beginning of winter, when I took my pets, now quite a span of drivers, to the creek, which runs through our farm, to have a sleigh-ride. They started off all right and the ice was good and the air very bracing, which made it just delightful. After I had gone past the bridge at the road and about half a mile into Mr . Mitchell's farm, I thought I would head them for home again. I thought they would go home faster than they came, but they went faster than I expected part of the way. A mink or a skunk or something about that size ran across the creek about the place where I started. It did not escape Con. and Tog.'s notice you may be sure, and they suddenly made up their minds to catch it. The creek lay in a sort of half circle from the bridge, where they first saw it, to the place where the illfated animal made its appearance, so the temptation to take the short-cut was too great. I thought, however, I could go as fast as they could drag me, so I hung to the sleigh like glue and let them go. As the creek was pretty well flooded over before it froze up, they had no difficulty in pulling me up the bank. The path they were taking me over was a ploughed field and a pasture, separated by a woven wire fence. The rapidity with which they escorted me over the rough ploughed ground drove all thoughts of wire fence out of my head, until I was pretty nearly up against it. There was


Drawing by Lewis Notkin, Montreal, aged 16.
just room for them to crawl under the wire and pull the sleigh with them, but I was left on the opposite side. I did not know at the time what had happened me. I was not hurt, however, but was concerned to know where the runaway would end. I was not long in finding out. They had gone each side of a haw tree not far distant and of course were hung up. Although the sleigh and harness was badly mutilated, I was glad to find that neither of them had received any injury.
I have been "out driving" with them several times since, and have lots of other sport with them, too, but they are getting less frequent. My younger brother occupies their time pretty well, but I still have the honour of calling them "My Pets."
-Certified by Mrs. Jas. A. Thompson, Marmion, Ont.

## Wolf Hounds.

## BY ERIC DUGGAN, Nanton, Alta.

DEAR Aunt Helen,-This is my first letter to your paper. Can I join your nephews and nieces? I am six years old and have a brother named Kenneth eight years old, and two little sisters. Kenneth and I go to school. We have two wolf hounds, named Fan and Bruce. Daddy took a snapshot of me on Bruce's back. Some day he


MASTER ERIC DUGGAN

## Son of Mr. D. M. Duggan, Nanton, Alta.

is going to take us for a coyote hunt. We are getting good skating now. Kenneth can skate well, but I cannot go very well yet. We take music lessons, but don't like very well to practise, because we lose our skating. I hope you will find room to publish this, from your nephew.

## Tip and Furry.

## BY MARY GORDON KEWRICK.

IAM writing to you, dear Aunt Helen, to tell you about my pet. He is a dog, an Irish Terrier, and my constant companion, and a better one never had. He is so intelligent, and does every thing I tell him to do. But he is very much afraid of the water. While I am in swimming, he runs along the bank whining till I get out. I think he is afraid that I will get drowned. He is a good hunter and many a hare has he brought from the woods behind our house. But he is a terror to cats, and $\frac{I}{1}$ am afraid he would kill one could he catch it. 1 have tried and tried to break him off the habit of running after cats. But unlike King Bruce, I have given up. He is a big fighter and I find it hard to keep him from being seriously injured. Strange to say, for a friend he has a rabbit. A very large one. It's colour is black and white. You can often see them playing in the kitchen garden where the rabbit lives. It's name is Furry, and belongs to my brother. He is always afraid it will get eaten up. But I know it won't, as they have played together in perfect safety for nearly a year. Tip (that is my dog's name) made friends with the rabbit when it was first given to my brother. And he watches it very jealously and will not let the cat or the chickens come near it. Furry likes green cabbage leaves best, to eat, and Tip thinks that is very funny, as you can tell by his expression. Tip sometimes brings Furry into the house and gives him some meat, but as Furry does not like it he never eats it, and Tip looks so surprised and astonished that he makes us laugh. Don't you think it strange that although Tip would kill another rabbit, like a shot, he should make friends with this one?
-Certified by Mrs. Kewrick, Rock Forest, Quebec.

## DEMI-TASSE

## Courierettes.

Don't judge a man by the neckties he wears at this season of the year. Burglars now wear gloves to foil the sleuths to make the It's up to A man and his wife served on the same jury in Washington State. Nothing wonderful about that. The strange thing is that they agreed
Toronto has twenty clubs - and it is crying for another to use on its street railway company.
A fashion paper tells us that "stripes spring" worn by the smart set next spring." Some of the smartest set have been wearing them for some
time.
Of course you wished your friends the usual "happy and prosperous new year" stuff. How would it be for you to dig in and try to make your wish come true?
A New York theatre manager announces a reduction of fifty per cent. And the price of some of his seats. And Uncle Sam says that the price of The is to go up fifty cents a pair. points, but living may fall at some The proportion of male to female mearly thrants to Canada last year was vise the old to one. We ought to re can't every man have three wives?"

