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## Editor's Talk

FOR this week, the chief article is by Norman Patterson. He writes frankly and breezily about the three great questions agitating the West at the present momentthe town-lot boomster, mixed farming and railway rates. This contribution, entitled, "If I Were a Westerner," may stir up trouble, but nevertheless it is worth while.噛 紫
From time to time it has been our custom to publish letters of congratulation and commendation from our readers. Occasionally we have mustered sufficient courage to publish letters of an opposite character. The former practice is much more to our liking than the latter. For example, the giving publicity to the following communication brings us pleasure rather than distress. Mr. J. T. Ferguson, of Dawson, Yukon, writes thus:
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## A Man to Mark．

THE militia changes of the other day from Ottawa mentioned that Brigadier－General F．L．Lessard had been moved from Ottawa， where he has been Adjutant－General，and placed in command of No． 2 Division，Toronto．A rumour arose that Brigadier－General Lessard would soon become Major－General．
He is a man to watch．Brigadier－General Lessard is next in line for the position of Inspector－General． If he succeeds Inspector－General Cotton，when that officer＇s term expires，he will create an unique pre－ cedent．Brigadier－General Lessard is a French－ Canadian，born in Quebec．His race has been prominent in all Canadian activities from the Pre－ miership of Canada down．But no French－Canadian has ever commanded the Canadian army．Brigadier－ General Lessard should be logically the first．
Efficiency is the reason of his rapid promotion． He is a man of fifty－two years，thirty－four of which


CHARLES A．HODGETTS，M．D．
Canadian Authority on Questions of Public Health．
have been spent in the militia．His military record is far from that of a parade－ground soldier．He wears medals won in the North－west Rebellion and in South Africa．In the constructive duties he hias discharged in various ranks，the Brigadier－General has shown that his theory of military life is brisk and businesslike．He is more the practical soldier than the theorist；likes to see things done，and in－ spires zeal for accomplishment in the minds of his subordinates by the influences of a gingery，snappy personality．

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## For the Health of the Public．

$\mathrm{A}^{\mathrm{N}}$N event this week was the second An－ nual Congress of the Canadian Pub－ lic Health Association，when prominent members of the medical profession and the laity discussed how to prevent disease in communities．President Charles A．Hod－ getts，M．D．，of Ottawa，presided
President Hodgetts is the recognized authority on questions of public health in Canada．His work is the exemplification of a new conception of medicine．Most doctors make their living curing people who have contracted diseases often not through their own fault．Dr．Hodgetts has devoted himself to the problem of eradicating the cause of disease．He has written books，pamphlets and delivered lec－ tures on such subjects as civic water sup－ ply and the proper disposal of sewage


BRIGADIER－GENERAL F．L．LESSARD In Command of No． 2 Division，Toronto．

Before the days of sanitary specialists，cities gave off their poisons，absorbed them again in their food and drink and then wondered why the mor－ tality rate was so high．Such men as Dr．Hodgetts
teach how the public may become its own doctor． Dr．Hodgetts＇official position is as head of the Royal Conservation Commission，Ottawa．He is a member of numerous societies connected with his profession．In the militia，he holds the rank of Major and is attached to the Army Medical Corps． \％※ \％

## Preserving the Forests．

THE Canadian Forestry Association has been holding forth in Victoria．All the chief men who are interested in the future of the Canadian tree were on hand to submit plans for its preserva－ tion．The Convention was one of the largest and most important which has been held on the Pacific Coast．
It was decided to leave over till February the formal nomination of officers for the next term． At present，Mr．John Hendry，of Vancouver，is President．In all likelihood his successor will be


HON．W．A．CHARLTON
Wto Will Probably Be the Next President of the Cana－ dian Forestry Association．
an Ontario man，Hon．W．A．Charlton，who is a practical man of the woods．Mr．Charlton has been in the lumber business most of his life．For years he and his brother，the late Hon．John Charlton， M．P．，operated the largest lumber industry in South－ western Ontario．Mr．W．A．Charlton now owns large timber interests in Northern Ontario．Be－ sides first hand experience of the conditions affect－ ing private enterprise in the lumber business， Mr ． Charlton has had unusual opportunity to look at national resources from the viewpoint of the public．It will be remembered that for a time he was Speaker of the Ontario Legislature and later Commissioner of Crown Lands in the Ross Government．

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## A Lover of Horses．

H ON．D．C．CAMERON，who for a year has been Lieut．－Governor of Mani－ toba，is an enthusiastic horseman．In say－ ing that，it is not meant that Mr．Cameron owns horses just because it is the proper and correct thing for a well conditioned millionaire to affect an interest in horse－ flesh．He has a real western love of the horse．He has the money to pay for and maintain thoroughbreds．When his spirited quadrupeds go to distant cities for various shows，if at all possible，Mr．Cameron tries to accompany them．In his personal atten－ tion to his horses，he resembles Hon．Adam Beck，of London．


Does the West need more railway facilities? Melfort, Sask, answers with this striking picture, taken there last fall. All

## If I Were a Westerner

## What I Would Do to Preserve Prosperity and Sane Development

By NORMAN PATTERSON

FEW men are able to put themselves into the other fellow's place and fully estimate the results of such action. Nevertheless this is a pastime in which we all indulge. One of the commonest prefaces to an expression of an opinion is "if I were he I would" do so and so. In all probability the speaker is absolutely wrong. If he were the other fellow he would probably do as the other fellow does. Yet even with this idea in my mind I intend to be foolish enough to write an article entitled, "If I Were a Westerner."
I am not a Westerner. As in the case of my parents, I was born in Eastern Canada. I have the Eastern Canada viewpoint on most things. True, I have friends and relations in the West and I have at one time or another visited each of the Western cities. I have been from Nelson to Edmonton as well as from Winnipeg to Victoria. It has been my business to give some attention to Western as well as Eastern problems. Therefore while I may not be a Westerner, I think I am as well fitted as any other Eastern man to hypnotize myself and say what I would do if I were a Westerner.

ONE of the first things I would do would be to read the history of the many cities on this continent which have been well planned, carefully laid out and thoroughly boomed, yet have failed to grow up. I should also read the history of the various American and Canadian cities which were badly planned and never boomed and yet which became great. Take Toronto for example. Toronto is a mere accident. Nobody ever intended that it should be a city, and nobody ever boomed it until it was up to a hundred and fifty thousand inhabitants. It never advertised. It never had a publicity commissioner. It never paid bonuses to licity commiss
manufacturers.
Yet in spite of all these things Toronto is a great city, and it is going on to be greater. It is showing more rapid progress than any other city in Canada with the possible exception of Montreal. In speaking of Montreal, was there ever anything more impossible than Montreal's greatness? And yet it is great, the greatest city in Canada. To my mind it will be the greatest for another fifty years at least.
In short, I believe that some of the Western towns would make more progress if they weren't overboomed. Led by the prodigal and affluent bank managers the price of real estate has been sell it. to such an extent that everybody wants to sell it. Three-quarters of the people who are buying city
land in the Northwest are buying to sell, not to land in the Northwest are buying to sell, not to make use of it. Toronto and Montreal were built up by people who bought land for occupation and use.
of course millionaires are interesting features of the national landscape, but there is no reason why land in Calgary should be selling at double its value just so that this young city should have fifteen or sixteen millionaires, when it is only entitled to one or two. They are making millionaires in Western Canada faster than they are in Eastern Canada. In the East we are fighting to keep the growth down; in the West their one wild, long warwhoop goes through the country every time a new millionaire is born-or created, or whatever you call the process.
It is a dangerous thing to say, but if I were a Westerner I would form a league to drive the
man out of the country who boosted the price of real estate beyond its earning capacity. As for the man who sold town lots outside the limits, I would treat him as they treated the horse-thief in the days when Western Canada's population was smaller and Western Canada's morals of a different type.

$\mathrm{A}^{\mathrm{c}}$GAIN, if I were a Westerner, I would stop talking about the amount of wheat the country will produce in 1921. It is not really necessary and there is just a possibility that some of these prophecies will go wrong. For example, Saskatchewan has had an exhibit in the Government Building at the Toronto Exhibition and over it a streamer which says:
"By 1921, less than a decade hence, Saskatchewan will be producing $500,000,000$ bushels of grain.
Personally I hope this will not be true. I hope that the farmers of Saskatchewan will have more sense than to try to produce so much grain. I hope they will be producing cheese, butter, bacon, eggs, poultry and all the other little things which go to make an attractive menu card when you sit down to dinner. Just now, they are mining wheat in the West, and they are doing to Saskatchewan exactly what the wheat miners did to Dakota and Minnesota.
If I were a Westerner I would advocate mixed farming even if it made me unpopular. I quite understand that unpopularity is a crime in this age. Nevertheless, it is sometimes the only way in which a man can have his name written in the hall of fame. There are some men in the West, aclimatized Westerners, who are preaching this doctrine. The Canadian Pacific Railway and the Canadian Northern Railway are preaching it hard. But the mad haste to exhaust the soil of the Northwest goes greedily on. The farmer who can produce ten consecutive crops of wheat on the same six-hundred-and-forty-acre field is dubbed a wonder when he ought to be dubbed an ass.
If I were a Westerner I would say some of these things-and probably be driven out of the country

AGAIN, if I were a Westerner, I would stop talking so much about freight rates and I would talk much more about transportation facilities Before I called the present railways "robbers" and "murderers" and such, I would look up the figures in Poor's Railway Manual to see whether the Canadian railways were charging more than the Ameri can railways. If any Westerner did this he would get the following results:
The revenue received by each railway for carrying one ton of freight per mile is, according to the standard authorities, as follows:

| Northern Pacific Railway | 9030 | cents. |
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| Great Northern Railway | . 8096 |  |
| Chicago and Northwestern | . 9000 |  |
| Union Pacific | 1.0030 |  |
| Southern Pacific | 1.1750 |  |
| Canadian Pacific | . 8100 |  |
| Canadian Northern | . 8490 |  |

It will be noticed that there is only one of the five United States roads in this list which is carrying freight at a lower rate than the two Canadian roads. In other words freight rates are higher in the United States than they are in Canada in spite of their larger population and their tremendous
traffic. If I were a Westerner I would know these figures, and knowing them, I would be less likely to talk foolishly.
Taking the passenger rates for a similar comparison the results are as follows


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These are the figures showing the net returns per passenger per mile on each of these roads. Only one of the five United States roads shows a lower rate per mile for passenger traffic than the Canadian Pacific. The Canadian Northern rate is high, but this is probably due to the fact that the Canadian Northern in recent years has been more of a pioneer road than the Canadian Pacific.

THE railways are well worth watching. Like the men who grow wheat in the West and the men who sell town lots and choice central property, they like to get a big price for what they sell. Even journalists and special writers have that failing, and it is said that doctors, lawyers and other professional men sometimes demand high fees. Yet a comparison of the rates charged by the Canadian railways with those charged in the United States in approximately similar conditions, shows that our railway managers are not the robbers that some demagogues would have us believe. Rates in this country should be secondary to facilities. What the West needs is more railways and better railways.
If a man has a thousand bushels of wheat rotting at a railway siding because a car is not available the question as to whether he shall pay twelve cents instead of thirteen cents does not interest him greatly. He would probably remark in a loud tone something to the following effect:
"I don't give a continental whether the rate is twelve cents or thirteen cents or fifteen cents per bushel. Make it twenty cents if you like. But for heaven's sake give me a box car into which I can put this wheat, and show me the locomotive that will pull it out of here quick.

There are hundreds of farmers in the newer parts of the Northwest to-day who are spending several valuable hours each week with a rusty pen writing letters to members of parliament, cabinet ministers, and railway presidents, asking them in the name of humanity to rush that new branch line so that the entire crop of that new district will not be wasted. Every year the railways are operating new branch lines in the West before they are ballasted, with considerable risk to the lives of employees and the safety of the rolling stock. The railways do not want to operate these unfinished lines, but the pressure from the public and the governments is so strong that they are forced to do so at considerable loss.

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ESTERN Canada is more in need of railways than Eastern Canada. The railways themselves recognize this. Last year the Canadian Pacific Railway spent fifteen million dollars in betterments on its lines alone and over seventy per cent. of this was spent west of Port Arthur. It also spent over seven millions on constructing or acquiring branch lines, of which 100 per cent. were in Western Canada. If I were a Westerner I should be thoroughly satisfied with those percentages. They seem to be reasonable when it is remembered that there are a few more people in Eastern Canada than in Western Canada. If the West cries for more railways its cry will be heard. If it cries for a reduction of rates its cry may also be heard, but the result will be less beneficial.
Don't mistake me, the railway rates in the West will require readjustment. They will be readjusted A bushel of wheat can be carried to-day from Saskatoon to Port Arthur for thirteen cents. There was a time when it cost that much to carry it half the distance. There have been readjustments in the past and there will be readjustments in the future. More railways and greater railway facilities always mean a reduction of rates. If the West gets more railways now, later it will get cheaper rates.
There is another feature that must be kept in mind. A trenchant campaign at the present time for lower railway rates might stop the era of railway building. To-day there are probably a hundred thousand men employed in railway construction. It is quite true that if the railways discharge this little army we would have plenty of harvest hands. It would give temporary relief to the labour market It would probably reduce the rate of wages and make a lot of employers happy. But would it be best for the country? Would it be best for Western

Canada? Would it not end the greatest boom period that Canada has ever experienced?

THE average farmer in the Northwest pays less than a hundred dollars in a year on the grain which he ships out and less than a hundred dollars on the goods he brings in. In other words, the average farmer pays less than two hundred dollars a year for the services which the railways give him. He can pay the railways for everything they do for him with two hundred bushels of wheat. Supposing the rates were reduced as much as twenty five per cent. and this self-same farmer could pay for these services with one hundred and sixty bushels of wheat, would the saving of forty bushels counterbalance all the advantages which he now gains from the rapid extension of railway facilities and from an era of boom prices?
But I am afraid I am taking the farmer too much as a target. The real author of this agitation concerning railway rates is not the farmer, but the merchant. The merchant wants to bring in his goods as cheaply as possible, in order that his profits goods as cheaply as possible, in order that his profits
may be as large as possible. At present the mermay be as large as possible. At present the mer-
chants of the Northwest are making twice the rate of profit demanded by similar Eastern merchants.

Speaking to a prominent wholesaler recently he told me that it was very difficult to sell the same lines of goods to Western retailers as to Eastern retailers. In underwear, for example, the Ontario merchant would buy garments at twelve dollars a dozen and sell them at sixteen dollars to eighteen On the other hand the Western merchant, for similar requirements, wants underwear at nine dollars a dozen, which he can sell for eighteen dollars a dozen. He is paying a high rate of wages to his clerks and exorbitant rent to his landlord and must get a higher rate of profit. Of course, he cannot abuse the clerks nor the landlord. They are fellowcitizens. He therefore takes it out in storming about the railways.
Another element enters here and accentuates the situation. Up to the present time Winnipeg has been the great distributing centre for the West, and railway rates have been so adjusted that Winnipeg could ship in by the car-load and ship out by the case. Now Saskatoon, Regina, Moose Jaw, Calgary and Edmonton all want the same privileges. They desire to do the sort of trade which has built up the wholesale district in Winnipeg. Hence their agitation for a readjustment of rates. Part of their claim is no doubt valid and worthy of se.ious con-
sideration. This, however, would ${ }^{*}$ be merely a transferring of benefits from the city of Winnipeg to other growing cities in Western Canada. If the people of the West think this is best for the West they will no doubt be able to secure the necessary changes.

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S an Easterner I am greatly interested in the growth and development of the West. Every Easterner is. The prosperity of the East is bound up with the prosperity of the West. Canada can only succeed as a unified nation. What the West really wants, the East must support. What the East wants, it can only get with the approval of the West.
At no time in the last ten years has the East taken greater interest in the West, nor the West in the East. At no period was there a greater realization of the value of co-operation and the necessity for What Westerners want they mus have, but I have ventured here to point out that they must be careful to know the facts before they work up that lusty, cowboy warwhoop. All their demands must be backed up by argument, and all their business transactions must be lined ap with the commonsense of the nation


Miss Hazel Walker on "Buttons."


Throwing a Steer in Bull-dogging Contest.

## Where Royalty and the Cowboy Met

HIS Excellency the Governor-General of Canada and the Calgary "Stampede" cowboy met the other day and clasped hands. Twenty thousand people struggled to see, while the soft, long drawn "whoop-ee" that rose to the heavens, came from the bronzed throats of visiting cowgirls and cowboys representing not only the western provinces of this great Dominion, but practically every western state in the Union

The steady drizzle, that has fallen since morning dampened neither the spirits of the visitors nor the public while the thousands of yards of coloured flags and bunting that decorate the line of march, flapped defiantly in the breeze. A great red banner, with letters a foot high shouted to the Royal visitors from the roof of the C. P. R. building, "Western Canada Welcomes You." To-night, the streets are a blaze of lights and colour-a mass of red, white and blue in all directions. The City Hall, brilliantly outlined against the sky with myriad electric globes, stands prominently forth, while the statliest buildings and the tiniest cigar and candy stores contribute their welcoming quota of light and colour.

