

FORTY YEARS IN CANADA.

Reminiscences of the Great North not a little human sympathy West, With Some Account of His some of the rascals. Service in South Africa, by Ma-Pages.

man born and bred.

1849, in the County of Simcoe. He as for as lay in their power. He was came of fighting stock, his father given leave to go once a week to having been an officer in the British his store to see that his books were navy, who was a lieutenant on the being kept correctly and the busi-Leopard when she forcibly searched ness going on as it should, returnthe Chespeake, and who fought un- ing with a treat of California tinned der Cochrane in the Basque Roads. fruit for 'the boys.'" Later he was one of a number of half Many more anecdotes could pay officers who came to Canada, culled from Colonel Steele's book, where he "took up 1,000 acres of but we must close. The editress has land in the picturesque county of done her work well, the illustrations Simcoe, cleared off the forest, built are well chosen, and print, paper, at his own expense the first Anglican and binding are good. church in the township, and eventually became the first member of Parliament for the county."

Young Sam was a husky lad who early joined the militia, and in 1870 expedition to the Red River. In this he did well and rose to be Sergeant. Courses of instruction in Kingston and Toronto followed, and in the autumn of 1873 he was sworn in Sergeant-Major to assist in the organization of the North West

one secret is brought to light. The Major General T. B. Strange, both small compass of a newspaper review the wiles of flattery or the snares of well known to Kingstonians, under to do more than indicate the scope to do more than indicate the scope es is to find praise lavishly given to on the North-West rebellion in 1885. are fully and generously vindicated from charges which had been brought against them. Reading between the ines, one can see that General Steels has not the highest offinion of the late General Middleton.

"It did not matter, however, who was mentioned in despatches, no one but the G.O.C. received any reward. He was voted in Parliament the sum of \$20,000 and was knighted; but there was nothing for General Strange after all his hard work. He had saved Alberta, had rescued the captives who had been on Big Bear's tribe and their allies the Wood Crees, the K.C.M.G.

all, and kind to a fault. founded. In 1870 and the following sanitation, had swept away perhaps jority were being bedevilled by illicit liquor traders. So strong were they actually rounded up the lawful traders and drove them out of the country. One of the principal posts of the traders in that region was Fort Hamilton, commonly known as "Whoop Up," situated at the forks of the Belly and St. Mary's rivers. The trader stood at the wicket, a tubful of whiskey beside him, and when an Indian pushed in

a buffalo robe to him through the hole in the wall he handed out a tin cupfull of the poisonous decoction. A quart of the stuff bought a fine pony. When spring came, waggon loads of the proceeds of the traffic were escorted to Fort Benton. Montana, some 200 odd miles south of the border line." The way in which the police round-

ed up these gentry and ran them out of the country is well told, with

"There were many strange characters in the country at that time, jor-General S. B. Steele, C. B. who soon became acquainted with the M. V. O., Edited by Mollie Glen Mounted Police. One old trader had Niblett, With an Introduction a store not far from Fort MacLeod. By J. G. Colmer, C. M. B., and His trade had been largely in whis-17 Plates. Toronto, McClelland, great number of buffalo robes, Goodchild and Stewart, Ltd.; tained largely in that way, London, Hubert Jenkins. 428 confiscated, and he was fined and inprisoned. When he came before Colonel Macleod and was convicted The title of Major-General Steele's said : 'Colonel, I'll make them wires book is in a sense misleading, for hum to Washington when I get while it correctly describes the per- loose.' The magistrate calmly reiod covered, which is from 1570 to plied, 'Let them hum!' He did his 1910, it suggests that he came to us six months, but instead of making from without, and to obscure the the wires tingle with his message to fact that the General is an Ontario the President of the United States, he became quite fond of the force, Major-General Steele was born in who had always treated him kindly,

THE WAR AND DEMOCRACY

Wilson, Alfred E. Zimmern and Arthur Greenwood, The Macmil-Price, 50c.