## Hades Defined.-Mrs. Rounder'Here's a paper offers a prize for the Mr description of Hades. <br> Mr. Rounder-"You write and tell emt it's just a succession of days

in Costly Campaigning.-Campaigning in Toronto's civic elections is costly. to Mr. J. O. McCarthy, who was elected to the Toronto Board of Control on dollary 1st, spent several thousan his cam-some say ten thousand-in One mpaign.
Winning the humorous events of his in the fight was a meeting he held in the east end of the city. It was Well advertised, and Mr. McCarthy paid thirty-five dollars for the hall Two men attended. One was the janitor of the hall. Without calling the neeting formally to order, Mr. Mc Carthy convinced the audience that tho was the man to vote for. But dose two votes were costly-seventeen dars and fifty cents each.
Controller Hocken, who headed the poll, estimated that his meetings cost him one dollar per head for every man who attended them. It seemed tend mible to get the citizens to at Wou meeting. The rent of a hall dollars, be about twenty-five or thirty thirty and about twenty-five
Mr. Flectors would be present.
Mr. F. S. Spence, who failed to get elected, held many meetings, while

if any music he happens to hear is not in exactly the proper tone, tempo, key. or whatever other technical terminology you care to use. Apropos of this super-sensitiveness, his friends relate that recently he went to a vaudeville show and watched an acrobatic troupe do balancing feats. Their climax was a human pyramid, with the topmost acrobat standing on his head, said head resting on the head of a fellow performer. While in this ticklish position the top piece of the pyramid thrummed a guitar. It was a neat trick, and the people applauded loudly.
The critic's face assumed an exThe critic's patiently in his seat. "It's a shame," he said, "what people will stand for he said, What fellow was away flat in music. guitar

## Canadian Humour.

"Canadian writers . . . seem afraid to write anything in which humour plays a distinct part. We sigh mour plays a Canadian humourist."-Canadian Courier.)
'Tis a land of golden promise;
E'en an unbelieving Thomas
Durst not shoot his darts of satire at this fact,
For life here is more than living,
For life here isything worth giving
We've got everese of humour which
is lacked (that is lackt).
We grow wheat in such profusion
That it causes brain confusion
To remember half the figures experts quote,
Yet of Attic wit or humour
N'er is heard a distant rumour
Not a single grain matures of any note P. T. 0 .

Giving Mother Away.-"My three-year-old daughter gave me a 'nice' compliment on my house-keeping the other day," says a Toronto woman. "A lady friend who was calling on me wa dusting the piano. The little girl saw her lifting each article off the top of the piano as she dusted, and the, youngster asked, 'What's oo lookin for?'"

His Natural Bent.-"What kind of career have you mapped out for your career
"I'm going to make a lawyer of him. He's got an unconquerable fancy for tending to other folk's business. and he might as well get paid for it."

Too Busy to Work. -"You look very hungry. my man. Come to my place and I'll give you some work to do.'
"Asking parding, guv'nor, but I've got to attend a meeting of the unemployed this afternoon."

New Versions.-The Ottawa Citizen recently had the following:
"A nrimrose by the river's brim A simnle nrimrose was to him,
A simnie nrimrose where."
And it was nothing mere. Commening This is verv nretty. but we prefer Wordsworth's version with the vellow primrose.
Still more recently the Stratford Reacon ender one of its "week-end musings" with this:
"T hold it true w'th him who sings That men may make of their dead

## selves

Stenning-stones to better things.
In this case also it might be sajd that this is very nretty, hit we prefor Tennyson's version which was as follows:
"I held it truth, with him who sings To one clear harn in divers tones,
That men may rise on stepping stones
of their dead selves to higher things."
Well Said-Among the hest recent retorts a high nlace must be given to the following from The Victoria Colonist:
Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Webb have written to the British naners to say that "the Canadian city is still essentially umeivilized:" Said the man to the bird dealer. "C-c-nan that n-n-n-narrot t-t-t-talk?" Said the him

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## PEOPLE AND PLACES

## In the Grip of Fire Demon.

THAT was a curious coincidence in Toronto the other day when within an hour the offices of those old rivals The Globe and The Mail and Empire were both set on fire. After midnight one night, the watchman in The Mail building discovered and put out a blaze at the rear of the premises. At the same time The Globe edlitorial staff were struggling valiantly with a fire demon. To neither office much damage resulted. Incendiarism is suspected as the cause of the fire. The Globe and The Mail have maintained a reputation in the past for heated combat at election time. But neither sheet finds it pleasant nor profitable to pass through literal fire.

## Modern Fire-Fighting in Brandon.

THE picture on this page shows the new fire hall erected by the City Council of Brandon at a cost of $\$ 40,000$. There are not many fire stations in Canada which come up to that of Brandon. The City Council, recognizing the responsibility of the municipality in providing fire protection in a brand
place at Professor Barne's disposal one of the big vessels of the Depart ment of Marine and Fisheries. The Professor will sail down through the Straits of Belle Isle and charge the ice-berg territory to test his invention.

## Off to Athabasca.

W AY up at Athabasca Landing, there has been an important appoint ment. The town in the Arctic has a new Chief of Police.
His name is Wroughton, and he suc ceeds Colonel Sanders, D. S. O., who is now police mag strate at Calgary. Inspector Wroughton has had a long and strenuous career in the R. N. W. M. P. He has been a rider of the plains for twenty-five years. In the gold fever days of the Yukon he patrolled in Dawson. During the past two years he has been located at Regina.