One hundred years ago, when the history which was being portrayed last week in the "Stampede" and "Frontier Day" parade was in the making, life in the Wild West was more picturesque but less comfortable. Voyages were made on horseback, or in uncomfortable, lumbering, prairie schooners, occupying endless days across unblazed trail. There were Indians to combat and avoid; frost, cold, hunger and fatigue to endure, and fear, and danger and discomfort on all sides. But the day of the cowboy is past, and in the no distant future, such a performance as was presented to the Duke of Connaught will be impossible for lack of actors. Agriculture and thriving towns are driving them out, and the West holds no space broad enough for them. True, a stampede still goes on, but it is one of different character-yesterday sporadic, reckless contingents of men and women, to-day steadya constant stream of desirable immigration; yesterday, the primitive Red River cart; to-day, the luxurious modern palace car. And so, while we glory in the strength and daring of "The Stampede" cowboy, and thrill at his deeds of daring, we cannot but rejoice that in losing him, we are gaining material things of comfort and convenience. Advertised far and wide, Calgary's "Stampede" has been talked of across the continent. During the last

By NORMAN S. RANKIN


A Sky-scraper.

"Bucked" by Long Tom.
Photographs by Marcell, Calgary
week in August, the crowds began to arrive, and by Monday, not less than thirty-five thousand visitors were in our midst. Hotels, boarding houses and private residences opened hospitable doors, and were filled to overflowing. Since the beginning of the week our population has practically doubled. And they are welcome.

The parade opened the week's sport. Its purpose was to depict the progress of the West from the days of the aboriginal Indians to the present, and vividly and splendidly did it tell the story. In their proper time and order appeared the redskins, trappers and hunters, Hudson's Bay employees, ranchers, mounted policemen, miners, whisky-runners and smugglers, stage-coach drivers, "bad men," railway builders, pioneers, surveyors and all classes who played their little parts in the growth and development of the West.

With the purple-shirted, high-sombreroed, white capped "Old-timers" walked "The Big Four"-Pat Burns, George Lane, A. E. Cross and A. J. McLean-the men who unhesitatingly placed their cash behind the "Stampede" and made it a possibility. These are Alberta's millionaire cattlemen. In broad-brimmed Stetsons, considerably the worse for wear, flannel shirts, and time-worn chaps, they took their places in the parade, dressed exactly in similar garb to that they wore when they came into Alberta years ago.
Then the Indians- 600 of them-and their fantastic garments glittered in the sunlight, and their multicoloured beads and dried bones rattled as they filed silently past. Indians in their barbaric primitiveness, proudiy bedecked in war paint and feathers; sturdy bucks, garbed in skins cunningly worked in priceless bead designs, sitting stolidly on bony cayuses, and the red man as he is to-day-the Indian from the reserve semi-civilized, dressed in ill-fitting white men's cast-offs-unattractive, unromantic, not over-clean-a disheartening picture of a dying race.
In marked contrast to the stolid Indian, came the picturesque cowboys and cowgirls-up fresh from Cheyenne or Pendleton to wrest honours from their Canadian rivals. In waists, divided skirts, shirts and chaps of every known hue under the sun, they cut such capers as only schoolboys or "punchers" would, pushing and jostling each other without end. If the coloured handkerchief comes again into this old cow town to stay, it will not be hard to determine who set the fashion. Swaying past, they gave
place to the brave hero of old-the missionary, behind place to the brave hero of old--the missionary, behind
whom followed, mounted, all that could be gathered together of the original mounted police of 1874 . Nine of them there were-grizzled veterans every one, and it may be of interest here to say that, all told, only nineteen are left to answer the roll call of 74 . With them came one of the original waggons that rolled into the province in the days before it had became even a province, its great wheels creaking as it lumbered past. Several cow camps which have entirely disappeared were represented, and behind them, the old-time stage coaches, then the ropers and riders, and following, the industrial parade, which
tells the story of the development of the West from beginning to end.

That afternoon, and on every afternoon during the week, there was a performance of thrilling interest. Fancy and trick riding by cowboys and cowgirls, steerroping, relay races and all sorts of exhibitions of plainsmen's skill. The steers are particularly fast, and while each day has broken the records of the previous one, the world's figures of 19 seconds, held by J. Ellison Carroll, of Erick, Okla,, has not yet been bettered.
The cowgirls', relay race caused great excitement, which was forgotten in the thrill of broncho busting. It has proved the wildest exhibition of each day, bringing the

"Let 'er buck."
great crowd to its feet to cheer the wonderful work of the participants. While six cowboys have been "piled" in this contest, the girls have come through successfully, and have shown greater skill in handling the horses.

Since the creation of man, the world has worshipped heroes, and civilization has not so inoculated the stock but that it loves things barbaric; when these are blended with the skill necessary to throw a slight rope among a herd of cattle, rope the steer you wish, and bring him ignominiously to the ground; stick on a bucking broncho, when his wits are brought to bear against yours in fair fight, and all without the brutality that characterized man's first attempts at hero worship, we nave something that puts to rout the gladiatorial contests, and the tilting of the knights of old.

These cowmen and cowboys were warm-hearted, generous and sympathetic in the old days. They are so still. An incident proves this. Jose Lemar, a well-known cowboy, was recently killed in trying out an outlawed horse. The cowboys got up a special performance which netted $\$ 2,000$ for the little widow. Miss Goldie St. Clair, champion woman broncho buster of the world, mounted and rode the vicious outlaw which killed poor Lemar.

The old days are gone, but their glories and their lessons are not forgotten.

# Whenthe Worm Turned 

## And How a Sharper for a Moment Forgot His Cunning

IT looked as though Clarence Regan had promoted his last enterpriser, the old-time interest with which men had harkened to his schemes was gone and suspicion had taken its placeif he had a finger in the pie, it was a thing to leave alone! Having lived for the past ten years as the beneficiary of several broad-minded gentlemen, who had rather less of a desire to benefit Regan personally than to add expansively to their already healthy incomes, having known no difficulty in gathering the hundreds where tens would have done, Regan exemplified to a nicety the theory that one can live on nothing per annum-that is, nothing of one's own. Other persons had, unwittingly, supplied his extravagant wants, and from long experience in floating companies he had learned to skim quietly a modicum of froth from the tops of the rolling swells which always accompany a newlylaunched project. But these same broad-minded gentlemen having grown weary of a certain unfailing turn in Regan's affairs, withdrew their remaining funds from his control, and he faced the necessity of acquiring real money of his own at once or, ignominiously, going under.
Financially he was down and out
His cheque book had no vertebrae, a typhoid germ could have covered all the space required by his savings in the Sperryville National Bank, and if steam boats had been selling at two cents a dozen he could not have rented a gang plank!
Dishonesty wasn't the trouble; no promoters are dishonest. Some of them have judgment and some of them have bad judgment-that's the only difference, and for months Regan's judgment had only been "near" good!

There was the City Reservoir site. Didn't he organize a company of Sperryville philanthropists and buy property right-but unfortunately not left -around Beaver Dam, acting upon a hunch that the noble corporation of Sperryville must have those same acres for its uwn? And didn't the autumn election and the Civic Reform League put a crick in the scheme so that the city bought, instead of the land which was right, that which was left, thereby leaving the promoter and promoted with a wide expanse of real estate which was worth about one-fiftieth of what they paid for it?

Then did the philanthropic citizens of the Beaver Dam Land Company thank Regan and say that the deal was of no consequence-they would try something else? They did not. The called him names which are to be found only in the family Bible and cut him on the street.
And there was the unhappy case of the Excelsior Copper Mine. Did not Regan let his dearest friends into this sure thing with the sole idea of improving their monthly credit? Did he want to sink their odoriferous lucre? Far be it from him! What happened? Didn't the copper-which certainly had been in the mine-peter through some artery in the earth's complicated strata, leaving the veins as dry as a prohibition town on Inspector's Day?
Was Regan responsible? Had the company any right to use Mark Twain's famous words and describe the Excelsior as "a hole in the ground owned by a liar"?
There were Oil Fields, and Peat Bogs and Water
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## By JUSTIN H. DIGBY

Power Companies and Railway schemes, but all these enterprises, after floating dizzily for a few weeks, staggered and went to the bottom like a piece of rotten, water-logged timber, and Regan's clientele grew thinner and thinner. He found himself at last unable to float a company with gas bags in Sperryville, and he had not the currency-much less the credit, with which to get out.
Regan lived as a promoter should-in the third finest house in the town, and his gardens, both flower and vegetable, were always pointed out to strangers next in sequence to the new jail and the brewery. He walked back and forth on a hot summer afternoon between rows of nodding plants and wondered anxiously what or whom he could do. Had Clarence Regan been a woman he would have likened himself to a bird fluttering against Circumstance; being merely a man he called his friends bad names and sought for new worlds to conquer.
A cloud of dust drew his attention from his prospects for the moment and he looked up to see his boyhood friend, Jim MacLennan, drive slowly by. Then, and only then, did the sun of inspiration and hope break through the promoter's storm-swept sky, and he smiled tentatively as he looked a full blown rose square in the face without seeing it.
"The very man! THE, very man!" he muttered over and over again, positively.
He appeared at his perfectly appointed dinner table in so radiant a mood that Hester, his wife, inwardly thanked her ruling star-which happened to be Scorpio-that she had married a man who could so easily make money, and thereby bring so much happiness into his home-for Regan's happiness was always gauged by the amount of money he had made. And this little silent acknowledgment was followed by the determination to buy a new gown, the colour scheme of which would startle the less progressive Sperryvillians. Albeit, because Mrs. Regan was a clever woman, as befits the wife Mrs. Regoter, she indulged in these various side of a promoter, she indulged ile she smiled intellitrackings of thought the while she smiled intelligently at her husband's remarks, without having heard what he said.

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the stroke of nine Regan presented himself at MacLennan's rooms. They were cheerless and dingy compared with his own luxurious home, but he remembered the day when they had seemed all that a man desired.
MacLennan looked up sharply; he took no trouble to conceal his surprise. The visitor advanced with that winning cordiality which had been all through life one of his greatest assets and bridged, in a measure, the span of years.
"It seems like old times to be here, Mac," he exclaimed almost wistfully.
The other shook hands limply and waited, standing, for Regan to state his business.

## "May a fellow sit down?"

"Pray do," acquiesced the host, tonelessly.
Without appearing to notice any lack of cordiality, the promoter took the nearest chair and looked dreamily around the room for a moment.
"Eleven years have not changed things here,

Mac," he said. "The moths have made no visible inroads upon the old Navajo blanket, over which we used to scrap on cold nights. The Cherry Sisters still simper and smirk out of the frame I won at the Thanksgiving raffle-and then sold to you because I was hard up. And, by the gods, I had nearly forgotten the cabinet of Chinese junk we collected thinking we were connoisseurs of the first water! Nothing broken? Lord, Lord, what days! Will you smoke?" he broke off suddenly, offering MacLennan one of the very choice cigars the philanthropic public had until recently enabled him to buy. MacLennan took the weed mechanically. He knew that his visitor had no business there, he knew that he should, for his own self respect, kick him out. But Mac was a lonely man, he had few friends and no one had ever been to him what Clarence Regan was before-

## "I

WANT to bring back those days, Mac," said Regan, in his deep, caressing voice. "I want you to see every one of 'em-those days when we 'bach-ed it' together, and when you used to hold out that strong, unwavering hand of yours to drag me from unpleasant depths into which I had a fatal habit of falling, because, Mac-because I've come to you, old boy, when I haven't another soul under God's heaven to help me! I need you, Mac, just as I did in the other days-and I am here to ask you to forget the ugly part of the past and remember only our friendship. Hear me? I am down and out!"

MacLennan reasoned clearly enough even while falling under the spell of Regan's charm; he knew of a surety that years might have passed and they would have gone on as strangers if Clarence had not wanted something of him. But because he was lonely, because he had missed some one to be fond of, and because he knew of no other way to fill up the gap the years had made, he listened.
"What have you done?" he asked, slowly.
"I have done nothing!" Regan assured him, bitterly, although secretly relieved that Mac had not repulsed him. "I've lost my grip on the public for the moment, that's all! I've played fair in every deal I ever tackled-where mon${ }^{\circ}$ y was concerned," he added hastily, "but bad luck has pursued me until the men have lost faith in me and I can't interest any one in anything!"
"Which means-" prompted Mac grimly.
"Exactly the same thing that it did in the old days-that I must have money or go under! It has cost me something to come to you, Mac, knowing how you must feel toward me-don't think I bave not been desperate these last few weeks, harried, tortured by a suspense in which hope played a bitterly ironical part. I don't owe much, but if I can't get hold of some ready money I shall soon owe everv one, and then my business career will end forever. In my line one must look prosperous, must keep out of debt, even small ones-in order to succeed. and a few thousands would tide me over untii some of my deals materialize. Then these financial cowards will regain confidence and all will go on as before. Will you tide me over this rough spot-jim-for the sake of the old days?" "For the sake of the old days!" There was the
whole story of their friendship and its dissolution in those words; their inseparableness as growing youths, their occupancy of the very room in which they sat; there was the brightness tinged with tota irresponsibility which Regan brought into it, and there was the deadly monotony of it when he left. In the panorama which passed before MacLennan's gaze he saw the drab dullness of his life, after he had put Regan out of it, because he had never made another intimate friend.
What did it matter after eleven years that Regan had tricked Hester away from him-he would never have made her a suitable husband, and she was happy with Clarence. Why should he have blamed his chum? Should he flaunt his pride in the face of Providence and let slip an opportunity to reestablish the old familiar footing-perhaps the privilege to spend an evening now and then in the light of Hester's smile by withholding the loan of ten thousand dollars? He had always helped Clarence when no one else would
Regan's thanks were characteristic; a few well chosen words, accompanied by a look of tender affection, a hint-just a hint-of Hester's escape from the sordidness, the disgrace which so nearly touched her, and he was gone.
Regan went home to enjoy his first sound sleep for weeks, but Mac sat long into the night gloating over his surcease from loneliness and building peopled castles for the future.
At ten o'clock on the following morning they met at the Sperryville National Bank, and after a few moments spent in formalities Regan found himself ten thousand dollars richer and MacLennan poorer by that same amount. As in the old days, Clarence hinted delicately at some security, and as in the old days Mac sniffed the notion away Lawyer Brandt also sniffed. This landmark of Sperryville who knew the family history of every one in the county from the time when history be gan, was called, a little later, to the Regan home, where Hester Regan, born Challys, carelessly signed papers and thought about her clothes, serenely oblivious to the fact that she was a partner to a crime.

THAT same night Regan left quietly for the west. Six months later he was bankrupt. A lenient court, instituted for just such deserving cases, discharged him after seeing that he paid a few cents to his tailor, grocer and butcher. This court kindly wiped his real debts from the slate, and no man had a legal claim against Clarence Regan.

His handsome home, it seemed, had been transferred to Hester-as is customary under like con-ditions-and the rent from it paid her rather extravagant bills while she visited her friends, in turn, pending Clarence's request for her society in the west.

MacLennan grew grimmer and grimmer; he realized that he had now lost both his money and his friend-the dreams of re-established comradeship mocked him as a mirage, in his journev through the Desert of Life. He seldom saw Hester, moving upon a different plane from that brilliant satellite, and she treated him with the same elusive friendliness which had characterized their meetings ever since her marriage. She knew nothing of Jim's claim upon Clarence; no one except little shrivelled Brandt and the bank officials knew.
For a time Mac looked for a letter, but two years passed during which Regan treated the post office officials with the utmost consideration. After that time the lonely bachelor asked for mail merely as a matter of habit

Then one day the prodigal returned-not the tatterdemalion many townsfolk expected-and a few had hoped-to see, but the prosperous financier of the old days. He had made a second start in life, more successful than even he had looked for, and the booming west had stood by him.
"Regan's made a pile," every one said, and he could have floated companies with sand bags tied round their necks in Sperryville.

He said little or nothing about his affairs, but money talks, and financial conversasiones were not infrequently reported. Naturally creditors pressed in line, and asked as a favour, the loan of a little money. Regan, as naturally, had none, but just to show that his intentions were of the best, offered to let them in on a choice deal. It was too easy!

MacLennan waited patiently for some sign; finally, he approached his old friend with a straightforward request for money. He reminded Regan rather artistically of "the old cays" and frankly admitted having placed himself in greatly reduced circumstances for old time's sake. He appealed to Regan's friendship and then to his honour in urging fim to repay the amount, even in small sums, for which he was morally liable.

Regan listened in silence. He did not trouble to
resort to subterfuge and deny his ability to pay he simply pointed out to MacLennan the fact which his old friend knew too well-that he could not claim one penny of that lost ten thousand, legally. He was sorry about the moral part of it, but if one began to repay every moral obligation, where would one be? Beside, there was Hester! As a sign o his willingness to do everything in his power, however, to reimburse old Mac, Regan was prepared to "let him in on the ground floor of the smoothest proposition in real estate that the west has yet seen."

Jim MacLennan went back to his cheerless rooms Their toneless assortment of heterogeneous bric-a-brac infuriated him as never before and he dashed a gargoyle which represented many months' deprivations in the "old days" into the smoking grate.
"Drunk with success! Money mad! A THIEF!" Those were the words he ground out as he paced his dingy quarters. "It was MY money he used to put him on his feet," he said, aloud. "What he did with it while the court discharged him, is a detail-he had it somewhere and invested it properly, out there. But it was MY ten thousand!"