To those who wish to familiarize Mounted Police. From that time themselves with the underlying cau-General Steele's life has been identi- ses that led up to the present world- with the cavalry forces in the Sou- ring. Amid the clamour of war, has been constantly carried on from fied with that of the West. He rose war-not the mere excuse of a royal dan campaign and in South Africa when the Empire is fighting a life the sixth century before the Christsteadily through the grades of his murder at Sarajevo, but the racial, corps, was in command of the de- national and geographical differenctachment in the Yukon, after which, es whose early beginnings can be tionized training methods. Then came | American poet lift up his clear | them Socrates who showed him the as every Canadian knows, he was ap- traced back through centuries of the Ulster troubles and his resigna- sounding voice in commendation and way out of the doubt of the very pospointed Colonel of the Strathcona's jealousy and fear and conflict -we tion. Nothing, however, could ob- brotherly encouragement. In "Am- sibility of true knowledge. It was Horse, and saw service in South Af- can most heartily recommend this secure his military genius or dim the erican Neutrality," a sonnet in Plato who gave us the word "ideas" rica. At the conclusion of the war book. Numerous volumes dealing fame of his daring initiative in ac- which he attains a high note of ex- though in modern English it usually he returned for some years to South with war have been reviewed on this live service. When the great war cellence, he sums up the better feel African Constabulary. In 1914 he page, but they have either dealt with came and the nation looked around ing of the republic in one masterly what it did to him, for he regarded was promoted to the rank of Major- some particular aspect of the present for a trusted and an ideal leader, sentence: "Being American, our it as the Form. Like Bacon he lit his General. Recent rumors connect struggle or only superficially touch- French was the one man to be sel- souls cannot keep neutral and keep his name with an appointment which ed on the real causes. In "The ected. The nation's faith in him true." would enable him to add new and War and Democracy" the authors go will not be misplaced. His mas- The first part of the present volthrilling chapters to his memoirs. back to the beginning of things and terly retreat from Mons won for him, ume is devoted to war sonnets and General Steele's book reveals a there lay their foundations. No more from his French allies, the title of poems of unusual excellence. kindly personality, with a warm word comprehensive or thorough treatment "the modern Marlborough." for almost everybody, devoted to his of the various subjects could scarce. Inevitably, perhaps, says the auth- Germans, pity for the Belgian's and work and to the west, and passion by be hoped for. The men who have or, French suggests Napoleon in cer- a fine spirit of hope for the allied ately loyal to his superiors. He has written the various chapters are tain subtle traits of character rather cause. To quote the sonnet above the military gifts of reticence, and scholars well-informed, both by than in personality. His rapidity referred to: anyone who knows much of the his- study, insight and personal observa- of thought, for instance, has probabtory of the west must wish that he tion. They have fived among the ly not been equalled since Napoleon had unburdened his mind just a little people whom they describe, and have set Europe by the ears. Although his How shall we keep an armed neumore freely. Yet even so more than noted their hopes and their aspira- temper is irascible it is not enduring. tions, their excellencies and their de- He never nurses hatreds or broods reputations of Col. Irvine and of ficiencies. It is impossible, in the over trifles. He is impervious to That seek to hold our

of this book and state briefly some of the conclusions arrived at. The book is divided into the following chapters: "The National Idea in Europe," "The Real Germany," Austria-Hungary and the Southern know, will ever upset the cool sanity Slavs." "Foreign Policy," "The Issues of the War," "Social and Economic Aspects of the War," "German Culture and the British Common- the distinctly masterful carriage of wealth." The guiding idea of the the man. His short, stocky figure, authors has been the sense of the like General Grant's, suggests that great, new responsibilities, both of fatigue is unknown to him. This is thought and action, which the pres- indeed the case. His mind, too, is ent situation lays upon British Demo- as tireless as his body. One might cracy and on believers in democracy sum him up as the beau-ideal, not throughout the world. The issues of only of the cavalry spirit, but of the the war-what are they to be? How scientific soldier. He can lead a shall the spoils be divided in order cavalry charge with the dash of a that permanent peace may be assur- Hotspur, and he can plan out a camshould certainly have been granted ed? Divisions of territory must be paign with the masterly logic of a the K.C.M.G."

along national as well as geographi- Marlborough.