## Building a Highway.

FARMERS about Montreal, La Prairie, Napierville, and Lacomb are going to draw stone in the idle hours this winter. That will be their part in one of the greatest road-mak


BRANDON'S NEW $\$ 40,000$ FIRE HALL
new city, where so many handsome and expensive structures are every day going up, decided that the latest must be secured in fire-fighting equipment. The building is in two storeys and is crowded with engines, aerial ladders, etc., of the most modern type.
The other day, a trial alarm was sounded. The electrical apparatus worked so quickly, that the fire steeds running out, were automatically hitched in ten seconds.

## Germans for B. C.

SEVERAL prominent German capital ists have been visiting Vancouver lately. They have a colonist scheme on hand for British Columbia. They wish to invest a quarter of a million and buy with it about 10,000 acres of land. Once having secured the land they intend to induce healthy, young German farmers to come out and settle.

## A Useful Invention.

DR. HOWARD BARNES, who is a professor in McGill University. intends taking a two week's cruise next summer, which may net him fame and fortune.

Dr. Barnes is something of an inventor. For some time he has been working on an instrument to shoo off ice-bergs. This instrument, he claims, detects ice-bergs miles away. By its use a ship may be warned of their its use a ship may be warned of the
proximity and steer out of danger.
Because they recognize the service such an instrument would be to navigation on the St. Lawrence, the Dominion Government will next summer
ng projects since the days of Caesa!: the famous Edward VII. boulevard from Montreal to New York. This Macadam highway is to be sixteen feet in width throughout its course. Incldental bridges and culverts all will be of concrete.

## Reginc to Make Gas.

REGINA wants gas. For some time, the Saskatchewan city has been considering the advisability of erecting a municipal gas plant. Nou long ago the Council marie recommendations for public works to $b \in$ undertaken in 1912. Among the pro posals was a gas plant to be ready by August 15 th, and to cost $\$ 200,000$.

## Plutocratic Montreal.

THE Montreal Star compiles a list oil millionaires resident in the city of Montreal. It places the num ber of those who own a million dollars at one hundred. In Toronto there are not thirty millionaires. Nor are there more than that number in Winnipeg. If The Star's figures are correct, Montreal may reasonably claim to possess eal may rasonably claim to possess the greates number of individualiy wealthy citizens for its size in America.

## The Canadian Tree.

F OREST protection will be a live topic under discussion in February. On the seventh and eighth of that month, the Canadian Forestry convention holds its annual convention at Ottawa. Conservation experts from all over this continent will be on hand
to discuss the Canadian tree. H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught will preside over the gathering. By giving his patronage to the Forestry Convention the Duke of Connaught follows in the footsteps of Earl Grey in evincing active interest in the problem of our natural resources.

## Calgary's Engineer.

CALGARY is in danger of losing its Child. civic engineer, whose name is Child. That official the other day submitted his annual report to the City Council, and almost before anyone had digested it, he received a telegram from the neighbouring city of Moosejaw offering him a job at $\$ 5,000$ a year, which is more than Calgary pays him.
Calgary doesn't want to lose Engineer Child. He's a worker. Here's the list of improvements he made in Calgary in 1911:
Sewers, 33 miles; 1,938 sewer connections; 38 miles; 1,938 sewer of waterworks; 2,597 water connections; 11 standping7 water connections; 11 standpipes; 76 boulevard taps; 12 miles of pavement; 20 miles of sidewalk; 20 miles of curb and gutter; 304 catchbasins; 9 miles of conduit, and 336 sewer manholes.

## A Hangman Saving Souls.

IN Toronto, an evangelist has been holding forth who has attracted much attention. He was not always an evangelist. Indeed, his former profession was in marked contrast to his present one. He was wont not to save but destroy. He was a hangmanpublic executioner to the British Government. After having hung upwards of 200 people, James Berry decided to retire and save souls. In an inter View at Toronto the other day, he stated that the reason for his desert ing the Government service was his fixed belief that every year many innocent persons are hanged.

## Convention in Fredericton.

FREDERICTON is preparing for a Fedreat convention this year-the隹 nipeg, the Federation convened in Winton man On that occasion, a Fredericton man, Dr. W. S. Carter, was elected president, and Fredericton chosen as the meeting place for this year. Dr. Carter is getting things in order for Fredericton's reception to the delegates, who will probably be invited to the city in September. One hudred representatives of the different Canadian Clubs throughout the Dominion are expected.

## Water-Melon.

Moncton, N. B., has been making money out of water. Some time ago the city expropriated the waterworks and decided to run it.
Recently, Mayor Reilly, of Moncton, after conferring with the C'ty Treasurer, made the announcement that $\$ 21,390.92$ stood to the profit of the city in its water account for the past year.
The civic officials in Moncton are ing to devise some plan for diverthave the surplus to a good cause. Some have suggested that the extra water money be applied to reducing the civic taxes.