He sat down and bit savagely into an old briar pipe, mechanically noting that it had his initials and Hester's cut on the bowl
cheat-and a THIEF!" he repeated. "Not legally indebted to me for a penny ! God," he
laughed harshly, "that's funny! He toots around laughed harshly, "that's funny ! He toots around
British Columbia in a touring car and I had to sell old Molly because I couldn't feed her!"'
Mac's passion of fury spent itself, and at dawn he had bitten the old briar pipe through; it shared the fate of the grimacing gargoyle.
But in the night an idea had been born.
In the days which followed, MacLennan did not avoid Regan, neither did he mention the loan, Whenever he saw Clarence on the corner surrounded by some of the same broad-minded gentlemen who had proven so fickle a few months before he would swallow his natural inclination to pass them, and stop, listening with increasing wonder to the schemes which the daring promoter promoted He developed into quite a convivial soul, did MacLemnan, and Regan more than any one else was (Concluded on page 25.)

# The "Co-op" and Its Advantages 

A Signpost to Cbeaper and Better Living<br>By LINTON ECCLES

AFAMILIAR feature of everyday life that the Old Countryman misses when he comes to Canada is the co-operative store, popularly known in Britain as the "Co-op." In most cities and towns of importance in size, and in many that are not of importance, there are one, two, up to a score or more of stores that are run on co-operative principles. The signboard over them reads "So-and-so Co-operative Society," and if you happened in on one of them near quarterday you would see posted up a notice reading something like this: "The quarterly dividend is payable on Monday next. Members $2 \mathrm{~s} .11 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. in the $£$, nonmembers 1s. 9d. in the $£$." The dividend, in the popular mind, is the essence of co-operation.

The careful housekeeper going shopping to a "Co-op" store finds that she can purchase most articles on her weekly list at the average price and quality for the town or neighbourhood; some articles may cost a little more, some a little less, but what ver difference there is only amounts to small pence.
Every purchaser, whether or not a member of the Society, receives over the counter metal checks equivalent to the total of the purchase, and four times a year, on quarter-days, the dividend is either paid out in cash or added to the customer's account, as the customer desires. By leaving his dividends in the Society's hands and adding money contributions from time to time, the purchaser accumulates a sufficient capital to invest in shares in the Society, and at the same time is credited with the larger dividend payable to members.

The secret of the success of the co-operative movement in Britain lies in the fact that it is cooperative. The co-operator's trademark is two clasped hands, signifying good fellowship; and this is the spirit in which the movement was started and has grown to the tremendous proportions that characterize it to-day.

THE dealings of the co-operative societies are far more varied and widespread in their ramifi cations than those of the biggest and best organized departmental store of North America. The parent body, known as the Co-operative Wholesale Society and the allied societies, that confine themselves to the manufacturing and wholesale industries, make their own goods in their own factoric. do their own printing, packing, sorting, and distributing and run savings banks, building and $1,: 1$ clubs, libraries, concert halls, and other instituanis for mutual self-help. In a word, they are self-support ing and self-dependent. There is scarcely a neces sity or a luxury of living that they do not supply as producers to the consumers-their members or customers. As an instance of British co-operative activity, you can find, in Montreal, that the parent body has a warehouse from which to ship Canadian products that are needed by its clients in Britain.
A Britisher would think you were talking commonplace if you told him the co-operative movement has played, and is playing, a large part in the national life; it is commonplace, because everybody in Britain knows it. The "Co-op" store is about as familiar in the industrial centre as the public house or the Methodist Church. Why, just glance over these statistics with me. The figures on my
fil:, unfortunately, do not go beyond the year 1904 but you may take it as a fact plain as those of the Census, that these co-operative statistics increase as steadily as the population and more steadily than the national trade figures.
In 1904, eight years ago, the number of co-operative societies in Britain was 1,469 . Their member ship totalled $2,078,178$; their sales, $£ 59,311,934$ sterling ; profits, $£ 9,411,348$; share capital, $£ 25,139$,504. The number of employees was forty short o seventy thousand; and the value of land, buildings, machinery, stock, property, and investments of these societies was $£ 32,910,246$ sterling-about the same amount as the British nation spent in that year on its Navy, representing $\$ 7.70$ per head of the whole population. Or, putting it this way, the assets of the British Co-Operative Societies eight years ago were worth nearly $\$ 54,000,000$ more than the tota value of imports into Canada last year from the United Kingdom.

ANYTHING that touches the wage-earner's pocket, either favourably or unfavourably, has a national bearing, and the spread of co-operation in Britain has done a great deal towards keeping the cost of living within reasonable bounds. Starting as grocers in a small way, the "Co-op's" are now shopkeepers in a large, a very large, way of business. From a roast of beef to a suit of clothes made-to-measure in the latest style, from a piano to a ton of coal, from a motor-car to a ten-roomed house in a residential suburb, and nearly everything in between, you can get what you want, if you wish, without going outside the big and wide co-operative enclosure. If you are drawing a steady wage and wish to invest, say half-a-crown or five shillings a week, in purchasing a lot, or the home with the lot, you can get through the "Co-op" as good terms as the best building society will give.

It seems to the onlooker in Canada who is familiar with conditions in Britain, and who watches with some alarm the ever-increasing cost of living on this side, that Canadians might learn to their profit a great deal by studying and practising cooperation as it is known in the older countries, particularly in England, Scotland, Germany, and Denmark. The people of those lands are among the most practical in the world. They harbour heads of families who have been compelled from the cradle up to keep careful guard over the expenditure of every copper. Stern necessity has been the driving force of their economy, and through co-operation thousands have found salvation from want and the semi-starvation that has its throttling grip upon the mass of what are called the lower classes.
Leaders of industrialism in Britain, as in other European countries, found out long since that cooperation could be made a powerful weapon for good in the hands of the people. Down at the root of the principle was the element of thrift. Give a man even a small proprietorial interest in a concern that is producing or dealing in what the public as a whole need for their comfort and convenience, and that man at once begins to feel surer of himself, begins to believe that he is doing something more than working week in week out for a wage
that disappears just as automatically over the counters of the grocer, the butcher, the tailor and the shoemaker, with no apparent return to himself in the process. Let him see that he is supporting an undertaking run by men in the same rank as himself, and at the same time getting a proportion of his payments back in the shape of interest, and he comes to regard the weekly housekeeping problem from a new standpoint. When he has discovered that-as in the case of any properly run "Co-op" store-he can get what he and his family want at similar prices to those he has been in the habit of paying to private tradesmen, with as much as a ten per cent. repayment made to him in addition, he would call himself a pretty kind of fool if he didn't make a practice of shopping at the "Co-op."
$\mathrm{N}^{\mathrm{O}}$ co-operationist who knows his facts holds that, in this realm of human frailty, the principle works well to the last detail. It would be a wonderful, nay supernatural, affair if it did. There are good and bad co-operative officials just as there are good and bad in everything else that is subject to human infuence. puctical application ciple itself and the successful practical applal classes
of it to the everyday needs of the industrial have been proved, and proved beyond question.
And not thrift alone is the outcome of co-oper ation. This national and international movement is not merely an experiment in co-partnership storekeeping. It is a great educational factor in the life of the people that have adopted it widely. The co-operative institutes of Britain have almost taken the place of the Mechanics' Institutes and Mutual Improvement Societies that helped so much to lift our fathers from the lower level. The cooperative libraries and educational, technical, and art classes are among the best instructional institutions of the day, and always there is the important consideration to remember, that they are within the reach of almost the poorest pocket.

Therefore, not only because they have achieved notable success along the line of lowering the cost of living to the wage-earner, but because they are an influence for good, making towards thrift, sobriety, industry, and better education, the Co-operative Societies are a feature that ought not to be overlooked in the making of a modern and greater Canada.

Co-operation can be, might be, the biggest, truest, most universal fraternity in the world. Some strong believers in it hold that it is the only practicable socialism, religion, and bond-for-the-better between man and his fellow man. Whatever it might be in the abstract, brought down to immediate, realizable practicality, it should be a distinctive and powerful factor of Canadian, as of all, national life. After all, the principle of selfhelp is a very simple one, and one that common sense compels should be applied to the everyday existence of the wage-earner, just as obviously as he joins a union, a benefit or insurance society, or feeds and clothes himself so that he may be fitted to fulfil the ordinary duties of living.

## Another Non-Partisan

THAT movement for a non-partisan naval policy for Canada is gathering force. In this connection, it is interesting to note that Mr. Arthur Hawkes, editor The British News of Can$a d a$, is a strong advocate of this policy. On June 8 th, before the Winnipeg and Toronto committees were formed, Mr. Hawkes wrote in his paper as follows:

The time has come for men to declare where they are in relation to a Canadian Navy, and to the Government's attitude to that question. I am for a navy to be built harmoniously with the plans of the British to be buil harmonously weature of Whitehall, but to be part of the Imperial Fleet in time of war.
be part of the Imperial Fleet in tribution to Downing Street is Street is ony a mation is the quintessence talk about Can we must improve, not destroy, the of poppy cock we must mimprovether it means that Laurier policy; never mind whether sundry legislators will have to change the which they spoke within the last year or two. After which the interests of the nation are a little bigger than the rerbal consistency of a few men who were disthe verbal by the irresponsibility of Opposition. We tinguished by the irresponsibility of Opposition. are up against a national, a Britanncy.
must "Speed ahead and lash the tiller."
Again, on July 20th, Mr. Hawkes reaffirmed his position as in favour of emergency action as well as a permanent naval policy. On the latter point he says:
"Canada, becoming national, must have national furniture, even as the bridegroom's house must be equipped. Bridegroom will also take out his own insurance poli-

## Picturesque and Notable Events



The Welsh National Eisteddfod, which is one of the most ancient institutions of Britain, was held at Wrexham on September 3rd. Here is one of the leading scenes, the Arch Druid (Dyfed) speaking.


Sir Richard McBride laying the Corner-Stone of the new $\$ 50,000$ school in Chilliwack, B.C. A. feature of the event
 Mr. Borden's home-coming receptions at Quebec, Montreal and Ottawa wero exceptionally successful. This picture was
taken at the door of the City Hall, Ottawa, just after the Civic Reception.
Photograph by Pittaway.
cies-his defence against destruction Canada's defence must be, primarily, her own affair; unless, instead of an advance to nationhood, she is willing to sink back into the situation of a dependency, a possession, and so forever disgrace herself. "She must have a Navy of her own."

On August 17th, his paper contained a copy of his letter to the Toronto Globe, congratulating that journal on its advocacy of a non-partisan policy. In it occurs the following interesting paragraph:
"The first requisite to confidence in Mr . Borden and his colleagues is that we shall be satisfied that in whatsoever they propose they are too big to be influenced by their desire to win or to retain the so-called Nationalist vote in Quebec, or any other sectional vote in any part of Canada: We are at a point where our claim to nationhood within the Empire, and among English-speaking peoples, must be made good by nationare action, nation-like appeal, nationlike courage to abide by the event. It is Mr . Borden's obvious duty, with all the facts of Imperial defence in his possession, to risk anything and everything of his own and his party's political fortunes upon an Imperially autonomous policy."

## Tennis Championships

S ME Ontario tennis championthe finals for the Lades' Singles, Miss Moyes defeated Miss Fairbairn 3-6, 7-5, 6-2. In the Men's Singles, Robert Baird defeated Ralph Burns in an excellent match 6-2 $7-5,6-3$.

## The Marriage Question

$\mathrm{R}^{\mathrm{EV} \text {. DR. Deading incks, of Toronto, }}$ $R$ is leading in a campaign against leaving the control of marriages in the hands of the nine provincial authorities. It will lead to "moral uncertainty," as it has done in the United States where there are fortynine jurisdictions and 75,000 divorces annually.

The Dominion Trades Congress last week passed a resolution urging the Dominion and Provincial Governments to institute the necessary legal machinery for the administering of the marriage contract by any Justice of the Peace, Magistrate or other proper officer designated by the Government.

## Hon. Joseph Chamberlain

LAST Saturday, the Canadian newspapers were disturbed by a despatch saying that the Rt. Hon Joseph Chamberlain was dying. On Monday, another despatch stated that he had been out walking on the day that the excitement occurred here However, it afforded the editors an opportunity of lifting well-seasoned articles from their "morgues" and once more paying tribute to the great statesman. One interesting fact was emphasized. Mr. Chamberlain favoured Bonar Law as head of the Unionist party as against Hon Walter Long, who is now visiting in this country. With Chamberlain's backing, Law won, and Mr. Long is now keeping clear of the entanglements of the Irish situation which Mr. Law cannot avoid.

## No Canadian Flag

THE Toronto News is out with an editorial in which it criticizes the use of the red ensign "defaced with an aggregation of arms of Canadian provinces." This red ensign is not authorized for use on land; it is the marine ensign. The proper flag is the Union Jack. All of which indicates that Canada is a flagless country; and is thus behind Australia and New Zealand. These countries use a blue ensign with the Southern Cross in the field.

## The Duke's Tour of the West



From Sault Ste. Marie the Duke of Connaught and Party went to Port Arthur. He is here seen inspecting the veterans, the Duchess on his right.


The Duke was in Saskation on September 2nd. Here there was a semi-military review. In the picture he is inspecting


At Hurkett, \& new C. P. R. sown


On September 3rd he was at Edmonton, and is here seen receiving an address from the


He was at Calgary on September 5th. Inspecting Guard of Honour from 103rd Regiment.


With Governor Bulyea and the Mayor at the

## REFLECTIONS <br> By THE EDITOR

## Sir Richard to Horse．

SR RICHARD McBRIDE has come out strongly in favour of the naval policy advocated in these columns for the past three years．He is for a fleet unit on the Pacific，in addition to what
is done on the Atlantic and what may be done for is done on the Atlan

Sir Richard is，in this matter，the greatest Cana－ dian of them all．He is for a Canadian navy，first， last and always．That Sir Wilfrid Laurier passed the first naval service act and laid the first founda－ tion stone in a naval structure，dismays give credit whit．Sir Richard is even big enough to give creait to Sir Wilfrid for what he attempted to do．Sir Richard is no pigmy politician．He knows the poli－
tical game，but he knows statesmanship also． Be － cause he knows these things he is big enough to recognize bigness even in opponents．
recognize bigness even in opponers in the Toronto In an interview which appears ine＂British Columbia looks for and believes it has reason to expect from Mr．Borden some well－defined and promptly－executed naval policy which provides for promptly－executection of the Pacific Coast of Can－ ada by a competent unit．＂There is no in this statement；no a bugle note and the Borden Government must take notice．

## The Only Possible Policy．

PUBLIC opinion on the navy question is develop－ ing rapidly．Premier Roblin and Premier McBride have come out for a Canadian navy． These are the two strong Conservative provinces in the West．Presumably Saskatchewan and least is are in favour of a Canadian their strong support of the policies of Sir Wilfrid Laurier．Thus from the Great Lakes to the Pacific Coast there is only one voice and it speaks for a big Canadian navy． Not a Laurier navy，not a tin－pot navy，but a＂more substantial and effective＂navy，to use Sir Richard＇s phrase．

With the West，both Liberal and Conservative， solidly in favour of a Canadian navy，what can solidly in favour of a Mr ．Borden do but adopt the policy which he held in 1909 but lost in 1910 and 1911？What does it matter about Bourassa and Lavergne when seven－ matter about Bourassa and Lavergne made up their eighths of the Canadian people have made up their minds？If Sir Hugh Graham and Hon．Robert Rogers will not yield，let them join＂Messrs．La－ vergne and Bourassa and form a new＂rump＂party． No one wants them to abandon their honest con－ No one wants them one will deny them any little victions，and no one will deny lant if hopeless struggle．
Surely Mr．Borden càn read the signs of the times in this matter．A cash contribution to the British navy will never go in this country unless it is accom－ navy will never go in thational policy which will ulti－ panied by a strong national policy which coast．Even mately provide a fleet unit on each coast．Even then it would have a stern struggle before it gets safely past the national ballot－box．A temporary loan of Dreadnoughts would have an easier time． But no policy can possibly succeed which doesn＇t provide fo defence．

## The News of the Pacific．

$S^{I}$IR RICHARD McBRIDE believes that Canada should provide for an Asiatic as well as a
European menace．He says：＂After the European menace，＂This is reasonable．The Japanese treaty－what？building with safeguards man who provides his and not against all sources against lightning only and not againe insane．The of fire－damage would be considered ack only from nation which provides for naval attack Canada has one quarter must be equally insane． two coast lines，and the sea－attack
Sither．Richard says：＂We have been opening up Sir Richard says． and developing the Province work in protecting it． and we want to insure menace to Western Canada To our mind the Asiatic menace substantial danger than is a much more serious and the German peril to England．A Canadian fleet unit can be met reac．
on the Pacific． A fleet unit to protect ，walleges，training ships，
docks，shipyards，arsenals and all that goes to make ock，It means a broad and com－ up navive national naval policy，having，regard to Crenada＇s fut：rre as well as the naval requirements of the Empire．

## A Non－Partisan Settlement．

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GAIN，and finally，Sir Richard McBride＇s utterances indicate that the solution of this great national problem is a non－partisan naval policy．To this end，a large number of lead－ ing public men are working in this paper and else－ where has been signed by hundreds of prominent where on both sides of politics．Such a settlement is in the air．The intense partisans on both sides is in the air．The intense partisans on ereth to have are decrying it．To them it seems sacrilege to have such an interesting dispute taken out of the political realm．The man orentisan settlement．But the tide runs against them．The interests of Canada are greater than the interests of either political party or the future prospects of any set of campaign managers．