But General Steele's great hero is cal lines. New states will undoubted- The biography closes with a rethe first commanding other of the ly be created, and justice done to the print of the famous Mons despatch. N.W.M.P., Lieut, Col. James Far smaller Slav nations which were rob- as forwarded to the War office by guharson Macleod, whom we are ber of their rights at the close of Genefal French. It reveals him as a proud to claim as a graduate of the late Balkan war. Russia will no writer of parts, as a master of lucid Queen's University. "As a soldier, a doubt be allowed to occupy the whole and incisive English. It might well judge and a gentleman he had few of Turkish Armenia. She is the only be printed in our school histories, equals. From the time he arrived, in power which can replace the Turks nay merely as a vivid historical doeverything for the well-being of the as master of Constantinople. "The cument, but as a model of English people of the North-West Territory Turkish Empire has committed sui- prose. his hand was seen. No one was jeal- cide, and dug with its own hands its ous of him; he was the admired of grave," and to Britain will fall more fully than ever before the leadership To an historian perhaps the most of the Mahommedan world. The valuable part of Colonel Steele's granting by Russia of Polish autonobook is his account of the terrible my, the restoration of the Finnish lawlessness among the Indians of the constitution, the relaxation of lingu-North-West before the N.W.M.P. was istic restrictions among the lesser; races of the Empire, and the adoptfon of a humaner attitude toward the like the American Civil War, will pox, spread by Indian ignorance of Jews of the Pale—these are steps furnish the material and the backwhich follow logically from the pro- ground for many an interesting and clamation of Grand Duke Nicholas, inciting novel. Already Mr. Stevenand indeed from the alliance with the son has started the movement, and western powers. The authors agree he is bound to have many imitators. with Prof. Gilbert Murray when he Let us hope that they will keep up says: "Shall we try again to achieve to the high standard which he has Castlereagh's and Czar Alexander's set. 'Little Comrade, a Story of the

BELGIUM.

R. C. K. Ensor. (Home University Library.) Williams & NorBradford Stewart, leaving the conThe poems of peace, which com

book on that country which will give senseless waste is readers what they require, Mr. Ensor writes with encyclopaedic knowwith lucidity the historical and other information that carries conviction as well as instruction. Here is the epitome of all that can be said about Belgium. Mr. Ensor admirpresented in a new light. "They have seen a nation where they had supposed that there was only a geographical expression. They have seen martial courage where they had forgotten it had been famous for centuries". It is good to be rethe crusades, and that its common people established the first free city life north of the Alps. He emphasises their nationality even though they sace, who is seeking to escape to have no national language. He deals France with important plans of Gerwith the influence of geography on the character and destinies of the Belgian people before he passes on the story of their slipping through to describe their more general char- the clutches of that marvellous piece Belgium.

SIR JOHN FRENCH.

Goodchild & Stewart, Toronto, Publishers, Price, 50c. R. Uglow & Co., City.

A particularly timely book at present is this authentic biography of the commander-in-chief of the British Expeditionary Force which i fighting the battles of liberty and equality on the continent. Marshall Sir Evelyn Wood, V. C. contributes a brief introduction, paying a worthy tribute to a worthy sol-

The biography is not a lengthy one, but it is carefully and accurate- By Percy Mackage. The MacMillan ly compiled. It reveals the man to enlisted as a private in Wolseley's By B. W. Seton-Watson, J. Dover us as he is- a student as well as a soldier, a man who can afford to await his chance, and, while waiting, to improve every moment. He of the leading American poets lan Co. of Canada, Toronto, never pushed himself forward, ned the present day. His verse ranks further, for in its more direct assis-Publishers, 390 Pages, 8 Maps. | never sought preferment, but labored | high for its noble thought and its | tance to the most rudimentary enthat he might deserve it. And when beauty of expression, no less than quirer it may lead many others on to it came, as ultimately it did, French for the vigorous, wholesome truths the study of the other volumes. was well-fitted for the task devolv- he proclaims. Some of the songs The whole history of philosophy ing upon him. His masterly work in the present volume are soul-stir- is the narrative of a discussion that proved his worth. During his com- and death struggle for freedom and ian era to our twentieth century. mand of Aldershot camp he revolu- democracy, it is helpful to hear an | Plato had his predecessors, among

subordinates but no mention of self. He has, indeed, mastered the art of being great enough to allow others Of truth."-Great God! to be great. You feel that you are safe with French. Nothing, you of his reasoning, the balanced decision of his judgments. This impression of certainty is strengthened by

LITTLE COMRADE.