## A Veteran Civil Servant.

Montreal lost a veteran civil servant when the new year bells Derson ringing two weeks ago, in the resigned the position of City TreasMr. Red the position of City TreasMr. Robb enjoys the unique distinction of having held office under twenty-one Mayors. Advanced age ${ }^{\text {alone }}$ has compelled his retirement. Mr. Robb, who is a Scotsman by birth, is 75 years old. He once attributed his long fortitude in office to his custom of resting his figure-haunted brain by Writing poetry! Much verse from the ex-Treasurer's pen has appeared in various periodicals.

## Sir Mackenzie Bowell's Birthday.

DROP into the Rideau Club at Ot awa, or the Albany at Toronto, and you may see a hale old gentle man expounding the politics of the
day to a crowd of much younger men, their chairs drawn close around him. He is Sir Mackenzie Bowell, who had a birthday on December 27. The knight of newspaperdom tripped blithely into his 88 th year. He looks thirty years younger.
Last election, the venerable politician was getting letters every day urg


SIR MACKENZIE BOWELL, Belleville, Who has just celebrated his 88th birthday.
ing him to address meetings on reciprocity. But the noisy political meeting is perhaps a little too strenuous a place for a man of 88 . Sir Maca place does not now make many platform appearances. Though his great form appearances. age keeps him out Sir Mackenzie political fights, yet himself become Bowell does not let public interest. rusty on matters or minute on every He is right up to the his up-to-datehappening; perhaps his the fact that ness may be explained by the for just he has been a newspaperman has been 77 years! All that time he When he connected with one paper. When the was eleven years old, he entered the office of the Belleville Intelligencer. He still has an interest in that journal. All his life centres about the printing office in Belleville. It was there he first got in touch with the political principles his exposition of political princh later years made him Prime Winister of Canada; it was in his ediMinister of chair, indeed, Sir Mackenzle torial chair, the foundation of his very Bowell life-for as a young man he home life- May married the edirs roll round and find many more years still with copy paper before him.

## Advertising Quebec <br> From the Ottawa Free Press.)

 A DVICES from London the visit there of Hon. Charles Devlin the Minister of Coloniza$R$. Devlin, the province, is resulting tion of the sister Quebec interin a distinct boom it clear that the ests. He has mo intention Quebec Governmen work done by the of minimizing the in advertising Federal Government Canada as a whole, but he lays stress upon the desire of his colleagues to create a home in London for visitors from Quebec and to interest British from Quebec the opportunities which Quebec offers to them.Quebec offer Government is not lookThe Quebec Goch earnestness for seting with as some of the other protlers as but it is quite evidently awake to the advantages of publicity as regards the industrial openings and the gards attractions which the prosporting and the new Agent-General, vince has, will have in his new Dr. Pelletier, wous up-to-date exhibit office a contine has to offer to the of all that Quebec has to offer to the capitalist, the tourist and sportsman. Mr. Devlin, who enjoys the distinction of being the only minister of the Crown in Canada who has had seats in three Parliaments in the Empire, has been greatly feted by his old friends at Westminster and especially by the Irish party, of which he was once so valuable a member.

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## A Deal Always in the Limelight.

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is doubtful whether there has ever been a deal put through in Canada that has afterwards had so much attention given to its principals as that represented by the organization of the Canada Cement Co.
In the early stages of the deal, Mr. Rodolphe Forget, now Sir Rodolphe, the Montreal broker, was in charge of the negotiations. Afterwards when the deal assumed larger proportions, young Max Aitken took hold and a year ago he also was among the number to be admitted into the ranks of the knights. Of course, it is not claimed that this deal had any particular bearing on Knighthoods, but it had its contributing factors.
Then, again, recently an action for a very large amount was entered by the Bank of Montreal against Sir Sanford Fleming, a director of the C. P. R. and one of the directors of the International Cement Co. over some affairs in connection with the Exshaw plant in Alberta, owned by the International Cement interests.
In the meantime Sir Sanford Fleming had also requested the Dominion Government for an investigation of the affairs in connection with the organization of the Canada Cement Co., all of which must indicate that there were several mix-ups in connection with the deal itself, and that any such investigation by the Government or the evidence in connection with the Bank of Montreal suit against Sir Sanford Fleming, is sure to bring out a great many very interesting facts regarding a consolidation which certainly has had more publicity in different ways than any other which has been effected during the last couple of years.

## How Bond Market Must Be Broadening.

F URTHER evidence of the extension of the bond market of Canada is afforded by the organization of two new bond and banking houses, which will be very closely affiliated with one another. One of them will be known as Murray, Mather \& Co., of Toronto, and the other as N. B. Stark \& Co., of Montreal. The general partners in the one company will be special partners in the other. An interesting feature in connection with both companies is that three out of the total five members in the companies are former employees of the Dominion Securities Corporation. Messrs. Murray and Mather were connected with the Toronto office of the Dominion Securities for a great many years. Mr. Norman B. Stark, of the Montreal company, was also with the Dominion Securities, having filled the office of Winnipeg Manager after having a thorough training at the head office of the company. Associated with Mr. Stark in the Montreal Company will also be Col. Chas. A. Smart, head of the Smart Bag Co., and director of the Hochelaga Bank, and Mr. Harrison Durant, formerly of the Investment Trust Co. By the arrangement, Messrs. Murray, Mather \& Co. will look after the Toronto and Western field, while N. B. Stark \& Co. will confine their energies to Montreal and the whole of Eastern Canada.