The people are greater than the politicians，the party press and the paid camp followers．The people intend to have this question，involving so much of the nation＇s welfare and so much of the nation＇s honour，settled in a manner which will leave both unimpaired．

## Irish Home Rule．

$A$FEW months ago it looked very much as if Home Rule for Ireland was in sight．The outlook to－day is not quite so assuring for the supporters of this measure．Last week the Liberal party in England received two severe checks．
The Unionist victory in Midlothian territory proved afresh that the Liberals and the Labour party are getting farther apart，thus indicating a possible re－ turn of the Unionists to power．It may be that no alliance between the Unionists and the Labour－ ites will result．Indeed，this is not necessary．All that the Unionists require for their success is a lack of co－operation between the Liberals and Labourites．

The second check came with the declaration of the Rt．Honourable Winston Churchill in a speech at Dundee，when he proposed a new form of local government for the United Kingdom．This speech is taken to indicate the possibility that Home Rule may mean autonomy for two sections of Treland and for various sections of the United Kingdom． Mr ．Churchill＇s suggestion seems somewhat imprac－ ticable，but the Unionists welcome it merely as an indication of a hesitancy on the part of the present administration to force the Bill which is now before the British Parliament．Whether the Liberals re－ main in power or whether the Unionists return to the treasury benches it begins to look as if Irish Home Rule would long remain in its historic position as one of the great，undecided questions helping to make party government a necessity in Great Britain．

## A Pernicious Doctrine．

CERTAIN members of the Dominion ment are apparently trying to establish the principle that any civil servant may be re－ moved from office if the This would be a fatal constituency so decides．The whole ontside service doctrine．It would throw the whole ounized by Sir into chaos．It is not a principle recognized by sir James Whitney，Premier of Ontario，and ant James Whitney，Pres a principle recognized by the therefore be said to be Canada．Not being a Con－ Conservative paple it can only be classed as a tem－ servative principle porary practice which olandestinely and without the Borden administration llandes of that adminis－ full knowledge of all the members of that adminis－ tration．
In dealing with the case of Mr ．William Ireland， formerly collector of customs at Parry Sound，the Honourable The member for the constituency asked for Mr．Ireland＇s removal and the Minister decided that the Member＇s request was sufficient to justify the removal of the officer．I must confess that Mr ．Reid＇s action comes as a sort of surprise as
many of us had the feeling that Mr．Reid would be a high－minded administrator．
The strange part of the whole situation is that The strange part think as Mr．Reid does are trying to justify their action in the Ireland case and in similar cases by saying that Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr ．Borden have both approved this principle．I am in a position to state that this is not true so far as Sir Wilfrid Laurier is concerned and it is hardly likely that Mr．Borden is in favour of it．

Sir Wilfrid Laurier＇s position is clear．The posi－ tion which he took in 1896 was，first，that there would be no removal from office except for cause； second，that offensive partisanship would be a cause；third，that every charge would be investi－ gated；and fourth，that when a charge was made by the sitting Member stating，under his signature， facts which he knew of his own personal knowledge， that would be sufficient evidence．
It will be noted that this is an entirely different position to that taken in the Ireland case．The Member for Parry Sound has not made a written report that Mr．Ireland was，to his personal know－ ledge，guilty of offensive partisanship；therefore Mr ．Ireland was entitled to an investigation before dismissal．Indeed，even if the Member had made such a statement Mr．Ireland was entitled to an in－ vestigation because he demanded it．

This case promises to be a celebrated one，and unless the Government is prepared for a long fight it would be well advised to grant an immediate in－ vestigation．The Stratford Herald，a leading Con－ servative paper，says：＂Honourable Dr．Reid will surely see that an inquiry by an impartial man is but common fairness in this case．He should grant it and should re－instate Mr．Ireland if he can prove his innocence as he says he can．＂

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## White Girls in Chinese Cafes．

THF Dominion Trades Congress，which met at Guelph last week，has passed a strong resolu－ tion asking for legislation making it a criminal offence for Orientals to employ white girls in any capacity．This is due largely to the influence of the West，where the general public is appre－ hensive over the growing practice．The Chinamen have captured the restaurant business in the West and white women who work in them must work side by side with Chinamen．With the．Saskatchewan Government and the Dominion Trades Congress condemning it something should be done．

As was pointed out on this page several weeks ago，the Chinese situation is an impossible one． Either the Chinamen must be allowed to bring in their wives or they must be prevented from enter－ ing the country．There is no other solution．Gov－ ernments and reformers may temporise with it，but in the end they must face the issue squarely．

## Saskatchewan Affairs．

$T$HERE is talk of Hon．Mr．Haultain，leader of the Saskatchewan Opposition，being made a judge，as Chief Justice Wetmore is retiring． At the same time the government is being enlarged and in a short while no doubt Hon．J．A．Calder will succeed Hon．Walter Scott as Premier．Mr． Scott＇s poor health prevents him taking an active part in administration．
The work in the last two years has fallen largely on Mr．Calder．He has been Provincial Treasurer， Minister of Education，and Minister of Railways and Telegraphs．With the object of lightening Mr． Calder＇s work two new ministers have been taken into the cabinet．

Hon．George Bell is temporarily Provincial Treasurer．He is a man of good sense and sound judgment，a safe man and a progressive citizen． He has taken a keen interest in public affairs for years and has been in the Legislature since 1908.

Hon．George Langley is a typical Hyde Park orator，and got his facility for dealing with public questicns in that same hard London school．In the last two elections he has been greatly in demand as a public speaker．He was on the government＇s elevator commission and is now one of the three managing directors of the co－operative company which resulted from that investigation．He is therefore eminently fitted to handle the department of municipal affairs over which he has been placed．
Thus the government is being strengthened and the opposition weakened．It would look as if the Conservative party would have to reorganize in that province．The local opposition is weak in numbers，and there is only one Conservative mem－ ber in the contingent which Saskatchewan sends to Ottawa．Something must be done quickly or there will be as one－sided a situation there as there is in British Columbia，with the parties reversed．


# Western Feminism 

By A. M. ROSS

SITUATED on the outskirts of Western civilization and on the rim where Occident and rapidly re-awakening Orient meet, one might not unnaturally look to British Columbia for an exemplification of the last word in the matter of modern progress. And perhaps some such thought was in the minds of her legislators when they framed the constitution of the new university which it is hoped will next year adorn the extreme western end of the peninsula on which the city of Vancouver stands. At least nowhere in the Eng-lish-speaking world is there an educational institution founded on such broad lines, or one which takes so fully into account modern tendencies. Here for the first time the great feminist movement is given full recognition by all sex disabilities being removed, and girls being placed on absolutely the same footing as boys. In the university of British Columbia there is no course which a girl may not take, no distinction made between her and her brother.
Nay more, in order that educated women may have an opportunity of expressing an opinion as to the proper training of those of their own sex, women have been allowed to sit as members of the senate and board of governors.

The first senate of the University of British Columbia, which was elected last week and is composed of fifteen members, includes two women, one from Victoria and one from Vancouver. The Vancouver representative is Mrs. Evlyn F. Farris, B.A., M.A., of Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia. She is a daughter of Professor E. M. Keirstead, LL.D., of McMaster University, and wife of John Wallace de Beque Farris, B.A., LL.D., one of the rising young barristers of Vancouver.
Mrs. Farris is a young woman of unusual charm and sweetness. Just casually meeting her and noting her bright, eager, almost girlish face and her quiet, unassuming manner, one would never guess what a string of formidable academic degrees she is privileged to wear at the end of her name. She is before all else a womanly woman, and just as unlike the popular conception of a blue stocking as the veriest society butterfly.
One might not unnaturally expect a woman bred in the high-browed atmosphere she was, to be something of a reformer, an ardent suffragette, a foremost club woman and a great many other thingsone who would try to regenerate the world but would not on any account look after her own family That is just what Mrs. Farris is not. She is a living exemplification of how higher education will not spoil a woman. Her first and deepest interest is her home, and she spends so much time on the care and education of her four pretty children that he cannot be said to be a leading society woman. Neither is she a club woman. The only club with which she is connected is the UniverWomen's Club, of Vancouver, zhich she was instrumental in organizing and of which she was the first President, holding office for three years until she stepped down to give someone else a chance. She was a to draft amendments to appointed British Columbia in so far as they relate to women and children; and she was also one of the committee that went to Victoria for the purpose of persuading the powers that be to allow women barristers to practise in that province, and who succeeded so admirably that legislation to that effect was passed a few months ago.
In short, Mrs. Farris is a charming little woman, who, in spite of the generous share of common sense with which she is endowed, is quiet, winsome and likeable (sensible people are often so uninteresting). She can make a rattling good speech or cook a rattling good dinner as the occasion may demand, and there isn't a doubt that her ideas on the question of the most suitable education of the modern girl will be worth hearing.
THE other woman senator is Mrs. Madge Robertson Watt, B.A., M.A., daughter of Mr . Henry Robertson, K.C., of Collingwood, Ont., and Henry Robertson, K.C., of Collingwood, Ont., and
wife of Dr. A. T. Watt, William's Head, Vancouver

Island, superintendent of the Coast quarantines of British Columbia.

Mrs. Watt is a woman of splendid ability and wide sympathies. After graduating from Toronto University, where she took her B.A. degree in 1889 , and her M.A. the following year, she devoted herself to journalistic work.
In 1903 she married Dr. A. T. Watt, and has since made her home on the Pacific Coast.
She is intensely public spirited, and takes the deepest interest in all questions of modern progress, but particularly those relating to the advancement


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women
For some time she has been secretary of the Advisory Board of Women's Institutes of the Province of British Columbia, and has, at the request of the government, lectured to the Women's Institutes.
As it is proposed to pay particular attention to agriculture as a profession for both men and women, when framing the curriculum of the new university Mrs. Watt is regarded as especially well suited for the position to which she has just been elected.

## Polish Sketches

1. On Charms and Magic.

THE baby began to cry after Marinka had brought her back from her afternoon outing and later seemed languid and fretful. "I'm afraid she's going to be sick," I said, as her small body sank wearily


Brave to Assume the Costume but Timid to Essay the Bridge, is the Woman Seen Here Cross
ing that Ultra-Rustic Sort Which Confronts, Often, the Rocky Mountaineer
by, p'r'aps make her seek. Oh, yes, honest, dat's ften happen in my contree. You mustn't laugh, for I tell you true.
"In my contree is lots of wise women in all villages, and Polish people always talk mit them when baby seek or cry. Everyone know dere is people who make bad look and wise women make charm against dem eef you pay for dat. Eef your baby cry so hard you find out you must not lend no one nodings after sunset, no matter how much dey want to borrow little tea or milk. Eef your cow don't give milk dat's because someone who hate you put cheeken near your door. Once dere was woman dat seek all time and wise woman told her dat her neighbour come in her house while she out and take little bit of nine different tings and burn ashes and t'row dem on doorstep.'
"Did she get better when she found that out?" I asked, as Marinka paused for breath. "Me, I don't know," she answered. "I not know dat woman, but I know story is true. Dere are no doctors dat is var' good in my contree, so lots people go to wise woman or wise man. Sometimes dey tell you awful foolish. My uncle had so bad toothache once and wise man tell him, vat you tink ?-" Marinka burst out laughing in the midst of her tale-"to run barefoot for t'ree hour on ice!"

By this time she was holding her sides with mirth. Well, what happened?" I said.
"Oh, he so foolish, he do it!" she cried, between gasps, "and he die!"
"But why do you laugh ?" I said, aghast.
"Because he so foolish do crazee ting like datmy mutter don't believe nuttin' now, but long ago she use to go to wise woman because she so poor and want rich osban'. And my fader come and he rich and she servant on his father's farm, and he of her and want marry mit her and so he do. And yet now she laugh at charm. My fader tell me once dat he lof awful pretty dark girl and want marry mit her, but he can't do it! Seem like someone push heem away every time he go to see her. It was awful sad story, dat poor girl. Once when she $\operatorname{tanz}$ at vedding some woman get mad mit her and take branch of green flower-plant she wear on dress, like all people at vedding. And dat woman take it in bush long way and trample it in mud. After dat no one can marry mit dat girl and she get seek, so seek and t'in, and no one can help. And after while girl die. And woman get seek and want die, but she can't die! For t'ree mont' she try awful hard, but it's no good. Den priest come and she tell him about flower and she say, 'Take me to lace mit carriage and den I can die.' And she find flower yust as she say and den she die easy. Honest, I know dat woman.

Here in Vinnipeg is woman who can't have children and get awful t'in. Her 'osban' go to wise woman and give her $\$ 300$ in $\$ 100$ bills. She take one bill and burn it while he watch, den she say it's all right. And his wife have lots of babies and she so well.
'My fellow go to see fortune teller last night and he feel awful bad and when he see me he cry so hard. She tell heem he have plenty money but he would get mooch more if two womans don't hate him. He give her twenty dollar and fortune teller say lots of t'ings. She don't say mooch for one dollar, but I t'ink I give dat and go find eef I marry mit heem or anodder fellow. I don't want to know more dan dat. She tell my fellow dat two woman have taken two hairs of his head and put dem in handkerchief or in 'meert' (magic flower) pot. She can't tell which, but she find out if he gif her more money. And dey take dem to put in place where dead people are He cry so hard and he say, 'I ain't done noding dat woman's do dis! I ain't steal or keel nobody! Why do dey hate me like dat?' He t'ink one woman is my aunt-she don't like heem mooch.
I know one girl once she take man's handkerchief to church and let priest sprinkle mit holy water. Den she make man she don't like wipe into my arms and she said she wanted to "do burn it A

Marinka stopped dishwashing for a moment and regarded her earnestly. "Perhaps someone look at her to-day," she said.
"What do you mean?" I asked, blankly.
I mean p'r'aps person look at her bad in passing
urn it. And he get awful seek right away.
"Eef baby is frightened by dog dat bite her or scratch her you can see all dat happen eef you melt beeg yellow candle (like in church) and put grease in cold water in basin and put basin on child's head. Sure, you see every t'ing what dog did, honest '" FLORENCE RANDALL LIVESAY.

# The Mirror and the Web 

By THE LADY OF SHALOTT

Day, so a-yellow with dust of gold
Dusk-Ah, the anguishing snares trat enfold All quivering sun-feathered butterflies! In the net of the dark-day dies.

THERE are certain things a writer writes which are not made merchandise of. Which sounds like a platitude-thinking of blue printed slips. I do not refer to that painful "dee-tee-um of little blue devils," however, nor yet to the lawful rejections which are its cause. I refer to tenderlings of the thought preserved in a private way, though unbesprent by the critical "salt of the earth." salt of the earth."
Spume, perhaps, but caught from out that crystal Fountain of Sense which, quaffed, makes a goose-quill appear a paradise feather.

The purpose of which is merely to state that the quatrain up at the top was written last September and is just let into the light because the magical month is again upon us. The Lady was hardly watching the road the hour when she wrote it, but rather the golden weather beyond, till the fowler, Dark, crept up and its gasp to be just a little prolonged was smothered. The Lady wears rue for sundowns in September.
But the highway is the merrier for the closing up of the season. Folk are trooping home again from the various summering places. Cities call. The jargon is all one "Vale" to wildernesses.

## Moose Tracks

SPEAKING of wilds, the same are some what chary of being on visiting terms with the many. They let you alone, severely, a la Mahomet's mountain, unless you go the two half-ways to meet them-except in the case of "the Wolf," on the mat, in these days. But a wild young moose did recently call at the door of one, Mrs. Allaby, of Southfield, N.B., who is advertising the creature at a fancy price.

By the way, Miss Ethel Roosevelt has been visit ing Canada as Lady Laurier's guest at Ottawa. The reader is requested to supply the connection, herself; also to inform us if that toy, the Teddy Bear, is likely to have a supplanter in the Nursery
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## Sport and a Water Lily.

THE phrase, "I am not gamesome," was the croak of an old-time Roman; the reverse is the vaunt of Canadians, now, both sexes. And summer sports for women are finding their present wind-up in a long succession of varied and brilliant events Down in the east, at the trial of conclusions be tween the maritime provincial golf associations, the mede fell to New Brunswick over Nova Scotiathe champion lady, Miss Thompson, of St. John In the extreme west, Vancouver, at the enthusiastic regatta, the British Columbia swimming trophy was won by Victoria's Miss Griffin, who holds also the national championship for one hundred yards.

Touching aquatic prowess: that young, ambitious and amphibious Englishwoman, Miss Lily Smith has declared her intention of swimming the English Channel. The American, Miss Rose Pitonoff is soon to attempt it, too. Flowers, both Lily and Rose, of the watery profession, the Rose will have to blossom some, unless it expects to blush; for her rival is the likeliest water Lily going.
But should there not be a limit to feminine sport? I watched professional acrobats at the National Exhibition. Magnificent strength, surely; admirable
skill, belike. And perhaps, after all, it was only the wind from the lake that chilled as I thought, "Those swaying forms are women!'

