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According to William Arthur Deacon, former president of the Canadian Authors Association, in an address last November, "every important Canadian book has been written within the past 70 years, the great majority within the past 25 years. A single year's production now outweighs, in volume and merit, that of any decade before 1920."

Canadian literature, says Mr. Deacon, "has commenced to express the soul of a people just awakened to the fact that it has a soul to express - a distinct and unique soul - and that it must solve its own problems on its own terms."

For many years Canadian Writers have been climbing a long uphill path to recognition, and in some cases to fame. In 1927, when Mazo de la Roche won the \$10,000 Atlantic Monthly Prize with her novel Jalna, the achievement was so sensational for a Canadian writer that the city of Toronto gave her a public banquet. In later years, honours were more usual. The first edition of Franklin Davey McDowell's The Champlain Road ran out in two weeks. Gwethalyn Graham's Earth and High Heaven is circulating in 10 languages other than English. Bruce Hutchison's The Unknown Country and Hugh MacLennan's Two Solitudes entered the best-seller list at home and received acclaim abroad.

In the field of French-Canadian literature great advances have been made. Mason Wade, in French-Canadian Outlook, published in 1946, notes that, until recently, most French-Canadian books were devoted to "glorifying the good old days of the French regime, and the obsolescent, patriarchal, rural world, untouched by alien influences." This, he says, was inevitable, as their authors were the privileged élite. The revolution in French-Canadian literature is shown in Ringet's Thirty Acres, a realistic picture of rural life, and in Roger Lemelin's The Town Below, a satire of city life and industrial workers. The latter won for the young author the French Academy's French-Language Prize, the David Award, and a Guggenheim Fellowship. Gabrielle Roy, a native of St. Boniface, Manitoba, was elected a member of the Royal Society of Canada, and her novel The Tin Flute, won the Prix Femina Vie Heureuse (Paris) for the year's most distinguished novel by a woman.

Canadians of the new generation who write in the French language are making an effort to throw off the bonds of traditionalism and to produce a literature which is essentially Canadian.

Twenty-three English-language publishers and eighteen French-language publishers have supplied the Royal Bank of Canada with the list of books published by them in the past twelve months and those (marked **A**) planned for Autumn publication. It was not attempted to list school text-books, except a few of general reading interest.

Works published in 1947-48 by Canadian authors writing
in English

FICTION

The Precipice	Hugh MacLennan (d)
Joe Lavally and the Paleface	Bernard Wicksteed (d)
Serpent's Tooth	Isabelle Hughes (d)
Fresh Winds Blowing	Grace Campbell (d)
The Aging Nymph	A.J. Elliott (d)
The Robber	Bertram Brooker (d)
The Flaming Hour	E.A. McCourt (1)
Boss of the River	Felix-Antoine Savard (1)
Judgment Glen	Will R. Bird (1)
Great Waters	Norman Tucker (1)
To Effect an Arrest	Harwood Steele (1)
Music at the Close	E.A. McCourt (1)
The Village of Souls	Philip Child (1)
*Flaming Fur Lands	S.A. White (1)
Red River Shadows	Olive E. Knox (g)
*Philip & Mary	Mazo de la Roche (g)
Canadian Summer	Hilda van Stockum (g)
A Country Lover	Helen Guiton (e)
The Evening Heron	Philip Freund (n)
Stephanie's Son	Philip Freund (n)
Truthfully Yours	Angeline Hango (i)
Sarah Binks	Paul G. Hiebert (i)
In Due Season	Christine van der Mark (i)
The Road South	Roderick S. Kennedy (b)
It's All in the Family	Margaret Millar (k)
Deep Doorways	Dorothy Dumbrille (a)
Shreds of Circumstance	Madge Macbeth (m)
The Highland Heart in Nova Scotia	Neil MacNeil (m)
The Town Below	Roger Lemelin (h) (translated from the French)