## Big Year for Rubber.

$T H E$ tremendous development of the rubber tire business in Canada has lately proved to be the most important factor in the big expansion of business experienced by the Canadian Consolidated Rubber Company in 1911; and it is understood that the earnings which the consolidated company will receive from the different subsidiary companies will be sufficient to show something like 16 per cent. earned on its own common stock.
Considering such earnings one would naturally expect considerable more activity in the securities of the company, but perhaps the absence of it is explained by the fact that the United States Rubber crowd now own a very large percentage of the common stock of the Canadian Consolidated Rubber and are evidently content to wait for considerably greater developments before trying to make an investment market for the securities of their Canadian concern.

## Too Many Canadian Issues in London.

THE remark made the other day, by Mr. Melville Greenshields, that the London market was almost glutted with Canadian issues, set many Canadian interests to thinking that perhaps too many concerns were trying to take advantage of the popularity of Canadian issues. The London situation is also one that requires a good deal of careful attention, inasmuch as the number of London houses who make a specialty of Canadian issues at all is necessarily limited, and it is pointed out that the clients of these houses have, during the past few years, undoubtedly accumulated a long line of Canadian securities for which it would be difficult to find a very ready market. On the other hand, other houses are making a specialty of enterprises in other countries, like South America and Africa, and they are not likely to leave them to specialize in Canadian securities, so that from now on it will become all the more difficult to find a ready market, more especially for issues of any considerable size. Of course, there are dozens of so-called Canadian issues being made in London each week, of which practically nothing is heard in Canada, and these are the ones that are doing the most harm in connection with the straight Canadian enterprises. It would look as though there would be some necessity of having the Canadian banks stick together concerning just what grade of securities they would back on the London market, in order that this important outlook among British investors should be maintained by Canada.

## Titles on Both Canadian Exchanges.

THE batch of titles handed out by the King on the New Year will result in both the Montreal and Toronto Stock Exchanges being able to boast of having a title among their respective members. The Toronto Exchange has now $\operatorname{Sir}$ Edmund Osler, while the Montreal Exchange has its Sir Rodolphe Forget. True, Mr. Osler is no longer an active member of the Exchange, but he has retained his membership. On the other hand, Sir Rodolphe Forget has been looked upon, during the past few years, as the virtual leader on the Mont-

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real Exchange, and, a short time ago, he intimated his intention to devote more constant attention to his business on the Exchange than he had been able to during the past year when he had been carrying through such large deals as the various public utilities companies in Quebec, and the getting together of the big Banque Internationale and, at the same time, spending a considerable portion of his time in Paris.
Both men have also been very closely identified with politics, Sir Edmund Osler having been, at all times, a great tower of strength to the Conservative party in Ontario, while Sir Rodolphe Forget is perhaps the strongest political factor in the Province of Quebec at the present time.

COUPON.

## New General Manager Bank of Montreal.

$T$HERE is some doubt in the public mind as to whether or not Sir Edward Clouston's retirement from the general managership of the Bank of Montreal was wholly voluntarily. There are those who say the have renot been for some criticistn which pervaded the "Street" he might have Bank mained longer at his post. However that may be, the director not have to outside the


MR. H. V. MEREDITH
An old employee of Bank of Montreal who has risen to position of General Manager. did not have to go find a successor. Mr H. V. V. Meredith, the new General Manager, is an old employee of the company and has been for many years a foremost figure in banking circles. For fome time recently he was a some mber of the directorate and assistant general manager.
Following the death of Sir George A. Drummond, President of the Bank, Mr. R. B. Angus was taken from the direcAngus was taken presidency, and
torate to fill the prent torate to fill the presidency, Mr. it was at that time that Meredith was made a director to fill Mr. Angus' place. He to first entered the service of the first enter in 1867. He was one of a family of eight sons, all of a family of eight to eminence whom have risen to eminence in their respective spheres of action. Among these are Sir William Meredith, Chief Justice of Common Pleas for Ontario; Honourable R. M. Meretario; Honourable Appeal for On-
dith, Judge of dith, Judge of Appeal for ontario and Cnancellor of the Western University, London; Mr. J. S. Meredith, formerly Mr. J. S. of the Merchants manager of Canada; and Mr.
Charles Meredith, financial agent in Montreal. The first important position held by Mr. Meredith was that of accoung the same of the Montreal branch, to which he was appointed in held for ten years, his year he was named assistant inspector, a position he held Bank of Montreal duties extending over the whole territory covered by the Bank Pacific Railway, from Halifax to the then end of the track on the Canadian Mr. Meredith not his jurisdiction also extending to Chicago and New York. Ma bank, but apprenly became thoroughly acquainted with the ofrew Dominion of Canada. He cecame manager of the Montreal branch in 1889, which position he has held
bed became manager of the Montreal branch in 1889, which past six years of
up to the present time, also holding the title during the past assistant general manager.