## Canada's Buttresses.

$I^{T}$T does give us pause, moreover, in appraising our women's sports, that the year's output of butter in this country has been weighed in the balance and is, alas! found wanting. The official report of Mr . I. A. Ruddick, commissioner of dairies and cold storage, at Ottawa, reveals a yearly importation of

The "Good-Bye" at Euston Station, London


Probably the Easter Lilies Mrs. Borden is Holding Were a Subtly Implied Hope for the Renewal of Intercourse on the Part of the Hearty Anglo-Canadian Donors. Madame Pelletier's Bouquet is a like Expression.
women. The Duchess of Sutherland and her daughter have hastened out to Alberta to assist the farmer Duke with his husbanding plans. Miss Binnie-Clark has given up lectures and writing for the zest of garnering grain at Fort Qu'Appelle. Which are only examples to prove an emphatic trend.
"Hush, ah hush, the scythes are saying
Hush, and heed not for all things pass-
And whilst they whisper, that most ancient of scythe-swingers, Death, has gathered into his spacious barns that ripe shock, General Boothhas made fatherless Eva Booth, who has long been "Little Mother" to hundreds who have felt her ministry in New York.

About the Clubs. W

OMEN'S Clubs' activities again are under way. At Victoria, the Alexandra Club has held, already, its first delightful "guest day" of the season. Mrs. Damon, of London, England, addressed the large assembly, principally on the subject of naval defence, and Mrs. Croft, the president, who was shortly leaving for Europe, was presented with a handsome jewel on behalf of the club.
The Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa has just issued its annual report. The organization appears to be in a gratifying condition as regards its work, its attendance and also its funds. Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught is patroness of the body; Lady Laurier, Hon. President, and Mrs. George Foster, Hon.
thousands of pounds of butter, principally from Vice-President.
The Canadian Guild of Organists, foregathered at Toronto lately, had a quite harmonious timeto the bird's eye. Specially enjoyed was the entertainment of Dr. and Mrs. Ham, provided at their residence, Jarvis Street. The host of that evening is president of the league.

## Cupid at it Again

A ND, this time, with his eyes open beyond the slightest doubt. For the smitten ones are Gallantry and Beauty, both young. Gallantry in the person of Mr. Douglas Lorne Cameron, and Beauty in the form of Miss Mary Georgina Nanton, lately united in wedlock at Winnipeg. The bride is the daughter of a famous financier; the groom, the son of the ruler of Manitoba. Romney, possibly, might have reproduced the beauty of the wedding entourage ; certainly, it was such as bankrupts language. The bridesmaids were: Miss Margaret Nanton, Miss Phyllis Rose, of England, and Miss Marjorie Coombes and Miss Marion Meredith, Toronto. Best man was Mr. George Culver. The pair will pass a somewhat extended honeymoon in Europe, and, returning, will live on Dromore Ave., Winnipeg.

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## Two New "Native" Books.

BOTH native to Halifax, which speaks well for that city, are "Marcus Holbeach's Daughter," Miss Alice Jones' latest romance, and the new "Wandering Judy," by Miss Marshall Saunders. Miss Jones, alias "Alix John," is a Nova Scotian, still, though living in England, and Miss Saunders, known to old and young as the writer of "Beautiful Joe," long has made her home in the sea-port city. The books are, alike, Canadian in flavour and, for both, publishers prophesy great demand.

## Onthe Way to the Peace

Athabasca Landing, August 18th.

THE lure of lonesome places is a net which nature casts into her sea of silence for the catching of such fish as come nosing after the unusual. Sometimes it happens that she "makes a haul" worth while. For instance, this week, away up here where nothing breaks the silence but the wash of the Lesser Slave, and the air is so clear that our camp-fire smoke can be seen half way to the Peace River, we come face to face with two of the famous people of this continent Charles Major, author of "When Knighthood was in Flower," and old Colin Fraser, who, like Lochin var, comes out of the west, but whose occupation, unlike that young gallant's, is no riddle, for at post, and station, by portage, trek, and trail, highway, byway and wilderness camp-fire he is known as "the fur king of the north." Also he looks the part.
C HARLES MAJOR is flatly a disappointment He does not "fit in"; and he looks wearied to death of things in general, and of Hudson Bay blankets in particular. He wants civilization, and wants it right away
shower-bath, an electric fan, and a down mattress for mine," he remarks with emotion.
By the way he applies the mosquito lotion, by his indifference to bacon, brown bread, etc., as well as by his air of weariness, you realize that he has had enough and to spare of roughing it. He makes no bones of telling you as much. "I wouldn't have missed it for the world," he says, "but now I cannot get back to good old Indianna a minute too soon."
The truth is the eminent writer put off his hunting trip to this big new land too long. But why hunting trip? you say. Because this man is just as much the hunter as Colin Fraser, only, instead of pelts, he hunts "flavour," "atmosphere," call it

## By JEAN BLEWETT

what you will, something that his public desires, and which has a value commercial as well as literary Like the foxes and others of Fraser's park, it can only be found in the wilds. He should have come up here before fame, fortune, and the passing years had taken his youth, elasticity, and what the halfbreed guide calls "de devil-may-careness." You think of the daring deeds, the dash, the bravado of "When Knighthood was in Flower" and sigh under your breath. It is good to grow great, but if we could only keep young while doing it! Still, come to think of it, why be prodigal of pity, seeing that so many of us can do neither ?

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R. MAJOR had for company an author of boys' books, Mr. Saylor, of Chicago, who, with a net of beads and gaudy trifles had gone fishing for legends among the Indians; also a couple of mere millionaires hunting dear knows what-perhaps the "snaps for investors" we hear of on every hand. Who knows?
"The elementary life up here calls for sturdy bodies," began Mr. Major, as he finished dinner "it is too full of hardship for a man of my make up. I had heard a lot of 'no man's land,' and asked to set into the heart of it, so I came. A few weeks of it and here I am, glad to be on my way home. If I were a lad I'd stay until I became used to it, but I'm not a lad, and the comforts and luxuries of life loom larger than they used to do."

IFE in the open has a nice, large sound, but sleeping on the ground, eating rough fare, battling with flies and mosquitoes discount things. We came as far as Athabasca Landing on a construction train. From there we took the steamer, "Northern Call," for Lesser Slave River. This was pleasant enough, but came a 16 -mile portage across
the roughest of trails to Sota River before we got the steamer for Grouard, "the place that is to be.
The portage between Grouard and the Peace Valley was a thing I'll not forget in a hurry. We made it in a farm waggon. And such a waggon. Seemingly it had but one spring, and that in the wrong place, for if by any chance it gave a feeble jump or two it threw us off our balance. The first day it was bad, the second worse, the third and last a nightmare. Rest houses were not in evidence. We slept on the more or less moist earth rolled in our blankets. Now I know that men seasoned to this sort of thing think nothing of being "earth on an earthy bed," but we weren't seasoned, and we did mind-though, mark you, we'd go through it again willingly rather than forego our trip or be without the knowledge gained by passing through the Peace River Pass.

From Peace River Landing we went by boat to Hudson's Hope. It took us two weeks going and two weeks returning. This is a tremendous country, and some of it has the making of splendid homesteads. Ah, yes, it is a great country, and one day the timber of it will be worth its weight in gold. But it is a little too primitive as yet. I for one will not again hear the call of the wild until such time as travelling has been made easier. Edmonton is a city one might well like to linger in at any time, and more especially when the outbound trail leads to loneliness and great spaces. Oh, yes, I know the camp-fire has a certain glamour about it, but just now I could find it in my heart to parody the "graceless grace" before meat and say
"Camp-fires hot, and camp-fires cold,
Trails that lead to ways untold,
Portages both long and rough-
We thank Thee, Lord, we've had enough!'
"He come back some more tam, yes," is the guide's comment. "He say, 'enough, enough,' but, like Injun say w'en he get drunk, a leetle too mooch is jus' enough, yes. He come back nex' year, I t'ink." Maybe you will, Mr. Major. When you rest from your labours and your works (royalties on your new book) do follow you, you will perhaps forget the discomforts and remember only the grandeur of the North Land.

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OLIN FRASER did not come sighing, but singing, lusty of voice, supple of body, endurance stamped on every feature. He had a party of his own people with him, and he was at home. Once a year he comes from Fort Chipewyan to Edmonton, over 600 miles, to sell his furs and catch a glimpse of civilization. This time it took him 26 days to reach Athabasca Landing with his scows loaded with the year's fur catch. The catch is especially valuable, as it includes many silver and black foxes, and ermine, besides wolverine, marten, mink, beaver, wolf and bear. The fur king of the North grows just as weary of Edmonton with its firstclass hotels as the author of "When Knighthood was in Flower" grew of the wilderness world. Who is it says every man can smile at a toothache but the one who has it? Just so, and contemplating these two great men and their discomforts with characteristic carelessness we are glad they both got caught in the net of silence and that we had the privilege of watching them "break away."

MISS S. MACNAUGHTON, a writer from "Thistledom"-which is Scotland-and best known for her Scotch story, "The Fortune of Christina McNab," has just completed her eleventh book, entitled, "Snow on the Desert," and is now in this merry Dominion, a-holidaying

Canada may, pardonably, feel flattered at being selected, for Miss Macnaughton is a certainly much-travelled person. Her touring has included, at various times, India, Argentina and many of the less often visited countries in Europe. She spent some time, as volunteer nurse, in South Africa, during the late Boer war. Quebec is the versatile authoress' present headquarters.

Among the famous books from this contemporary pen are: "A Lame Dog's Diary," "The Gift," and "The Four Chimneys." The latest title, "Snow On the Desert," was inspired by lines from Omar Fitzgerald's translation:
"The worldly hope men set their hearts upon,
Turns ashes-or it prospers; and anon
Like snow upon the desert's dusty face,
Lighting a little hour or two-is gone.'

# The Matinee Girl 

By MARGARET BELL

THE only team of co-stars appearing in Shakespeare to-day are to quit the stage in two years. E. H. Sothern and Julia Marlowe, for over twenty years associated with all that is best in the drama, now think it is time to consider their own comforts. Hotels, trains, dressing rooms, one night stands have been their home long enough.
"We're going to settle down and be real home folk," Miss Marlowe said recently. "I'm tired of being stared at in elevators and shops, as someone not quite human. I want to oversee the pickling and preserving in my own kitchen, and order the roast for dinner. We are going to travel"-Mr. Sothern is her husband-"but not as actors travel, hurrying from one city to the next. We are going to study the cusnext. of each country. We are going toms of each country. We are foing right around the world, after
year's rest in dear old England."
year's rest in dear olding to think that And it is gratifying to think that
both great exponents of the greatest dramatist belong to the British Empire.
"Get-rich-quick Wallingford," held the boards. It had been whispered to me by someone who knew, that the young leading lady, Alice Caire Elliott, very much resembled a local favourite. It remained for me to see for myself, when I called on her, that evening before the performance.
I called. My tap tap was answered by someone who caused an involuntary, "Am I standing before Billie Burke, or some wandering ghost of hers?
The young lady addressed was quite blase about the resemblance. She had heard of it so often. Still, she considered it an implied compliment. I could see that by the way she peeped into the mirror, as soon as she saw me comfortably seated on the backless chair.
"Yes, I am very much like Miss Burke. Not only my hair, but my features as well. Very often people speak to me on the street, calling me Miss Burke." She fingered a little ornament to stick into the auburn fluffiness, later in the evening. She could not help see ing how gracefully she sewed the band


Alice Claire Elliott, Called "The Other Billie Burke.'

Both are essentially English in their tastes.
And now, all the artistic loving people who throng the theatres perhaps three times a season, are wondering whom they will choose to succeed their favourites. Conditions are becoming such, as our tastes advance, that all obsolete Shakespearianisms are being discarded for more modern forms of amusement, like "The Waltz Kiss," and "The Merry Widow." There are still a few old-fashioned enough in their ideas, however, to enjoy a performance of "Hawer," to en "May a performance of "Hamlet" or Macbeth." It looks as if this few would have to band together and choose one from their own midst, to enact such roles. By the modern method of stage preparation, the chosen one would have plenty of time to study all the rudiments of stageology, in the two years still left.
For certainly, with the commercial point of view obliterating all artistic perception, such as it seems to be down in the Broadway offices, it looks as if Sothern and Marlowe will mark the last perfect enactment of Shakespeare in America.

## A Second Billie

THE new season has begun. It is quite true that the country is theatre mad, if one may judge from the crowds on opening night. Isn't it strange, how we crave the mimic? In Toronto, that amusing comedy;
of brilliants on it. Anyhow, why should she not see it?
It was Exhibition week in Toronto, which means very little hotel accommodation
"Where are you sleeping, this week ?" I asked. "On a table, piano, or in a bath tub?"

By consenting to stay at a less desirable hotel, I have been allowed the luxury of a bed. Tell me, is your Prin cess Patricia so very beautiful? She is here now, isn't she "

I assured her that no report had been exaggerated. Whereupon, she stuck an errant curl coquettishly above her ear.
"But she hasn't beautiful auburn hair," I hastened to add. And the brown eyes shone brighter than ever and the mouth formed itself into a satisfied smile. She was so sweet and femin ine! And between ourselves, I consider her a hundred times prettier than Billie Burke.

## Watch Out For These

L AST season revealed a few anticipations in the way of hidden talent Ina Claire was selected for the part of "Prudence" in "The Quaker Girl," only after three or four well-known actresses had been tried out, and found wanting. She made good.
Much the same was the case of Gert rude Bryan, who made success for Little Boy Blue."

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steadily. She has shown both brains and individuality in her portrayal of "Luana" in Rìchard Walton Tully's "The Bird of Paradise."
And there is another young girl, who seems to have been hampered more or This is Elsie Ferguson, whose future possibilities are said to have made the possibilities are said to

Madge Titheridge came over from London, last season, saying she hoped to make good, for there were too many
of her type in the old land. She showed the public that she had
And we must not forget to mention Pamela Gaythorne, another English girl of no particular distinction, who gave such an artistic handling of her part in "The Pigeon.
And Ruth Chatterton, who appeared with Henry Miller in "The Rainbow," is worth watching. We hope she will soon have a better part, one that will afford her peculiar abilities scope.

## Petticoats at the Baby Show

By MARY JOSEPHINE TROTTER

${ }^{6}$ PTTICOATS" designates the
eternal feminine-or did, in the early Victorian era of dress. And, anyway, though the present age is devoted to hobbles and harems, it herein stands for a woman and that woman me.
I went to the Exhibition. Which is not a startling announcement. For, as the amusing man remarked in song the other evening:
"Everyone was indulging in it, indulging in it, indulging in it,
veryone was indulging in it
Everyone was indulging,
At the self-same time."
Yes, every one. We were aiming at a million. (Should the management concerned object to a seeming extra member, it is, herewith, empowered to change the pronoun.) I did not hear that song at Shea's in person, by the way, being brought up rigidly a Baptist. I sent my representative, who reported the choicest parts, and so I outwitted the chum of the World and the Flesh. But, as stated, I went to the giddiermuch giddier-Exhibition.
What Exhibition? Why, the Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto. Now, what was that his mother said of Little Elihu? Oh, yes! "As if there could be another such a one as he." For "the Ex" is the X of a big equation not worked out as yet. Far from the "every something", of it appearing a 'wild of nothing," the very babelous
everything of it turns to an ordered something-a country's voice heard strong through a stammered speech. In it join the two-weeks' hunting-grounds of the aboriginal squaw and the goal for a day of a proud imperial princess. In brief, 'tis the annual, national cosmorama.
And Petticoats delights in every feature of the Show from the big Main Building to the little tin ice-cream spoons-even to the one she happened to cut her tongue on. That same trifling accident happened in the Administration Building-which is fronted with bay trees. So do the wicked flourish.
But Petticoats' main business there was a suit to hold the Baby-that pink envy of motherdom and fatherdom, belike, Evelyn Elson, Queen of the Baby Show.