BIOGRAPHY AND MEMOIRS

This Was My Choice	Igor Gouzenko (e)
The Owl Pen	Kenneth McNeill Wells (e)
John W. Dafoe	G.V. Ferguson (1)
Life of W.H.G. Kingston	M.R. Kingsford (1)
Green Fields Afar	Clara & J.E. Middleton (1)
The Pickersgill Letters	Edited by G.H. Ford (1)
The Diary of Our Own Pepys	Edited by I. Norman Smith (1)
Pauline Johnson and Her Friends	Walter McRaye (1)
Matthew Arnold	E.K. Brown (1)
Walter J. Phillips	Duncan Campbell Scott (1)
Edwin J. Pratt	H.W. Wells & Carl F. Klinck (1)
Sir Frederick Banting	Lloyd Stevenson (1)
William Bell: A Man Austere	Isabel Skelton (1)
The Making of a Canadian: J.F.B. Livesay	Edited by Florence Livesay (1)
Leading Canadian Poets	Edited by Dr. W.P. Percival (1)
When the Steel Went Through	P. Turner Bone (g)
The Talking Wire	O.J. Stevenson (g)
Egerton Ryerson	C.B. Sissons (c)
A Study of Goethe	Barker Fairley (i)
The Wit and Wisdom of Whitehead	A.H. Johnson (m)

POETRY

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| No Man an Island | George Whalley (c) |
| *Poems of Christian Experience | Very Rev. G.C. Pidgeon (c) |
| The Wounded Prince and Other Poems | Douglas Le Pan (c) |
| Tancred: Prince of Salerno | Laurence Dakin (e) |
| The Strait of Anian | Earle Birney (1) |
| Poems for People | Dorothy Livesay (1) |
| Figure in the Rain | Genevieve Bartole (1) |
| The Collected Poems of Arthur S. Beggar's Velvet | Bourinot (1) |
| Midwinter Thaw | Ethel Kirk Grayson (1) |
| Behind the Log | Lenore Pratt (1) |
| The Ill-Tempered Lover and Other Poems | E.J. Pratt (g) |
| Modern Poems for Modern Youth | L.A. MacKay (g) |
| | Edited by Dr. W.P. Percival (f) |

AFFAIRS

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| This New Canada | Margaret McWilliams (e) |
| On Being Canadian | Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey (e) |
| Putting Your Dollars to Work | Ronald McEachern (i) |
| The Function of the University Canada | R.S.K. Seeley (i) |
| The Canadian Pageant | Edgar McInnis (c) |
| World Security by Conference Canada & The Pan American System | G.J. Reeve & R.O. MacFarlane (c) |
| Youth Speaks Its Mind | W.A. Riddell (1) |
| Homes for Canadians | F.H. Soward & A.M. Macaulay (1) |
| Canada in a New World | Blodwen Davies (1) |
| Trade Unions in Canada | Lillian D. Millar (1) |
| Three Centuries of Canadian Nursing | Edited by Eugene Forsey (1) |
| Life is for Living | Harold A. Logan (g) |
| The Canadian Economy in Transition | J. Murray Gibbon & M. Mathewson (g) |
| Corporation Finance | Dr. D. Ewen Cameron (g) |
| The Theory of Economic Change Industry and Humanity | J.D. Gibson (ed.) (g) |
| English Merchant Shipping | C.A. Ashley (g) |
| Readings in British Government | B.S. Kierstead (g) |
| Canadian Japanese and World War II | Rt. Hon. Wm. Lyon Mackenzie King (g) |
| Church and Sect in Canada | Dorothy Burwash (o) |
| The Values of Life | Elisabeth Wallace (o) |
| Social Approach to Economics | Forrest E. La Violette (o) |
| General Middleton's Account of the Riel Rebellion 1885 | S. Delbert Clark (o) |
| Half-Hours with Great Scientists | E.J. Urwick (o) |
| The Government of Canada | H.A. Logan & M.K. Inman (o) |
| | Edited, with introduction by G.H. Needler (o) |
| | Charles G. Fraser (o) |
| | R. MacG. Dawson (o) |