## Canada's Mineral Production.

$A$LTHOUGH somewhat belated, the statistics of mineral production for 1910, issued by the Department of Mines at Ottawa, Few people realize how remarkable is the development the public in this respect.
The total value of the mineral production in Canada in 1910 was $\$ 106$,823,623 , a value slightly greater than the estimate of production published on the 1st of March. Compared with the previous year's prod per cent., and 831,441 , that of 1910 shows an increase of $\$ 14,992,182$, ors mineral production is the largest increase that has been recorded in Canada increased from $\$ 12.82$ in any one year. The production per capita has also Thcreased production in 1909 to $\$ 14.26$ in 1910, an advance of 11.2 per. cent.
Per capita previously recorded was $\$ 13.35$ in 1907 . The year 1886 was the first year for which complethis department, and the production for the whole of Canada was collected by or about $\$ 2.23$ per capita. in production that year was reported as $\$ 10,221,255$, or per cent., to $\$ 22,474,256$, In ten years the production had increased over Yukon began to contribute or $\$ 4.38$ per capita, in 1896 . At this time the Yexkon bears an increase of nearly to the gold production, and dural reaching a value of $\$ 65,797,911$, or $\$ 1225200$ per cent. is shown, the total rears witnessed a slight falling $\$ 12.25$ per capita, in 1901. The next three years increased to its present high off, but
The production of metaliferous products in 1910 was valued at $\$ 49,438$,873, being 46 per cent. of the total mineral output, and an increase in value over the 46 per cent. of the $\$ 282,032$, or nearly 12 per cent. The value of nor the previous year of $\$ 5,282,032$, or nctural material and clays) in 1910 was $\$ 37,757,158$, being 35 per cent. of the total mineral output, and an increase of $\$ 6,615,907$, or 21 per cent., in value over 1909. The value of the production of clay, lime and stotre and other structural materials in 1910 was $\$ 19,627,592$ of clay, lime and an incease of $\$ 3,094$,243 over the 1909 output.

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portance, contributed over 16 per cent. of the total; nickel was next in order

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Dr. Workman's New Book $\mathrm{A}^{\mathrm{N}}$ Gexcellent review of Professor
 F. Scott, of Queen's University, recently appeared in The Presbyterian. Professor Scott is enthusiastic over the book, and, as Professor of New Testament Literature in a Presbyterian college, his opinion should carry considerable weight. In part, he writes as follows:
It is not a little surprising that the entral doctrine of the Atonement has been largely neglected in the theological discussions of recent years. Most of the writers who have attempted to deal with the subject have been coatent with a mere restatement of traditional views which rest in partial or altogether wrong interpretations of the scriptural evidence. The book before us is therefore timely and welcome in no common degree. Dr. Workman's name is itself a guarantee of wide and exact scholarship and of a conscientious habit of thought which will not try to make light of real difficulties. The book, it may be said at Once, will prove exceedingly helpful not only to theologians but to all who desire to possess a reason for the faith that is in them. While it bears the mark of accurate learning in every page it is written in clear and simple language, and can be read intelligently by any one who has made a careful study of the English Bible. And while it is strictly theological 'n its method it is inspired throughout by a genuine religious spirit. We feel in reading it that the author's one aim is to make clear to others the great Christian truths which have verified themselves in his own life. "The book is divided into nine chapters-each of them dealing with a special aspect of the Atonement in Chris. (Atonement in itself, in God, in Christ, in man, in sacrifice, in death, in suffering, in service, in theory.) Dr. Workman's plan is to examine the teaching of scripture on each of these heads, and thus to arrive at conclusions which will represent not some private view of his own but the New Testament doctrine in its completeness. He finds that most of the difficulties which have made the doctrine unintelligible are due to a misreading of plain texts. Atonement, in the view of Paul and the other New Testament writers, is the reconciliation of man to God not a change, mysteriously effected, in God's relation to man. Christ came to redeem men from sin by imparting to them His own spirit and inspiring them with His life implies that we are morally one with Him should and does not require that we should subscribe to any specific the dea. Atonement is indeed through the death of Christ, but only in the sense that His death was tile crowning expression of that voluntary deVotion of Himself which marked His Whole career. "He was always losing His life for others" (p. 148). Thus the true saving faith in the Atonement is the faith whereby we conform ourselves to the mind of Christ. Dr Workman proceeds to show how the atoning work begun in Christ is continued in lives inspired by Him and consecrated to H's service. Perhaps the finest chapter of the book is that on "Atonement in Suffering," in which this idea is elaborated.
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the sweat-band, replaced it, giving it a rakish slant so that the brim would protect his ears. Then buttoning his coat he said to "His Nibs," "Let 'er blow; we're here before it." "His Nibs" nodded and smiled. Side by side they plodded on, and in the late afternoon they reached Blacksmith Island.
One and all were tired out. The fresh snow had made the walking difficult, and the wind, too, had retarded their progress so that all were very thankful for the rest. A fire was made and dry wood collected for future use. Then the tea-pail was slung and bacon was fried, and out in the open, protected only by the trees be hind them they prepared to enjoy their meal. The teamster had attended to the wants of the horses, and on his arrival said
"Youse fellows need to go slow on the provisions. If this storm keeps up we're here to stay, and we're not too well heeled with eatables. I've very little feed for the horses, too, and the nigh one seems to be sick."
"Strike me if I ever seed such a country," said 'Arry. "Nothing but bloomin' snow. If only you could eat it life would be one long sweet dream." "Life is a dream," said Jerry, "and it's me to me downy couch.
Whereupon, seizing a piece of bread and a rasher of bacon, and placing a cup of tea near at hand, he lay back on the balsam boughs," which he had on the
After the meal all tried to make themselves as comfortable as possible and the fire was kept going merrily. Then one after one dropped off to sleep and forgot for a time the discomforts of life. "His Nibs" did not seem to desire slumber, but sat with his back to a tree, and when the fire showed signs that it needed replen'shing he fed it from the wood which had been gathered.
Day turned into night and morning came, and still the storm raged Its fury seemed to have increased nd the cold was more severe Throughout the whole day the "weather prophets" could see no encourag$\eta \mathrm{g}$ signs.
The grub gave out. and it was a hungry party which tried to find comfort around the fire that night. Sleeping was out of the question, for if they lay down by the fire, one side would be warm while the other side would be like ice. Morning broke again and still the storm howled. The temperature had got lower, and now it was hard to keen warm even with the aid of the fire. The teamster decided to start in the hope of reaching "Nepito start in the hove of reaching "Nepi-
gon House" twelve miles ahead, where here was a "post" of the Hudson Bay Company, and where warmth and food could be obtained.
Accordingly the horses were hitched, and choosing what he thought was the right direction the teamster set them to their task. When the island was past the full fury of the gale smote them and faces were turned involuntarily away. It was with extra difficulty that the horses could be induced culty that the horses could be induced
to keen the right direction; they anted to travel with the storm.
Jerry and "His Nibs" brought up the rear, and made fair progress for time. Jerry joked about the situaion. and was not paying enough attention to where he was going. After a time he looked un at 'His Nibs," and rerceived that the sleigh and their other companions were no where in sight. He examined the snow ahead and found no traces of their passage, and so he sa'd. "I guess it's up to us to blaze our own trail." "His Nibs" looked un with a wan smile and said, "All right my lad"
It was plain that the continuous hardshins were beginning to tell on the older man. He limned and his body was stooned while his head hung on his breast in a manner that somewhat startled Jerry. However, they plodded on, and Jerry set a course as near as he could to that on which they had formerly travelled. After half an hour Jerry looked around and then stopped in surprise, and some-
thing akin to fear. struggling along "Hout fifteen paces in the rear was His Nibs," his feet mechanically rising and falling in response to the dictates of the indomitable will. His expression was a complexity of fatigue and grim determination, and his right cheek and his nose were white with a frost-bite. Jerry immediately took snow and proceeded to rub the af fected parts, and during the operation His Nibs" seemed to crumple up and then sank to the snow. Jerry was alarmed. He shouted at the other man and then getting excited he kicked him and punched him, and swore at him in both English. and French. After time His Nibs opentanding again and the light of understanding again he said, "Leave me, my lad, I'm done for. I shouldn't have come. No man with the fever in his bones can stand this."