## There had been a notably strenuous

 contest under the striped marquee. Cherubic smiles by the score had attested the fact that "heaven lies about tested the fact that "heaven lies about us in our infancy," while much bitterweeping and wailing and gnashing of infant gums had gone very far, indeed, to establish a doubt.
"For all of us are out of breath
And some of us are fat" -
You murmured that as you watched the judging doctors. The babies had all to be weighed, measured and put through a score of paces, and some three hundred and fifty had congregated. Another babe I wot of had swelled the list by one only that the mother of the poor little thing, like the chick's in Chanticler, was an incubator, alas! and could not bring her. bator, alas! and could not bring her.
"Tested to a finality," remarked a presiding One, whose professional name is a proverb in this country. A baby Goliath was placed in the brand-new scales. 'Twas an automatic weighingmachine; democratic, too, you felt as you settled to enjoy the operations. For there were small rose-fleshed infants like the little garlanded
stained glass windows, and there were
wee things of an impishness which pointed hard to the fact of at least one Grand-parent "Puck."
"Have I much longer to wait?" asked a querulous female voice, of the megaphone man who had, literally, missed his calling
"Why, what may be your class?" that exalted youth responded, extending his instrument, courteously, with the en couragement, "Speak up.
The woman smiled, thinking the caution a trifle superfluous, may bé; for the youth stood upon a table and she on terra called firma, humorously, in this case. "Class 2." She said it with spirit. "I'm tired out waiting!"
"And what is your name?"
speaking
versed.
"Mrs. Smith," said the woman And the gallery, Petticoats, smiled.
I referred to a hypocritical firm earth. Petticoats had to pick her way very gingerly over the floor as she wended in and about to observe the Wee. For it had rained rather recently, if not "cats and dogs" exactly, then, at the very mildest, kittens and pups. Indeed, she and two other press women, pleasantly encountered had pretty much the experience of the "toves" in Wonderland, that gyred and gimbled at brillig in the wabe-feeling ultra-slithy.
It got to be much later than brillig before the show was done-"brillig," as you know, being four in the afternoon. And as doing the "slithy tove" act was getting on Petticoats' nerves, she was just about to step over the rope, which lets you into the open, when her ear was caught by a very tid-bit in the Cockney
'E's heasily the fattest. Honly look hat 'is lige." (He pronounced "leg" so that it rhymed with Buster's dog.) My eyes beheld the identical child who will certainly some day be "The Fattest of Men" in the Barnum and Bailey Circus. Though a certain press photographer, not Petticoats, was waylaid, no law prohibited Petticoats from hearkening. The irate man was for seizing the law by the arm and getting justice. But the camera chap who sees things-even "liges"-in proper focus, warned him the arm had a vaccination (his phrase for "the law is touchy") and the argument, for the rest, was a series of snaps.
One of those photographs showed, later, the pigmy "marche triomphale" from the show's marquee to the Administration Building. Thither did hie the champion babies to see about their awards and then it was I followed up Evelyn Elson. She rode like a very "victrix" on that car, her mother's arm, its very elbow proclaiming the first prize baby. And Petticoats actually prize baby. And Petticoats actuatic indeed, convincing, denial of the suicide indeed, convincing, denialory of dimples of the race, in all her glory of dimple," and pale blue ribbons. (I say "her, but, beyond a doubt, that particular baby was "It.") But as two other press women held Miss Elson, too, the point. must not inflate to the law, Toront Speaking of arms olicemen! In has periecly pot bent his back to heed deed, I "The Press" I might have when I said, "thide that rope with the been yet outside that rope is that a usbands. A popular belief is that a "bobby's" spine is rigid. 'Tis a fallacy. It will bend if yon "press" the button-


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$\mathrm{M}^{\text {RS } \text {. ARTHUR Nurphy, of Emmon. }}$ $\mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{RS}}$ ton, whose new book, "Open Trails," is having a great success, is at
present visiting Ontario. In Hamilton present visiting ontario. a in Hamilton she was entertained at a reception by
Miss Nisbit, of the Hamilton Herald, Miss Nisbit, of the Hamilton Herald,
one of the most interested members of one of the most interested members of
the C.W.P.C. Addresses were given at this informal reception by representatives of the city of Hamilton, Daughters


MRS. ARTHUR MURPHY, of Edmonton, who is at present on a visit
of Empire, the Women's Canadian Club, and by Mrs. Carr, representing the Hamilton members of the C.W.P.C. A lunch was given for Mrs. Murphy by the officers of the C.W.P.C. in Toronto, with the president and vice-president of the Toronto branch. The Toronto branch is giving a tea for Mrs. Murphy at its September meeting.
$M^{\text {RS. COLEMAN }}$ (Kit) and Miss Nis$\mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{RS} \text {. COLEMAN (Kit) were the only ladies invited by }}$ the corporation of Hamilton to join the city's guests when the party of Bristol representatives visiting canada were entertained in Hamilton. Mrs. Coleman writes for Bristol papers, and Mr. Risely, of Bristol, in proposing the toast to the ladies, paid a tribute to her work, adding that women journalists had done much for Bristol. He coupled the names of Mrs. Coleman and Miss Nisbit with the toast.
$\mathrm{W}^{\text {ORD has recently been received by }}$ W the C.W.P.C. from. Miss Durham, president of the Vancouver branch. Miss Durham wrote from Milan, where she describes herself as listening to lays she describes herselug by guides and cab
of ancient Rome sung drivers.
T HE complete poems of Miss Pauline T Johnson, announced for last autumn, are promised again for jointly by her volume is being Musson Book Company, publishers, he and the committee in Vancouver who published Miss Johnson's couver who publisheds last year. It is book of Indian legends last year. Mis learned with ming very ill in a hospital in Vohnson is
$\mathrm{M}^{\text {RS. FITZGIBBON (Lally Bernard), }}$ M whose London letters have been read by many Canadians, is at presely in Toronto. Mrs. FitzGibbon is likely to return to reside permanently in Vancouver.
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ISS E. CORA HIND, commercial $\mathrm{M}^{\text {editor of the Manitoba Free Press, }}$ contributes an admirably clear account of the problem of grain elevators in the Canadian West to the current number of Industrial Canada.
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ISS LOUISE HAYTER BIRCHALL, calle whose article on the Thames, Caned The River," is published in the September Canadian Magazine, is at present at Niagara writing an account
of fruit growing and farming in the Niagara country for English papers.

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M$\mathrm{M}^{\text {ISS CURRIE LOVE, of Calgary, is }}$ at present contributing to the To ronto Daily Star a series of articles on

Western Canadian cities. Miss Love has also had published in the National Irrigation Journal, of Chicago, an article on Canada and the Panama Canal, besides articles in the Canada Monthly, Canada, and the United Empire Magazine.
$\mathrm{M}_{\text {last }}$
RS. FORSYTHE GRANT, of the To-
ronto Globe, has been ronto Globe, has been spending the
ast few months in Great Britain. MRS. LIPSETT'SKINNER, who has $\mathrm{M}_{\text {been lecturing in Great Britain for }}$ the Dominion Government on opportunities for women emigrating to Canada, sailed for Canada by the Empress of Britain on August 9. Since then she has been visiting Calgary, and was en has been visiting Calgary, the Calgary tertained at luncheon by M.C. Mrs. Lipsett Skinner wrote a syndicate letter for sev eral Canadian newspapers on her old country experiences.
M ISS BINNIE-CLARK has written for the Empire Magazine a most in teresting account of Mrs. Sherk's work ment while she still taught in the public schools of Fort William and before she became a journalist. The article is called "The Civil Law of the Empire: How it is Taught in Canada," and contains it is raugres anecdotes taken down from Mrs. Sherk's lips. Of Mrs. Sherk's from Mrs. Sherism Miss Bin method of teaching patriotism Miss Bin nie-Clark writes: "Emerson defines genius as intellect constructive. spark of your idea nothing less than a spark of genius."
M RS. COTES" most recent novel, "The N1 Consort," published by Stanley Paul, has been well reviewed in The Times, The Spectator, and other English publications. Punch's reviewer says that he has always liked Mrs. Cotes work, but doesn't think this is quite the same Sara Jeannette Duncan that used to charm him with the fresh simplicity and unexpected humour of her art. The story is about a woman of extraordinary financial and political influence, the daughter of a famous banking house who is fabulously wealthy. Her husband finds it necessary to disagree with her politically and otherwise in order to remember that he has a personality of his own. Mrs. Cotes is an honorary member of the club.


MRS. CLUTTEN (FLORENCE LEDIARD). A snapshot taken on shipboard during her trip through Lake Winnipeg en route

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M ${ }^{\text {ISS WATHEN, a member of the To- }}$ ronto branch, whose work has been in connection with the publications of the Methodist Church, was married in the Metropolitan Church, Toronto, on the 7th of August, to the Rev. Wesley Fox, of Avening, Ont.


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ever engaged yourself to that Compared to you，Giles Tredman a boy．Can you deny it？＂
＂I am not trying to deny it．
 the fact remains that I am engaged to him，and intend to marry him in five weeks from now．＂
＂It is so certain as that！＂Hermann Muller stooped forward in the big arm－ chair he occupied，and his hand as though inadvertently，touched Grace＇s hand that lay in her lap．She coloured vividly，and drew her hand away，but her tone was less assured，as she
＂Yes，as certain as that．I am ar－ ranging about my trousseau now．＂ dark eyes ran over with an insistent， appraising stare．＂I have always been considered a good judge of ladies＇gowns． Perhaps＂I could offer you some sug－ gestions．＂
They
They were seated in Mrs．Cardew＇s
drawing－room on this June afternoon， drawing－room on this June afternoon， Grace leaning back upon the couch in what she knew to be her most fascin－ ating pose，and wearing a frock of some pale blue gauzy material which clung about her figure in graceful diaphanous folds，its colour enhancing the bright－ ness of her eyes，and emphasizing the delicate loveliness of her complexion． Muller sat near her，his dark head thrown back against a crimson cushion， his eyes drinking in the superb beauty of the woman，a little smile hovering over his lips，a smile that held in it something of mocking triumph，some－ something of mocking triumph，some－
thing of amused cynicism．This man did not know the world，and above all， did not know the world，and above all，
the world of women，for nothing．With a woman of Grace＇s type，he could cal－ culate to a nicety just how far he could carry easy familiarity into an insolence that bordered on brutality，just how much flattery was needed before the bird fluttered into the snare．
＂I am usually considered an adept about gowns myself，＂Grace answered， with her rather hard laugh，but from under her eyelashes shot a glance at her companion that somewhat belied her laugh．＂You can＇t say I am not be－ comingly gowned now，＂and she drew herself upright，and looked full at him． ＂You are superb，＂he replied lazily， his eyes again appraising her，from the crown of her bright hair to the tips of her dainty shoes，＂as I am trying to point out to you，far to surb to throw yourself away on a soldier and county squire．Why did you agree to do it？＇
He suddenly dropped his masterful， somewhat brutal tone，and bent towards her again，this time putting his hand firmly over hers，and keeping it there．

That is my affair．＂she said，but her voice was not quite under control，and her eyes no longer met his with their daring challenge
＂You are not going to pretend to me that you care for him？＂Muller＇s voice dropped into caressing accents，his hand pressed the hand that lay beneath it， ＂you won＇t try to make me believe you are in love with that boy．＂

W HETHER because of the pressure of his hand，or because of the sudden tenderness in his voice，Grace could her－ self scarcely have told，but something impelled her to look straight into his face，and a slow smile crept round her mouth，as she met his significant glance． ＂I－don＇t think I believe in being in love，＂she said，＂hearts are doubtful blessings．＂
＂But about a title and a big place in the country there can be no doubt what ever？No，I agree with you，＂and Mul ler，having uttered his insolent remark， leant back in his chair again，and eyed her flushed face with a smile more mock－ ing than before．
＂You are not the kind of woman to be satisfied with the worshipful ador－ ation of a boy，＂Muller went on，before she could speak，＂you need a man who is your mater，＂ar Do I？＂she exclaimed fiercely，rising to her feet，and looking down at him
with exactly the gesture of indignant
＂dide which he had meant to draw forth， ＂do I？＂A man who is my master，in－ who could master me． ＂You would，not have a very pro－ up from his chair with a well－feigned emblance of indifference，verging on boredom，＂I want you，and I mean to have what I want，and the sooner you put an end to the farce of your engage－ ment to Sir Giles，the better．
In a lightning flash memory brought back to her the chivalrous courtliness of Giles wooing，but something in the utter brutality of the big，dark man wh towered over her，made an appeal to th ingrained coarseness that underlay her delicate beauty．And though she drew way from Muller，and loughed drew fully，a thrill ran along her pulses．
＂The wedding day is fixed，the trous seau ordered，you are talking nonsense，＂ she said．
＂You can ante－date your wedding， your trousseau will do as well for one bidegroom as for another＂he answere quickly．＂Go on buying it，I have no objection to that．Fool Sir Giles to the top of your bent．The more you fool him the better pleased I shall be＂－ savage note made itself audible in his voice－＂I owe him a grudge．If I can pay part of it through you，so much the better．＂
＂What is the grudge？＂
＂Never mind just now．All you need remember is that I want Giles Tredman to taste a handful of dust and ashes： if yours is the hand that gives them，so much the better．＂ upted her sharply．
＂L ISTEN to me，＂he said，seizing her L hands in a grasp that hurt，and compelling her to meet his gaze，＂I know you through and through．I am not a chivalrous ass like your prospect－ ive bridegroom．I have no delusions about women of your type．There are good women in the world，yes！I am ready to admit it，but you don＇t happen to be one of them．But you do happen to suit me，and though I am not going to fall down at your feet and tell you you are an angel，I can give you the sort of life you will like．＂
＂But－＂she began again，trying to wrench her hands from his，only to be gripped yet more firmly in his iron grasp，whilst he went on speaking as though her voice had not reached his ears．
＂You are marrying this Tredman be－ cause he is rich，because you want to be my lady，because you think you will get a pleasant rise in the social seale．If you do as I wish，you will be a million times richen than you dream，and you will be able to call yourself－princess Will that appeal to your ambition？＂
＂I don＇t understand，＂she said，＂you are Herr Muller，how－
＂It suits me to pass here as Herr Muller．My own name and title are something quite different．My wife will call herself princess；I am rich now and if everything works itself out as I mean that it shall，my wealth will be in creased by－well，by a very large amount．And＂－he paused，his hand loosed her hands，and laid themselves heavily on her shoulders，＂and you are the woman I want for my wife．＂
＂You take too much for granted，＂she said indignantly，trying in vain to draw away from his clasp．＂I am bound to another man．How dare you＂＂
＂How dare I？＂he laughed，a low， masterful laugh．＂How dare I do this－ and this？＂He stooped and kissed her passionately．＂How dare I？Because I am your master，my fair lady，and you kno before she could utter a syllable of pro test he had seized her in his arms and was kissing her with a violence that half frightened her，half thrilled her．She was powerless in the grip of his brute strength，and when presently he let her go，she was panting and breathless．But his face was alight with triumph．
＂You and I together will have the world at our feet，＂he said，＂we will settle Tredman＇s part of the business （Continued on page 27．）


Courierettes.
$\mathrm{N}^{0 W}$ that it is feeling pretty strong the moose may decide to make trouble for the stock market bulls and bears.

A Boston woman swam the Thames for sixteen miles, and an Amsterdam girl has finished a walk of fifteen thousand miles. Who said "weaker sex"?
Toronto has appointed an official water taster, to detect bad tastes in the water supply. The days of martyrdom are not yet over.
It has been said that drinking buttermilk prolongs life, and now German scientists say the same result "Oay be
had by eating eggshells. "Of two

Teddy Roosevelt says he wouldn't be a king for anything. He could be persuaded to become a President for $\$ 50,000$ per year, however.
Keir Hardie would prevent war by organizing a general strike, which would keep armies at home. He will need to hurry "or the suffragettes will "beat him to it."
Tips for Reporters.-A big Canadian daily paper has a city editor who oceasionally dashes off a few rules and regulations for the guidance of his staff on the use of pure English. He had a long list of hints posted up recently, and one of them suggested that a "fight" was never an "argument," though some scribes used that word.
A witty editorial writer came along and wrote , be low: "A fight is never an argument except when it's between two professional prize fighters."
In the same office there is a reporter who is said to be always eager to break into any conversation going on. One of the city editor's tips was to let up on the use of the words "crashed into."
Whereupon a wag came to the front with this: stead For instin stead. For instance, it is - 'crashed' into the Mr versation."
Competition With Cupid -The editor of a matri ited Canada and advertised that he could arrange so ciety marriages
However, at last reports, Cupid was still in business at the old stand, doing the bulk of the "arranging."

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Books You Mustn't Miss.-Not how Books You Mustn't Miss.-Not how
to discover something good to read, but to discover something good to read, but books offering will be the puzzle of gentle reader during the next few months
The following reviews of a few of the forthcoming literary feasts will indicate the high standard that has been attained:

Love Letters of a Mud Turtle."-Of all the books of its kind this is undoubtedly the best. In simple, appealing language the author, Violet Muggins, has sketched, in a long preface to the book, the awakening and development of the divine passion in a creature whose affairs of the heart have long waited for the proper pen to do them justice. Miss Muggins has proved that, far from being the passionless creature that many of us have considered him the mud turtle has a nature highly sensitive to feelings of love and its terrible complement-jealousy. "Pancake," the turtle whose love letters this clever authoress has so carefully collected and ably edited, was a greatly misunderstood

soul. Appearing to be merely a cynical sulker, "Pancake," in long periods of silence and having shrunk within him self, was brooding over the alternating periods of soaring happiness and killing anxiety that followed upon his having been pierced by 'Cupid's arrow. With wonderful skill, Miss Muggins penetrated "Pancake's" hard shell and has laid bare his heart with its load of love. The book throws a fascinating light on a phase of turtle life that comes as a revelation to enthrated readers.
Profusely illustrated. Price $\$ 1.50$.
"Half Hours in Bargain Rushes." While an intensely practical work, this latest production of Mrs. Gladys Price Tagg is so charmingly written that it will appeal not only to bargain-hunters but to all who value good literature. The book traces the origin of bargain days and bargain sales, and gives prac tical hints on how to tell a bargain and how to plan and carry out a campaign that will land the coveted article, no matter how many people are after it Several chapters are devoted to the proper method of tackling in a crowd, getting the eye of the salesgirl, and preventing others from snatching for them selves any bit of merchandise that one has picked out. The writer draws greatly upon her own experiences for the material in her book, a fact which
"So yon're the new chauffeur? What are your qualifcations?",
'My last employer was a, millionaire with six daughtars, sud I
dian't elope with one of them!", ning.
makes it more interesting and adds greatly to its value for the reader. Superbly printed, double-wired, unbreakable cover. Price $\$ 1.99$.
"Fishing in Restaurant Pickle Jars." A long-felt want is abundantly supplied in the delightful brochure under the foregoing title by Mr. Alfred Gourmand. Couched in choice language, this little work is wonderfully helpful to all patrons of restaurants. The difficulties of getting at the pickles are described in detail, and complete advice is given on how to overcome them. Mr. Gourmand rightly ridicules the notion of some peo ple that the only way to of some people that pickles in wame instances istaurant pickles in some instances is to pursue, tackle and land shows how to pursue, tackle and land the most obstinflower that insist llower that insists on hiding beneath not read this lituse who have hard to thre helpful little book-so hard to lure through the neck of the bottle.
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## Hard-Hearted.