EXPLORATION AND TRAVEL

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| The Great Mackenzie: In World and Photo | Raymond Arthur Davies (1) |
| The Northland: Ontario | O.T.G. Williamson (1) |
| Alaska Beckons | Marius Barbeau (g) |
| Hill-Top Tales | Dan McCowan (g) |
| And All Your Beauty | W.R. Watson (g) |
| Canada Moves North | Richard Finnie (g) |

WAR

Sailor Remember
Haida

W.H. Pugsley (d)
William Sclater (i)

MISCELLANEOUS

The Pure Celestial Fire
Youth, Marriage & The Family
Youth Speaks Out On Citizen-
ship

Randolph Carleton Chalmers (1)
Canadian Youth Commission (1)

Baptists in the Protestant
Tradition

Canadian Youth Commission (1)

Skills for Living

Maitland M. Lappin (1)

*J.W. Beatty

S.R. Laycock (1)

Economics and Life

Dorothy Hoover (1)

*Schooner Bluenose

H.D. Chataway (1)

Andrew Merkel & W.R.

Cornelius Kreighoff

MacAskill (1)

Marius Barbeau (1)

*The History of the Canadian
Press

M.E. Nichols (1)

The King Nobody Wanted

Norman F. Langford (1)

Sense and Nonsense

Eric Patrick Nicol (1)

Personality and Its Deviations

G.H. Stevenson & L.E. Neal (1)

The Passing Show

Rex Frost (1)

Men in Sheepskin Coats

Vera Lysenko (1)

The Chancel : Before and After

W.M. Birks (1)

Canadian Cook Book (revised)

Nellie Lyle Pattinson (1)

Psychology, Normal and

Dr. J.W. Bridges (j)

Abnormal

Principles of Industrial
Management

Prof. E.A. Allcut (j)

*No Coward's Soul

Rev. David A. MacLennan, D.D. (c)

*Science, Humanism and
Christian Education

Horace Speakman (c)

*Introducing the Insect

Frederick A. Urquhart and
E.B. Shelley Logier (c)

The Diary of Samuel Marchbanks
Spiritism

Robertson Davies (c)

Two and Two

G.H. Estabrooks (n)

The Men of the Mounted

P.C. Armstrong (e)

The Autobiography of a Nobody

Nora Kelly (e)

One Thing After Another

N.B. James (e)

A Play on Words (radio plays)

Charles B. Pyper (e)

With One Voice

Lister Sinclair (e)

In Pastures Green

E.C. Woodley (e)

The Canoe and You

Peter McArthur (e)

Charters of Our Freedom

Ronald H. Perry, M.A. (e)

Canada and Her Neighbours

Dr. Reginald G. Trotter (f)

Better Speeches for All

Taylor, Seiveright and Lloyd (f)

Occasions

C.W. Wright (b)

Fortress North

E. Jacoby Walker (a)

Thunder in the Mountains

Hilda Mary Hooke (i)

She Skated Into Our Hearts

Cay Moore (h)

Tales of the Sea

Archibald MacMechan (h)

The Wedding Gift & Other
Stories

Thomas Raddall (h)

The Varsity Story

Morley Callaghan (g)

100 to Dinner

Middleton, Ransom & Vierin (o)

The Wrath of Homer

L.A. MacKay (o)

Of Irony Especially in Drama

G.G. Sedgwick (o)

JUVENILES

The Pompous Parrot	Daphne Taylor (g)
Men of Valour	Mabel Tinkiss Good (g)
Golden North	Maria McPhedran (g)
Saltwater Summer	Roderick L. Haig-Brown (d)
*Teddy Dappy and Joe	Hugh Weatherby (l)

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- (k) Random House of Canada
- (l) The Ryerson Press
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- (o) University of Toronto Press

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