By Burton K. Stevenson. McClelland, Goodchild & Stewart, Toronto, Publishers. Price, \$1.20. R.

Uglow & Co., City. Doubtless the present great war, ideal of a permanent Concert, pled- Great War" is a thrilling tale of ged to make collective war upon the mystery, love and international inpeace-breaker? Surely we must. We trigue, laid during the first few must learn to agree, we civilized na- | weeks of the war. Vividly the authtions of Europe, or else we must per- or pictures the irresistable advance of the German hosts, the attack upon the forts of Liege and the gallant defence by the Belgians. Ap parently Mr. Stevenson knows

sive and authoritative volume on Bel- fine, white, surgeon's hands are Space permits only a brief quota-This is a sound, sensible wasted, and this idea of useless, tion: emphasized throughout the book. In the first A man went down to Panama chapter Bloem disappears from the ledge of his subject, yet he conveys book, but Stewart is caught up in the maelstrom of the Belgian cam- A man stood up in Panama, paign. Then follow some exciting weeks as he and his "little comrade" struggle heroically to elude the Germans and find a haven in the Belably shows how Belgium has been gian lines. Through many hardships and adventures Stewart passes successfully and finally comes into the presence of General Joffre himself where he is decorated with the ribbon of the Legion. Always the note of waste and futility and horror of! war sounds clear and distinct throughout the book. There is no minded now that its nobility headed glory about the war, as the author

The "little comrade" is a young and beautiful Frenchwoman of Alman fortifications. She throws herself upon the mercy of Stewart, and Germans attack and burn the village they are in. Vainly he seeks her, and is at last compelled to go on By Cecil Chisholm, M. A. McClelland, and deliver to Joffre the letters she fervently entrusted to his care. the last chapter the author, as in France. In one of the cots lies the "little comrade" recovering from her wounds, and confident that much interest.

THE PRESENT HOUR

Company Of Canada, Toronto, Publishers. Price, \$1.25.

Mr. MacKaye is well-known as one

them is unmistakably censure of the

AMERICAN NEUTRALITY. our own souls? Our souls belie

sympathy. Flames on the blinded

Yet England's cause is ours; the rights Which little Belgium battles for anew shall we recant? No!-Being Ameri-Our souls cannot help keep neutral and

To Canadians he extends hearty greetings as to kin-folk fighting in known writer Bonnycastle Dale in a notable cause. A fine note brotherhood breathes in this impas. Canada. "The Wise Fish" by William wide circulation in the Dominion.

MEN OF CANADA. Men of Canada, Proud of the fight you wage, Proud of your valiant youth iling to battle for freedom and

On our own battlefields ankee, Canadian, redcoat and range Staunch through the centuries,

Ah, it's a weary thing Waiting and watching here, ambing ourselves to a frozen neutrality; Yet, in a world at war.

Tis our good part to keep

Patient to forge the strong peace of

Though, then, our part be Peace, League with your own 'gainst the world-lust of Vandals; Yea in the dreary night. Ve, with your women, weep and for your shroudless dead burn our

So, by the gunless law Waging the death of war.

silence the demons of cannon forever. Kin-folk of Canada. So may your allied arms Smite with his legions the Lord God speed your noble cause God save your gallant sons!

gate, London, and William Briggress of surgeons at Vienna, jourgs, Toronto, Publishers, 256
Pages With Maps. Price, 35c.
Cologne, where he learns that war is imminent. His German friend delingesque swing and style about piores the conditions which force "Goethals," a captivating poem in No book is more needed at the pre- him to join his regiment and go to which the author pays a kindly trisent stage than a handy, comprehen- the front. In such a service his bute to the great Panama engineer

And lift the eternal tide:

Wrought mightier the seer

A HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY

Clement C. J. Webb, Williams & Norgate, London, W. C. and William Briggs, Toronto, Publishers. 256 Pages. Price, 35c and

This is another of those handy acteristics. Then is traced for us of machinery, the German army, and compact little volumes of the the glorious epochs in the history of reads like a romance. There are Home University Library series, of the country before we come to those many hairbreadth escapes, all told which over a hundred have already evil days when Belgium was "the with much dash and spirit. They been issued. Each is written by a cock-pit of Europe." Once the king- witness the mobilization, the cross- man who is a thorough master of his dom was established we are shown ing of the Meuse and the attack on subject. To write a book on philothe social conditions and the ambi- Belgium, and meanwhile fall in love sophy without a dull page from covtious art and literature of modern with each other. Both are injured er to cover is in itself no mean feat. by bullets, and while Stewart seeks Mr. Webb has done yet more, because help for his wounded comrade the he has enabled the man who knows nothing about philosophy to obtain some knowledge of all the teaching of all the great thinkers from the earliest time. This has been set forth so clearly and simply without sidelight, pictures a hospital scene any descent into superficiality that the work must take an unique place among serious books henceforth. Here is no ephemeral production that somewhere, sometime, they will meet will be excelled by the next on the again. Apparently the author in subject, but a final and conclusive tends to continue the story in an- summary of what has been thought other book. It will be awaited with and taught by the most profound in all the ages.

It has been admitted that two of the most popular successes of now established Home University Library have been achieved by "Problems of Philosophy" by Hon. Bertrand Russell and "Ethics" by Prof. Moore, To them Mr. Webb's "History of Philosophy" furnishes an able companion, but it may go

torch at every man's candle, but he was really a contemplator of supreme goodness. If he was mystical Aristotle was more cautious and pratical. The Epicureans were regarded as sensualists, but the Stoles virtually created a religion which came to be contrasted with Christianity. Marcus Aurelius has been surpassed in popularity by St. Paul, whose philosophy has been spread through the Bible. To follow the path of the later thinkers Mr. Webb's little street home. book must be read. The views of in Pythagoras, Francis Bacon, Descartes, Berkeley and Locke, Kant who Fichte, Hegel, Darwin, Herbert Spencer, down to the American William lames, are all clearly embodied in pages that form a telescope whereby the reader can be the spectator of all thought and learn the noblest theorles as to existence. A volume with god- this high, aim, coupled with such clarity of method, is one which can give incalculable assistance to everyone of a serious bent.

The April Magazine. "The Steelhead" the great gamy trout that comes out of the ocean, is the subject of an article by the well of the April issue of Rod and Gun in

sioned poem, which should find a Hubbard, is a humorous ichthyological dialogue in which Sol Pike, Jerry Minnow, Bill Tench, Peter Perch, Johnny Roach, Tim Gudgeon, Jimmy Grayling and others of their ilk take part. The Forest Fire Problem in Algonquin Park is dealt with by W. L. Wise. In addition there are many other stories and articles of interest to the readers of an outdoor magazine. Our wants, if we can possibly pre-

vent it, should never exceed our

Do You Know the Origin of the Easter Bunny?

OUPPOSE the kiddles ask you why the rabbit belongs to Easter, what will you tell them? Perhaps you would like to know the legend which established the bunny as a symbol of this particular season. Here it is: Many years ago, during a cruel war in Europe, a duchess, with her two children and an old servant, fled for safety to a little obscure village in the mountains. She found the people very poor, and one thing that surprised her much was that they used no eggs. She learned that they had never seen or heard of hens. So when the old servant went off to get tidings of his master and the war, he brought back with him some of these

barnyard birds. The simple village folk were greatly interested in the strange fowl, and when they saw the tiny yellow chickens breaking their way out of the eggs they were full of del ght. But the duchess was saddened by the thought that Easter was drawing near, and that she had no gifts for the little mountain children. Then an idea came to her. She would use some of the eggs.