Jerry was wild; he cursed everything in general, and the storm in particular, and swore they would beat it yet. Then taking "His Nibs" by the arm he raised him and steadied him, and still supporting him set out again cross the drifting snow.
Walking across a snow-covered ice field is bad at any time, but when 1 is undertaken during a storm, and with the care of a sick and fatigued man as an extra burden, it becomes almost impossible, and none but the hardiest would venture it. So Jerry as he struggled on, felt the terrible strain, and time after time there came to his mind the thought, "What's the use of my killing myself to save this fellow? I'd better drop him and try to save myself." Yet somehow every time this idea came to him something rose up inside him and conquered it Occasionally the burden would ge extra heavy and he would stop rest. At these time "His Nibs" woul show a desire to drop down again and Jerry would then start on. In time the strain grew terrible, and it took all Jerry's will to keep from giving up the struggle. But he perceived that the storm was abating somewhat and atter a time he saw rising up ahead of him a great gray mass. He headed for this, and as the air now was becoming quite clear he saw that it was a rocky island. Putting forth an extra effort he reached it, and, com an extra effort he reached it, and, comhe and his burden dropped on the snow. But, Jerry, knowing the daner in giving in to the desire to a:sed himself and dragged "His Nibs" farther into the protection the rock. He then sat up and beat his chest with his hands, occasionally giving his silent companion a shake
Of a sudden he heard a shout, and there, coming towards them, was a team of dogs driven by an Ind'an, who was following a road which had been "bushed" from Nepigon House to a point farther south. Jerry hailed im, and together they placed "His Nibs" on the sled and set out for Nepigon House. On arrival they found the other men had arrived ahead of them and were treating various frostb'tes. "His Nibs" was examined, and a few frost-bites were rubbed out and then he was put to bed. When this was done Jerry threw himself down on a bunk and slept for fifteen hours by the clock.
So ends this simple story of Jerry Haines, labourer. The praises have been sung and the achievements have been lauded of those men who in the heat of a battle rescue a wounded comrade under the fire of the enemy's guns. But day by day the ranks of the soldiers of toil are turning out men who, against terrible odds, also do the'r duty by their fellow-men, and of that class was Jerry.