$\mathrm{S}^{0}$ merciless is Wilkins Smith
He oft turns down the light, And goes to dreamless sleep but keeps His window up all night;

The coward often strikes a match, He stretches curtains brutally And beats the carpet, too

## The Saddest Words

For the Lover: I'll be a sister to you. For the Baseball Fan: Left on bases, For the Debtor: To account rendered. For the Horse-race Bettor: Also ran For the Writer: The editor regrets. For the Fat Man: Elevator not run

The New Woman's Motto.-What man has done, woman can do

Another Secret of Success.-"There" always room at the top" but you need to "get in on the ground floor."

He Called It Right.-The man in the Information Office is supposed to know most everything, but it remained for the young fellow in charge of the information tent at the Canadian Naa weather prophet on shor notice.
The Exhibition had the heavy handicap of wet weather on about nine days out of the twelve, and one bright morning during the walked into the wom "Is it roing tont. day, please?" she inquired. The young man supposed to know all things peeped out. It was a bright, sunshiny morning. Yes, it will rain," he said.
It
rained three hours
The Explanation,-English papers tell of a woman at Highgate who never spoke to a man in her life. She was probably tonguetied.

A Great Want.-Canada's ad. in the press of the Empire:
anted-A naval policy.
Almost Extinct.-At this
living" times a certain man says that it is cheaper to live married than single. That kind of wife is rare nowadays.

Not a Popular Invention.-Now they have invented an automatic card-shuffling and dealing device. Why spoil the game?

The Faithful Clock.-Back from his summer holidays, a certain man tells of the following experience:
"I stayed one night at the home of a friend. I woke, at what was probably about an hour before sunrise, wondering just what time it was and wishing that my watch wasn't temporarily out of commission.
"A few seconds later the hall clock truck.
"I fell to thinking how good it was of that old timepiece to keep on workng throughout the night. Being in a house in which I didn't feel free to wander down to the hall, even if I had felt energetic enough to get out of bed, I appreciated such faithfulness. I couldn't go down to the clock but, in a sense, it came up to me. I thought sereral pleasant things about the faithful time-marker-at least I would have if it hadn't been the half-hour that it struck."


## Danny Deever

"What are the bugles blowing for?" Said Files-on-Parade.
To turn you out, to turn you out," The Colour-Sergeant said, What makes you look so white, so Said Files-on-Parade.
I'm dreading what I 'ave to watch," The Colour-Sergeant said,
For they're 'angin' Danny Deever, you can 'ear the Dead March play,
The regiment's in square They're 'angin' 'im to-day;
They're takin' of 'is buttons orf an' cut 'is stripes away,
And they're 'angin' Danny Deever in
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MONEY AND MAGNATES


A Change in Canadian General Electric.

THE death of Mr. H. P. Dwight, the veteran of the telegraph, this summer, occasioned a vacancy in the vice-presidency of the Canadian General Electric Company. That office has at last been filled by the appointment of Mr. Wilmot D. Matthews, of Toronto.

Mr. Matthews has long been a director


MR. W. D. MATTHEWS, TORONTO New Vice-President of Canadian General Electric. of the company; he was one of the first members of the board. 'The new vicepresident is one of the best known financiers in Canada. He holds office in eighteen of our leading industries. His interests include banks, insurance, railways, power companies, and mines; concerns such as: The Canadian Pacific Railway, of which he is a director; the Dominion Bank, vice-president; Confederation Life Association, vice-president; Toronto Railway Corr.pany, director; and the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company, president.

Relieve Railway Congestion. THE Dominion Railway Commission reports that 20,000 additional cars, 400 more locomotives, new terminals, and warehouses have been added to the equipment of the railways this summer at a cost of four millions to prevent a repetition in the autumn of the congestion which occurred last spring. That great increase in transportation facilities was much needed. It remains to be seen how near the increased equipment will come to meeting the needs of Caiada's rapidly increasing business.

## Western Wildcatting.

AWINNIPEG real estate broker writes the following letter of criticism to the Canadian Courier regarding Western land-selling methods: I note what you say in regard to Captain J. Roy Saunders, correspondent of the London Daily Chronicle, and his threatened exposure of the methods of Canadian get-rich-quick concerns.
That the methods pursued by some of the Western real estate dealers are dishonest cannot be denied, and that these same men have swindled thousands of people in Eastern Canada, England and the United States is also true, and that they are still catching suckers is another truth, and that they are aided by the newspapers of the West is also true, and some of the Eastern papers are just as guilty of helping to swindle the public as the Western papers are is also true.
The great majority of the Canadian papers are in the business for the money that can be made out of it is another fact. Some few months ago an advertising solicitor for one of the daily papers in the city of Winnipeg called on me and asked me to advertise in his paper. I expressed my opinion on the merits of some real estate that I saw advertised in all the Winnipeg papers. I told him that this property was advertised as city lots, and that they had no value except as farm lands. "Well," he said, "the paper that I represent will accept any advertisement that the advertiser can pay for regardless of the merits of the property offered for sale, and the public must look out for themselves." That was just simply declaring that the management of the paper was willing to become a partner of a swindling scheme if they got a part of the gains. It is this dishonesty of the press that makes Canada such a choice field for all kinds of fakes and swindling schemes. There are many people that take it for granted when they see a proposition advertised in a large daily paper that it must be all right or this paper would not allow it to be advertised in its columns; and this misplaced confidence in the press has caused many persons to invest, their money in wild cat schemes.
Another fact about real estate: It is not necessary for the owner of good property offered for sale at its right value to go away from home to sell it. Good property can always be sold to people who know what it is. But on the other hand there are thousands upon thousands of acres of farm lands subdivided in Western Canada and placed on the market as town and city lots that will never be used for anything but farm lands or market gardens.
When you see a real estate agent equipped with a blue print, and some circulars giving a glowing description of some city property that is located several hundred miles away, you can make up your mind that there is no demand for that property at home or he would stay there and sell it. It is a safe plan to always take a look at city or town property before you buy it, and not to buy lots as an investment. Prices are so badly inflated that the future growth of these western towns and cities are discounted for several years to come, and there is a prospect that there will be a reaction in values.
Speculation has boosted the prices up above what the legitimate value is. Several months ago I had a talk with a Winnipeg real estate man and he expressed his opinion that along Portage Ave. west of Deer Lodge was the place to invest. I enquired what the prices were out there and he informed me that it was selling for $\$ 65$ and $\$ 70$ per front foot, and that it was sure to go much higher in price. Well, I went out to have a look at this choice property and found that it was practically out in the country, and I could see no reason why it should be $\$ 5$ per foot. There was nothing there to boost prices and I could see nothing that was liable to happen in the future to make that property so valuable. So I made my way back to the city and I went in and asked this real estate dealer how he made out that this property was worth so much, and that I would be very much obliged to him if he would

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explain what he based his values on. He replied that it was a speculative value, and that speculation would put this property still higher. Now here was property that was not used for any purpose, just laid there undeveloped, and a frenzy of speculation had forced the prices up into the air. One man would buy, add to the price and sell to some one else, and he in turn would add to the price and sell again, until prices had soared up to a figure beyond all common sense and reason and still there are men that will buy it

> J. F. AASVED.

## On and Off the Exchange.

## A Revival in Cobalt.

T
WO phrases in a special despatch from Cobalt to the Toronto Globe are very suggestive. The first is as follows: "Each week sees the announcement that some new company with its name on the geological map as the only guarantee that it ever existed is opening up on a small and tentative scale." In other words, we are to have a number of new "prospects" which are to be called mines and are to be sold to the unsuspecting public for the benefit of some new or needy promoters.
The second phrase runs thus: "Strangers are once again to be seen around Cobalt streets inquiring for mines that never existed save in the imagination of the promoters and the folk they sold stock to in the Eastern States." Surely it would be to the advantage of the Ontario Government and the legitimate mining companies in the Cobalt region to devise some means to keep the wildcatter out of the market. The legitimate mine cannot interest the public so long as the fake mine exists. It is up to the Ontario Government and to the mining people themselves to eliminate the fake mine. So far they have been inclined to sit down, fold their hands and say, "We can do nothing." This is a puerile attitude to take. It is very sad to see a lot of strong men take the stand that wildcatting in mines cannot be prevented, until these people who are interested and those in authority intervene with the needed legislation and regulation, the wildcatter will probably continue to prey upon the innocent public. Just so long as this continues so long will the reputation of the Government and mining men generally remain at a low ebb in the minds of the public investors. Every person knows that there is gold and silver in the Cobalt district, but all of us who have small bank accounts are also equally aware that the dangers of investing in Cobalt stocks or other mining stock is so large that only a fool would think of putting his money into a mining stock unless it was controlled absolutely by some person whom he was sure was thoroughly reliable. Investments of this character are only about one in ten, or one in twenty at the present time. The consequence is that the mining stock market is dead and will remain dead until the Government finds some method of eliminating the wildcatter and safeguarding the investments of those who put their money into Ontario mining ventures. It is quite evident that up to the present time one dollar has been lost by the investor for every dollar of profit that has come out of the mines. When the account is balanced the public are no farther ahead than if they had never invested a dollar. The only people who have made any profit are the Ontario Government and a few daring and unscrupulous promoters who have put their stock upon the market, inflated the price beyond reason, and got out. There are a number of respectable men in Toronto and Montreal driving automobiles and building fine houses who have robbed the public by this method. They took good care to sell out at the top of the market when values were fictitious. They took no chances, except the one that the public would find them out before they had quite realized on all their holdings.

## Not an Investment

S OME recent advertisements have explained in plausible language the safety of certain oil stocks as an investment. This is not a criticism of those particular stocks, which may or may not prove good, but what experienced business man considers oil stocks a safe investment or yet an investment at all before a well is producing?
The development of oil fields is important in our economic system, and fortunes have been made therefrom. But it is a game for the man with money to spare, not for the man with a small savings account. Drilling for oil is a pure speculation till the well is proved, then the purchase of stock in a good company is difficult. No one knows what is 3,000 feet underground till he finds it, and many prospective oil wells that appear to have struck "pay rock" turn out to be "dusters." From the writer's four years' experience in oil fields it is very mild to say that ten companies lose for every one that wins
If you can spare capital for this kind of speculation, you have no doubt learned the lesson from experience, and can judge for yourself, but if you cannot afford to lose your money, leave oil stceks alone.

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## No Excitement

$T$ HE big racket which was expected to take place at the meeting of the Quebec Railway, Light, Heat and Power Company did not materialize. The Paris interests contented themselves with leaving the board
Few were the explanations made of the cause of the row and the points in dispute. Sir Rodolphe stated that ine trouble was caused by a foreign faction who were not backed up by the other European interests
The Street felt some disappointment that no light was thrown on the supposed connection' of the company with the Quebec and Saguenay Railway. It was charged by some kefore the meeting that the Power Company had guaranteed the Railway's bonds to the extent of three millions, assuming an interest obligation of $\$ 150,000$, which it was thought, owing to the poor showing of the railway people, might have to come out of the treasury of
the Power Company. the Power Company.

The loss of the city lighting contract, a sore point with some of the uninformed foreign shareholders, was explained. The Quebec Railway, Light, Heat and Power Company was getting $\$ 38,000$ for its lighting services. The This would net them $\$ 23,920$. The Forget at $\$ 46$ a lamp for the 520 lamps. This would net them $\$ 23,920$. The Forget company simply would not do for $\$ 23,920$ for what they had been receiving $\$ 38,000$
A feature of the meeting was the statement of Sir Rodolphe that he would soon resign the presidency, which he thought ought to go to a Quebec resident closely in touch with the company's operations

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"THE CANADIAN COURIER

Authors and Their Work PURELY Canadian books do not loom Pery large in the autumn announcements of Canadian publishers. One of
the most acceptable will be a collected the most acceptable wing a collected edition of Pauline Johnson's poems, to be brought out by Musson. "Corporal Cam-
eron," Ralph Connor's new novel, to bear the imprint of the Westminster Co., will be a waited with interest. It deals with the Mounted Police. Another Mounted Police story will be "The Long Patrol," by H. A. Cody, announced by "Briggs, while on the same topic will be The Law Bringers," by G. B. Lancaster, by Copp, Clark Co, Briggs will publish Nellie L. McClungs volume of short
stories, to be entitled, "The Black Creek stories, to be entitled, "The Black Creek
Stopping House." Hon. James Young Stopping House. Hon. James Young
has revised his volume of reminiscences and written a new one, making a twovolume work called "Public Men and Public Life in Canada." Alice Jones, Public Life in Canada.
daughter of the former Lieutenantdaughter of the former ine the author Governor of Nova Scotia, is the author
of "Marcus Holbeach's Daughter," to be published by McLeod \& Allen. Hulbert published by Mcieod a Aescriptive book Footner has written a descriptive book
entitled "New Rivers of the North," to entitled issued by Musson. Copp, Clark Co. also announce a book of travel of the far Canadian west, "The Wilderness of the North Pacific Coast Islands," by Charles Sheldon, and a novel, the woman Hater," by J. A. H. Cameron, of
Nova Scotia.
Apart from Canadian books, there will be plenty of good reading this fall.
Among Macmillan's list are: "Songs Out of Books," by Rudyard Kipling; "South America," by Right Hon. James Bryce; "Socialism From the Christian Standpoint," by Father Vaughan; "The Business of Being a Woman," by Ida Tarbell; "A Hundred Years of Peace," by Henry Cabot Lodge. In Musson's list we observe, "Lost World," by Conan Doyle, and "The Lady Married, by Frances Little, author of "The Lady of the "The Virgin Fortress," by Max Pember"The Virgin Fortress," by Max Pember ton, and The Cark \& Co will bring LeFeuvre. Copp, Clark \& Co. will bring out a new, E. V. Lucas novel, "London
Lavender," and "The Unknown QuanLavender, and tity," by Henry Van Dyke. Edith Whartons new ine Marriage," are among McLeod \& Allen's announcements.

Lyon's Seventh Championship F OR the seventh time Mr. George S . Samben The Then the Canadian amateur championship. On Friday of last week at Montreal he defeated Mr. Alex. Hutchison, of the defeated Montreal Golf Club, by 6 up and 5 to play.
5 Mr. Lyon played a safe game throughout the day. He threw away no chances, and, as throughout the games fer the championship match play had been required, he didn't scruple to take more strokes than were absolutely necessary to make a hole rather than risk anything when the position of his opponent made such a course wise.
Mr. Hutchison, as with most of the other opponents of Mr. Lyon during this meeting, played a good long game. His drives were excellent, and his playing through the green had nothing wrong with it, but on the green the came to grief. His putting did not bear comparison with that of the Lambton man.
As they went the rounds both morning and afternoon both players chaffed each other continually, taking their succosour. At the thirtieth green, for instance, Lyon's second stroke struck the flagstaff, and the ball dropped beside the hole, while Hutchison's was at the edge of the green. At this fortunate circumstance which gave him the hole for less than par Lyon remarked: "You're away, Alex. It's no use. The gods are with me." It was constantly remark order that t cord beaten anywhere. His success on the green is not clearly shown by the score as he was not aiming at excellence in medal play.
Lyon has already played twice in England, reaching the fourth round in 1905 at Prestwick and the fifth round in 1908 at Sandwich. He is 54 years old, but he has only been playing golf since 1896. He won his first championship in 1898. The champion is a great cricketer as well. and his score of 238 still stands as the Canadian record in that game.

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in his address to Policyholders at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Company held February 1st:


[^1]When the Worm Turned
(Continued from page 9.)
puzzled by his newly acquired bon camaraderie; he even went so far as to ask When he was not with Regan he was frequently seen going into, or coming out of, Lawyer Brandt's office, but as every one eise who had nothing in particular to
do, dropped in there, little was thought of the circumstance.
The summer passed. Regan and Hester moved back into their home, better to superintend the packing, prior to removing west, and at the same time to benefit by the produce of the very fine garden, for Regan's hobby had led him to the point where he raised only the best of everything. So popular had the promoter become once more that gardening was adopted as a fashionable pastime all through the town, and visitors to the Regan place were the order of the day. chasers, and everything which was purchasers, and everything which was not required for the table was disposed of, at suitably high figures. Green grocers stretched their elastic consciences and advertised in a slack week "Regan celery,
bages, peas, etc.
MacLennan sauntered past the garden one morning, early. Instead of the gardener, Regan himself hovered over the well ordered beds. Seeing the other, he stooped down and raised a splendid head
of cabbage for inspection.
"Isn't that a beauty, Mac?", he called. "Fine specimen, I suppose," answered MacLennan carelessly, and without stopping. ${ }^{\text {Hold }}$
"Hold on!" cried Regan, nettled. "Look at this one-it's even better!" Mac opened the gate and picked his way nearer to the enthusiast. Between them, they then found the "finest head of cabbage on the continent," according to Regan.
"Are these the ones you sell?" asked Mac.