So she made bright dyes out of herbs and roots, and colored the eggs, because the spring was beginning to color the earth with leaves and flowers. Then the children were invited to visit the duchess, and she told them stories of the glad Easter Day, and afterwards bade each make a nest of moss out of the bushes. When they had all partaken . of the little feast provided in their honor, and went back to the woods to look at their nest lo! in each were five colored eggs! "What a good hen it must have been to lay such beautiful eggs!" said one child.

"It could not have been a hen," said another. "The eggs that the hens lay are white. It must have been a rabbit that jumped out from the tree when I made my nest." And all the children agreed that it was

the rabbit and to this day in that little mountain village and in the country far beyond it the myscle bunny is supposed to bring eggs and gifts at Easter to the little children who have been loving and kind during the year







The bars were closed on Good Fr day and the boys were unable get a drink of bock beer, the usual Easter beverage.

"Bed and breakfast" is what Kingston will give the commissioners to the General Assembly in June. Will they get their breakfast in their bed on Sunday morning, as Harry Laud-

With the wolf- bounty increase from \$15 to \$20, travel in North Frontenac will be rendered much safer for Kingston people who some times have to take long drives.

The Lampman has a vision of the heavyweights of the police force, who are appointed dog catchers, chasing untagged curs through the streets. It will be good for their physical well-being, and may develop some marathon runners here

"O For a Thousand Tongues," sighs a Kingston lad who has been invited to a taffey pull at an Alfred

Well "Tom" McAuley, what have you to say to it? A bookseller fined was waked from dogmatic slumber, for flying the Union Jack over the pay the farmers fifty and sixty cents that the old Union Jack could do no wrong whether flying in a backyard or on a church. Apparently there is a time when it is just a rag, and that time is when it runs up against a Kingston by-law.

> How many cabbies comply with the town ordinance regarding the displaying of their license number and a copy of the cab tariff in their ve-

main enthusiasts should pick a night merchant "unfriendly" to the Govfor their bird scrap when "Dan" ernment were subsequently sold to Couper was attending Town Council the Government by "friendlies" at an meeting, and invade his immediate advance of 62 per cent. plus 10 per neighborhood. The Rideau ward fa- cent. paid to a Toronto man for ther should at least have been sent assistance. The binoculars were an invitation to be present at a func- bought in the United States for tion of that kind so near his home. \$5,318, including duty, and sold to

The Lampman read with interest for the middlemen of \$3,314 the learned discourse of "X" with regard to the versification of the Psalms of David. To "X" he would like to say that when he picks up a door man and all-around sport. psalter he likes to see the Hundredth he reconciled to married life?" Psalm labelled as such and not an- "I think so. I called on him re nounced as a "selection". When wor- cently and found him sifling asher shippers see Psalm 23 on the board, with an old tennis-racket.

they appear surprised when on opening their book to see that they are to sing some other Psalm.

Now that spring is officially here. there are any native-born Canadians in Kingston who have even a sneaking regard for the German people who applaud the devilish sea deeds of their fighting representatives, please let themselves be known so that they may be interned in Fort Henry.

The Lampman sympathizes with the Fire Chief who laments that his department is the town goat. The Fire Brigade and the Market Clerk can shake with each other, as both are given multitudinous duties to per form, being looked upon as Jacks-ofall-trades, Now the Peelers have to chase the dogs that violate the law.

The good priest, who advised people to go and buy all-day suckers with one-cent bits they proposed to put on the collection plate, should have whispered it, for the wee laddies may think they are included, and carry their Sunday School penny to the candy shop next day.

The Lampman has noted the protest raised by a Frontenacer against paying three dollars for a license to shoot deer. That is the Government figure, hit or miss, and it must be paid, just like the townspeople must street line. The Lampman thought a dozen for eggs in winter when they are not worth it. Those who do not want to pay three dollars for a hunting license have two privileges: They can stay at home like ninety-nine

> hundredths of the people, or they can go ahead and shoot without one and take chances. -THE TOWN WACHMAN

How Prices Soar.

Ottawa Free Press. Simultaneously we are given the details of "funny business by which It seems strange that the cocking binoculars originally offered by

the Government for \$8,632, a profit

"Wombat used to be a great out-

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