Tactless.-"When Duffer gets arguing he loses all tac
"How is that?"
"Why, last night he told an opponent who is lame that he hadn't a leg to stand on; another, who squints, that he was sorry he could not see things as he did; and a man who stammered not to hesitate in giving his opinion."

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Criminal Records
(From the Winnipeg Telegram.) LAST year there were 8,967 murders committed in the United States, nd 86 out of every 87 murderers esaped the extreme penalty. There are ight times as many murders in that country as in England in proportion o population. The United States has ver seventy murders per million of its population; Italy has less than five er million; Canada has less than eighteen per million, and Great Britin has less than nine per million. Statistics of crime are interesting as pointing to its rise and fall in differnt countries, and perhans indicating preventive methods which may amelirate the methods which may auture. There the conditions of the future. here is obviously something rotten Ine administration of justice in the face of it tos, and it seems on the tric of it to be the fact that the electhic chair is more and more becoming offences. resort of the law for capital ofiences. As the terrors of death recede from the criminally inclined portion of the population it would seem that safety of human life decreases. The chances are eighty-six to one that everyone who commits murder in the United States will escape death. This is a sorry comment on the much vaunted civilization of our neighbours. In evolving new methods of justice the United States is fostering crime.
his. togethere our murder record is alonly hopeful feature to which we the point is the fact that it is not showing any arave increase Reading of the mist grave increase. Reading of become mistaken sentimentality which has murder only trials on great a feature of of murder trials on the other side of the line, there may be a tendency here,
too, to let our sympathies get the better of our sense of justice. This we must guard against. In the effort to build up a virile people, strong physically, morally and intellectually, me must adhere strictly to that administration of the law which has made British justice the synonym of safety the world over.

## RUNNERS OF THE AIR <br> (Continued from page 14.)

Andrews had been twice to Amsterdam, but with small consignments only. The enormous bulk of the diamonds, in sealed leather bags of which heir guardians knew not the conCents, still rested in the vaults of the Bank of Servia at Nish. Andrews had also been in England, discreetly lay ing diplomatic trains, and in Monten egro, discussing problems of interest with Prince Nikolas, who had devel oped a sudden amazing penchant for his society.
Gregory was in his own Black Mountain. He was busy organizing and arming, with secrecy unmatched and a most comfortable amplitude of funds, bands in Bosnia, bands in Hertzegovina, bands in Dalmatia, bands even in long tranquil Slavonia. But he had plans beyond all precedent for the future of guerilla warfare and had ordered two Antoinettes and two Farmans to be delivered at Dulcigno by October.
Mother Maria and her son, after a pampered sojourn at M’latza, where greir epic narratives had given them beat vogue, had found a pig-farm the their wildest aspirations, on, of Kanks of the Morava to the west
orucevac.
And old Ivan. With five of his fellows, Ivan had died as he would have elected to die, after emptying many saddles, in a skirmish with the mounted patrol at the crossing of the Drina. He had covered the retreat; he had got his charges safely over and he had won for his name an illustrious place in the hearth-songs of his MonOgrin village.
On the quays, Sergius and Andrews noted the great white boat for Budapest swinging out from its pier and, In the distance, the dark hulls of Austrian river-monitors nosing upward against the Danube current. This time, however, there chanced to smile of them and the Englishirful

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, " manage, commented Madam, somewhat naively.
UP the street below them came the tramp of marching feet and they peered down over the rail with lively interest. A regiment was marching by-quick, serviceable-looking, very smart in their white tunics and crimson trousers.
"They look very fit, old chap," said Andrews, scrutinizing them as an expert
"They are our crack regiment," answered Sergius. "No better fighters in the world."
"I calculate you could put pretty near half a million like that into the field," remarked the American casually, "if only Servia could find a gold mine somewhere!"

Yes, Servia alone!" agreed Madame innocently, in her childlike voice. "How interesting it would be!" Count Sergius absent-mindedly pulled his crutch around in front of him and leaned against it.
"A fellow does waste an uncon scionable lot of time, being sick," said he musingly. Then his voice grew deep with earnestness. "Boys," he went on, bending forward that he might not be overheard, "best and truest of comrades, you know that, having so long neglected my affairs, I shall need ever further advice and support in arranging them than you sa generously give. We are strong, we three-but for my own part, I have learned how to make myself stronger, braver, more indomitable, more quick in insight, more unfaltering in faith I am annexing those qualities to myself, to make myself more equal to my task." He turned his face to ward Madame, reached across the table and touched her hand swiftly "I want you to admit my wife to morrow to full comradeship and morre!", to comradeship and all ance!" he added.
drews, grasping heart!" responded Andrews, grasping Madame's hand.

Carver turned his bright eyes from one face to the other and his roughhewn features twitched humorously.
"You needn't think, either of you, that this is any kind of news to me," Said he. "I've got a fairly high opinion of all of you. But let me tell you that you would have suffered considerable if you hadn't sense enough, both of you, to see your chance and reach out for it.
Madame looked dow went low over her cup and Her face qualified surprise of both Carver and Andrews, they saw two big tears run down her cheeks.
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