Going into the grocery busi-
"No, but I would like to have those"
Yours they are, then, for fifteen cents, per! I am making a special reduction, sir, because you are doing your shopping early," said Regan in a flippantly professional manner.
MacLennan felt through his pockets carefully.
"I believe I've come off without any money," he said tentatively, and when the offer of the cabbages as a present was not forthcoming, he ventured, gravely:
"You might let me have those, Clar, as part payment of that ten thousand. Perhaps, in time, I could take it all out in vegetables."
The idea tickled the promoter as no joke had done for years. He whooped aloud and all but slapped his companion's shoulder separate from his body.
"It's a go," he gasped.
MacLennan produced a note book-it was one, by the way, he had bought from Regan in the "old days"-and scribbled something on a leaf of it. Then he passed it and the pencil to Regan, to sign.

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Hardly able to hold the pencil for laughing, Regan signed his name; Mac solemnly thanked him, pocketed the book and, taking the cabbages under til the sound of Rowly away. Not ungrown faint did hegan's shouting had grown faint did his features relax, and did he permit himself to smile. By the time he reached Lawyer Brandt's office that it scemed to include so broadened that it seemed to include the whole uniThe little man
riser, looked up who was an early laid the three sharply as MacLennan laid "What have you got on the table. manded. have you got there?" he de manded.
lars," answered of ten thousand dol lars," answered Mac calmly
"Anything in writing?",
"Anything in writing?" asked the
Mac showed him the slip.
Lawyer Brandt laughed a legal, mirth"Now let us get immediately to work so as to put this thing through and deliver


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unto MacLennan the things which are his."
"Hold on a minute!" cried the other, smiling. "I have not had my breakfast. Come around to the restaurant and share my frugal meal!"
When the waiter came to take their order, Mac handed him three cabbages in turn.
We will have these hash-browned, French fried, and Saratoga-chipped," he said serenely. "I intend, my man, to frequent this excellent caravanserie during the rest of my days, and my friend, here, has a standing invitation to patronize you, also. But I adjure bage, that noble and succulent vegetable so necessary to the maintenance of man, in some form or another! I have on hand a contract,"' he went on, ignoring the anxious face of the waiter-"I have on hand a small contract to consume ten thousand dollars worth, and this is the first installment!"
Regan answered the summons to if the cautious old barrister wondered dandled him upon his knee, had any money to invest. The idea was amusing, and brought a smile to his face as he entered the dingy, low-ceilinged room. "Clarence," began Lawyer Brandt, in tone which caused the smile to vanish," I think it is about time to remind you that you owe Jim MacLennan, here nearly ten thousand dollars. When had you thought of paying it?"
Regan smiled his old winning smile at MacLennan. Was that it?
"I have thrashed all that out with Jim," he said at length. "He understands the situation. I not only haven't the money, but-er-you both knowthat is-of course it is an accepted fact that I don't owe any debts. Legally, they have all been wiped off!"
"Well they haven't, then, you scoundrel and hound - you traitor to an old friendship!" thundered the lawyer in a passion of fury. "You owe ten thousand dollars minus forty-five cents, to be exact! By not making Jim a present of your $\mathrm{d}-\mathrm{d}$ old cabbages, as any other man with a streak of decency in him would have done, by signing this slip of paper which you took for his I. O. U. you have made yourself legally responsible for the whole of that debt!
Regan's face went grey as he looked from one to the other. "It isn't so," he stammered. "It was only a joke.

Lawyer Brandt laughed again his mirthless little chuckle. "It was indeed a joke," he retorted, "one which only a fool or a scamp, who was too clever,
would have seen! I repeat, that by givwould have seen! I repeat, that by giving a written proof of the existence of a debt, you have now made yourself liable for it, and no court can save you.
Are you willing to settle the matter Are you willing to settle the matter quietly, or shall I give it all the unpleasant publicity it deserves?"
Regan searched Mac's face for some ray of hope. On his lips were framed the words-"For old times' sake," but he reconsidered and did not utter them. At last he rose.
"I "No need for publicity," he muttered. "I will get the money somehow-I will pay!"

## Ominous.-Knicker-"The moose is distinctly American. <br> Bocker-"So was the buffalo."-New

 York Sun.$\%$ \%
Appreciation.-Vivian Burnett, who is understood to have been the inspiration of his mother's story, "Little Lord Fauntleroy," had a Harvard education, and then tried his hand at journalism (aceording to the New York Evening Post).
A distinguished railroad president came to Denver one day and the editors had reason to suspect that a big story was concealed about him, if it could only be got. The knot of reporters tried in vain, however, to see the big man.
Burnett, thinking that the distinction of his mother's name might avail, wrote on one of his own engraved cards the legend, "son of Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett. The card came back with a polite refusal.
A reporter named Bill Smart looked on scornfully. He tore a jagged piece off the corner of a sheet of copy-paper and wrote on it: "Bill Smart, son of old Mrs. Smart."
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with the least possible worry to our selves and with the greatest possible humiliation to him," he laughed cyni cally. "You have only got to do as I kiss me again, and I must go.,
kiss a moment-a long, long moment
For -Grace looked defiantly into his eyes her head held high. Then suddenly, as if at the call of something more imperious, stronger than any force she had ever known, she flung her arms about his neck with the abandonment of the untrained animal, and pressed her lips to his.
hall do what I like with her he reflected, as he walked slowly homewards, "she will hold her tongue about everything until I tell her to speak: she will be a lamb in my hands. And she every conceivable point of view. And the chance of getting even with Tredman adds savour to the whole affair. If oaly Rosa doesn't bungle things, I may be able to make him pay in more ways than one And if only I knew for cer tain that the other-is dead,"
A telegram lay awaiting him on his bureau, and as he read on the pink paper the words, signed Rosa Muller, he smiled sardonically
"Fortune is in a good mood just now,' he said, "she heaps her favours on me with a lavish hand. This Tredman will have to pay heavily for all he has done.'

## CHAPTER XIV

G ILES TREDMAN sat writing in the library, his table littered with papers having reference to the estate, and to the business connected with his marriage settlement lay at his elbow, marriage settlement his eyes rested upon it. It was so good, so very good to it. It was so good, so very good t?
think that in a few short weeks his think that in a few short weeks his till death should part them. Many times during the course of his writing he lifted his head and allowed his eyes to wander round the library, let his thoughts wander, too, in blissful dreanss of all the future held for him. He savv visions of Grace in every room of his dearly-loved home, saw her receiving guests in the stately drawing-room, sitting at the head of his table in the dining-room, helping him here in the library, interesting herself in all the details of the estate, sharing his every thought and wish and ambition. Round the woman he loved he had built up ail the woman he loved hood, and to him his ideals of womanhood, and to him Grace was the embodiment of every thing that was most lovable and lovely in womanhood. He was sure that be hind her beautiful face lay a correspond ingly beautiful soul, and all her apparent coldness he regarded as exquisit reticence and modesty. In his eyes sb came as near to perfection as it was possible for human being to reach, and the bare idea that there could be a flaw in his idol would have seemed to him almost sacrilegious. Even her cool re ception of little Sylvia had not shaken his belief in the woman he loved. Sie was unused to children, he told himself, it was perhaps only natural that she should be a little jealous of someone who seemed to be usurping part of his ffections: jealousy, after all, might and often did belong to a great love. Thus e excused her but never, for a single intant, would he have allowed that any hadow marred the loveliness of her oul, as he had created its image in eart. It was with a sigh that he pres ently thrust away his day dreams and rew a bat of papers trams, and determining to concers towards him, ind bers for the whole form ousiness for the rest of the think of Grace again until he strolled ound the garden with Sylvis after ted hat he gar Sylvis should visit, reenhoures int shour watch the roses break into flower, ha now become a daily custom, and the child's quaint questions and dainty fancies not only amused and interested her guardian, they also seemed to endear her to him more and more every day She is such a loving little soul, and her thoughts are as pretty and as sweet as her dear little face, the as


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flection passed through his mind as he resolved to concentrate himself on the business in hand, and at that very moment the door of the library was hur-
riedly opened, and Miss Helen entered riedly opened, and Miss Helen entered the room. She looked pale and flurried,
there was a startled expression in her there was a startied expression in her
eyes, and she glanced round the big eyes, and she glanced round the
room with quick, nervous gestures. room with quick, nervous gestures.
"Is Sylvia with you?" she said, mal "Is Sylvia with you?" she said, mak-
ing no apology for her hasty entrance, "have you seen Sylvia lately?"
"Seen Sylvia? Why, no,"
looked at the little lady in surprise "why do you come to ask me about Sylvia?"
"Because I can't find her anywhere." Miss Helen was breathless and panting with excitement. "We generally sit in the garden at this time of day becaus it is nice and cool down by the stream 1 read to her and she works. She went out there soon after lunch and took her needlework and her dolls, and I was to join her later when I had finished my letters. But-she is not there-oh! Sir
Giles, she is not there!" Miss Helen's Giles, she is not there!" Miss Helen excitement bewildered her employer.
"But why are you so upset about he asked kindly. "She is probably play ing about somewhere else in the garden After all, there was no
"No, no, of course not, but oh! Si Giles, I haven't made you understand. I would not have come to trouble you, if it had only been that I could not find Sylvia just in that one place, in the summer house by the stream. But we can't find her anywhere." Miss Helen's voice grew tremulous, her frightened eyes, dim with tears, suddenly gave Giles a sense of foreboding. He pushed back his chair and rose, exclaiming"What do you mean, Miss Stansdale? Sylvia must be somewhere in the house or garden; and even if she had gone into the park or lane there is no harm in that. She is perfectly safe."
"I said that to myself at first, but now I am frightened. II don't know why, but I am frightened." Giles began by laughing her fears to scorn with kindly amusement, declaring that she must have been reading penny novel-
ettes, and imbibing sensational meloettes, and imbibing sensational melo-
drama. But when he himself had drama. But when he himself had
searched house and garden, from end to end, when the servants and stable hands, despatched in all directions, came back with no tidings of the missing child, his own face grew very grave and anxious. He and Miss Helen had gone first to the place where she and her charge had planned to spend the afternoon, a summer house on the edge of a stream which ran between the garden and park. It was an ideal spot for a and park. day, the soft ripple of the summer's day, the soft ripple or the water, the gentle rustling of the trees coolness and freshness to the heat that cooiness and freshness to the heat thed shimmered over the meadows, where red sorrel and ox-eye daisies grew amongst the flowering grasses. Forget-me-nots dipped blue heads into the clear water;
yellow irises stood in stately clumps yellow irises stood in the fragrance of meadow sweet hung upon the warm air In garden and meadow birds were chirping and twittering, but in the summer house there was a silence which struck a chill to the hearts of the man and woman, who stood silently looking round it. Upon the table in the centre lay the book which Miss Helen had been intending to read to Sylvia: seated been the seat with limply hanging stiffly on legs was a row of dolls, all arms and legs warlings, who shared Sylvia's cherished darlings, who s. Bewith her her pleasures and wia's gloves, side them lay one of Sylvia's gloves, and Miss Helen picked little sob.
"You see, the dear child remembered to bring her gloves. I told her to be sure not to forget them, because she wanted to do some gardening after tea We planned to have tea out here; it is such a treat for Sylvia, she rees is is like a kind of picnic, and now she not here to enjoy it. and sitting down voice broke in a she beside the forlorn row of dolls, she began to cry in a pathetic, helpless way that went to Giles' heart.
"Come, come, Miss Stansdale," he said, laying a hand on her shoulder, "don't give way like this. After all, Sylvia has probably strayed off into the Sylvia has probabotten the time. There


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must be some quite simple explanation of her disappearance. Children are not
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In spite
little.
"Early days, isn't it, to be thinking of our little Sylvia getting wooed and married and a'-but, if she goes on as she has begun, Granny Partridge is right. One of these days she will make a sweet wife for some lucky fellow, and I shall have to give the little girl away." said, springing to her feet. "I Helen say you think it is silly of such a fuss, but I have a kind of feeling that she hasn't just strayed into the woods. Besides which, why should she stray away? She has never done such a thing before. It frightens me that she has gone away like this. It really frightens me." Again Sir Giles used his best- endeavours to comfort and calm the distressed little woman; but when afternoon drifted into evening and evening sank into night, and still o trace of Sylvia could be discovered his own anxiety grew intense. The child had vanished with a completeness that was both startling and alarming. If the earth beside the summer house had opened and swallowed her up, she could not have disappeared in a more discondirection failed to elicit the slightest ators of information about her. One of the gardeners had seen her walking towards the summer house, her dolls in her arms; a stable boy had noticed her picking some roses in the garden a little later than the hour when the gardener remembered seeing her. But from the moment when the boy had seen her amongst the roses, she and her bunch of gathered blossoms had vanished leaving no sign. All night long parties of villagers were scouring the park, the lanes, the common, the woods for miles around, but when the various parties returned to the Court the next morning, they could only tell a haggard and weary-looking Sir Giles that their efforts had been quite fruitless. Sylvia was lost, and there did not appear to be the smallest clue by which she could be found. Giles himself had been to Birdbrook, and had even interviewed the station-master of the little station, with forlorn idea that the child might have been carried off and taken away by been carried But both station-master and train. But both station-master and porter solemny dechared that no one the least resembling Sylvia had travelled by train either on the previous after noon, or during the night; and a very distracted Sir Giles and Miss Helen faced one another across the breakfast table.

> "What can have happened to her?" Giles asked his companion for the thousandth time. "And what can have If anybody had done her any harm, what reason was there for harming her To the two who loved her it appeared so meaningless, so bewildering, so im possible of explanation, that the day which followed was like one long nightmare. Miss Helen was half beside her self with grief and suspense; Sir Giles went about with a face so white and worn, and with a look of such set misery in his eyes, that he seemed to have aged by ten years.
said to Miss Helen so unbearable," he the course of thel more than once in one only knew the child had day, "if no harm, if one only knew she was safe somewhere, it would be less hard to bear As things are it is almost intolerable And it is all so incomprehensible, one sees no light upon it,"
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jewel-is given back to its rightul owner. It was stolen by Sylvia's mother. If you are willing to restore it, insert If you are willing to restore it, insert an advertisement to that effect on the
front page of the Morning Post, heading front page of the Morning Post, heading
it 'Sylvia.'"
The effusion was shown by Giles to the local police and also to a detective from Scotland Yard, whose aid he had sought; and both authorities strongly urged him to temporize, to insert an advertisement and await the result. To the Scotland Yard official, an intelligent individual named Stokes, Giles told the whole story of the first meeting with Sylvia and her mother, and of the ivory box and its precious contents which Mrs. Burnett had given him on her death bed. "She insisted most strongly that the jewel was the child's property," he wound up by saying, "and I have always supposed that she must have alluded to Sylvia's father when she implored me to keep the little gir she of some man's hands. I gathered that this man, whoever he was, was someone to be feared and avoided, and that both the child and the jewel were to be kept from him at all costs. It to be kept from someone traced Sylvia is obvious that someone blackmail me. here, and now means ito was not in any If I only knew or difficulty."
"Whoever wrote you that letter isn' going to let you know anything about going to little lady," Stokes said shrewdly. "He will want to keep you on tenter hooks as much as ever he can, till he sees what chance he's got of having that jewel."
"Which he certainly won't get, whoever he may be," Giles said sternly, "the jewel is Sylvia's, practically her whole inheritance. I have no intention of parting with it."
"The next thing the writer of the letter will do will be to threaten the child's life," the detective answered. "Unscrupulous people, such as this one must be, stick at nothing. And if, by any chance, he has got his knife into you for any reason, he means to do his you for to hurt you, come what may." utmost to hurt you, com why anybody hould as you say, have his knife into should, as you say, have puzzled tones. me," Giles answered in puzzled tones. As lite litle girl in the world. I adopted the little girl we have lost, because she seemed to be entirely alone, thrown on her own resources. I had no means of tracing any relations or friends; she did not appear to possess any. And who, or what, the writer of this letter can be, I cannot imagine."
imagine." "What about the little lady's father?" asked the detective. "Was her mother a widow when you met her? Or was there a husband somewhere in the background?"
Giles shook his head.
"I don't know, I never knew," he answered "The poor mother died withanswered. telling me anything about out really the child, and I could find herself or the chid, angs to give any nothing amongst ider The whole thing clue to her identity. The whole thing is mysterious, and the way in which somebody has suddenly discovered that I have charge of Sylvia and her jewel is not the least mysterious part of the whole affair.
Acting on the advice given him, Giles inserted the following advertisement in the Morning Post:
"Sylvia.-Willing to negotiate about the wonder jewel. Give further details. Giles." And the day after the insertion appeared, another typewritten letter reached him by post.
letter reached him by post.
"Dear Sir," it ran,-"The wonder jewel to which you refer, is my property, stolen from me by the lady known to you as Sylvia Burnett's mother. I have no desire or intention of meeting you face to face. I should therefore be glad if you would post the jewel to me by registered packet. Please address it to Mr. Smith, c|o Mr. J. Cox, Stationer, 155, Redman Street, Chelsea, S.W. Unless the jewel is in the gentleman's hands by Monday next at latest, Sylvia will be sent to join her mother. You are dealing with an unscrupulous and desperate man."
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