

Books And Their Authors

THE NEW ERA IN CANADA

J. M. Dent & Sons, Ltd., Toronto. Publishers. 421 Pages. Price, \$1.50.

This book, which has just been issued, is one of sixteen essays dealing with the upbuilding of the Canadian Commonwealth and is edited by J. E. Miller, principal of Ridley College. There is something of interest in it for every reader of Canadian affairs. Dr. McNeill, the Roman Catholic archbishop of Toronto, contributes a splendid article on "Canadian National Unity," and declares that as a result of political methods of to-day representative government is falling into disrepute.

THE MAN THOU GAVEST

By Harriet T. Comstock. 303 Pages. Price, \$1.35. The Mussion Book Co., Toronto, Publishers.

In this volume Mrs. Comstock writes about the mountains of the north, with all their romance, their clank and feud, and with a northern, Trudale, and a native, Nella-Rose, as the principal characters. Entwined about these this experienced writer has produced an entertaining tale of fiction as has been offered to lovers of such reading for some time. The man whose body is strengthened by the hills and whose soul is saved through the loyalty of two women, one of the hills and one of the town, is not the centre of the story, although he is the hero by title. Even the splendid city woman whom he marries, believing that the girl of the hills has been unworthy, does not make the principal appeal of the story.

"SPEAKING OF PRUSSIAN"

By Irwin S. Cobb. 80 Pages. Price, 50c. The Mussion Book Co., Toronto, Publishers.

A small book, but replete with great facts. It is a terse, vigorous and intelligent warning to the United States to be up and doing if she wishes to preserve herself and democracy. At the same time it is a clean exposition of the mad philosophy of the German war lord. Cobb knows what he is writing about. He

is an accredited American war correspondent with the German armies on their advance through Belgium in 1914, and he wrote most entertainingly about it in his remarkable book "Paths of Glory." The Huns pulled the wool a little over his eyes then, but he has got them wide open now and besides, his country is neutral no longer. Perhaps his point of view is changed; at any rate, he is free to express his real conclusions, and he does it.

Cobb has seen all the horrors of war as prosecuted by the Huns, yet he is frank to say that he would choose war rather than his free fellow-countrymen should be brought into bondage of the Prussian. He has no use to-day for the professional pacifists—"little brothers to the worm and the sheep and the guinea pig of all of them"—in his characterization of the breed. He warns the States that they must risk something more precious than their money; something more needful than munitions—their manhood. "We cannot expect England's navy to stand before the German preachers and professors, and France's worn battalions to bear the brunt of the trench work."

"We entered this war not against a people or a nation so much as we entered it against an idea, a disease, a form of paranoia, a form of rabies, a form of mania which has turned men into blasphemous and murderous mad dogs, running amuck and slaying in the highways of the world." "What would any intelligent American do if a mad dog entered the street where he lived, even though that dog, before it went mad, had been a kind and docile creature? And what is he going to do in the existing situation? The same answer does for both questions. Because there is only one answer."

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Public Library Bulletin

- Some Chosen Books of Interest for June—These Books Are Free To All—
Practical Agriculture—C. C. James.
Plant Propagation—M. G. Kains.
The Potato—S. Freiser.
Home Garden—E. C. Rexford.
Canada—J. Pennell.
Pictures of War Work in England—D. T. Curran.
Homelike—W. H. Robinson.
Germany, Land of Despoiling Shadow—D. T. Curran.
Canada in Landers—Lord Beaverbrook.
English Biography—W. H. Dunn.
True Ophelia—By an Actress.
Evolution of Civilization—T. McDonald.
The Best Books of French Verse.
The Folk Dance Book—C. W. Crampson.
Garibaldi and the Thousand—G. M. Trevelyan.
Brazil of Today and Tomorrow—L. E. Elliott.
Hilary—R. Rolland.
History of Modern Russia—Alex. Karmov.
Russia in 1914—Stephen Graham.

The Man on Watch

Despite the high prices and the late spring the kids still get a big bag of popcorn for five cents. That was an awful jolt handed out to University avenue when an alderman declared that after due deliberation he thought one would decide to ride down the avenue roadway in preference to going to the trenches. Why should the land of the rich not be ploughed at the expense of the town? Does Aid. Armstrong not know his bible? "To him that hath shall be given."

A PERFECT MEDICINE FOR LITTLE ONES

Baby's Own Tablets is the ideal medicine for little ones. They regulate the bowels and stomach; break up colds; cure constipation and indigestion; expel worms and make teething easy. They are guaranteed to be absolutely free from injurious drugs and may be given to the youngest child with perfect safety. Concerning them Mrs. T. M. Forskall, Mission City, B.C. writes: "I have used Baby's Own Tablets for my three little ones and have found them to be the best medicine a mother can give her children." The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

BIG CALL FOR PHYSICIANS

Great Need of Them on the British Front.

New York, June 9.—It is because the allied armies care for a soldier as soon as possible after he is wounded that the medical ranks of France and England are so depleted that they are crying out for aid from American doctors, Col. T. H. Goodwin of the British War Commission told the members of the American Medical Association yesterday. "The call of suffering humanity is awful," he said, and urged the surgeons and physicians of the United States to answer the call. "Human endeavor can stand no more than these physicians are undergoing," he said. "On a short section of the front there are from 20,000 to 30,000 wounded in a few hours battle. What is there to do? Are we to leave them to crawl into shell craters, to suffer for hours, perhaps for days? Are we to rush medical men there to save them?"

STEWART LYON SAYS CANADIANS WOULD SHOCK ANY MORALITY DEPARTMENT.

But They Stick It Out—With Unflinching Endurance They Lie In Holes While the Storm of Fire Rages.

Canadian Army Headquarters, June 8.—For once it is the purpose of the Canadian Press to spend its money recklessly at the rate of eighty cents per word, trying to convey to the people back home who are reading the war news in comfort on hundreds of thousands of Canadian verandahs what their sons and brothers are enduring and with what high fortitude they are holding the line. Out on the Vimy Ridge yesterday, in the blazing heat, the gunners served their howitzers in a garb that would have shocked any morality department. They might have even been described in the society column as "full decollete," except that they labored with good will and shelled every important point for miles beyond the German lines with heavy stuff. Great projectiles were passing high overhead, carrying their burden of destruction and death.

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As we look the enemy, resentful over his ejection from some of his trenches, begins a concentrated shoot upon the north end of the line. Chalk and surface brown earth sputter in great columns as the shells burst here and there, amid the red-brown smoke of the high explosive shells, is seen the grey gas. Even at this distance it is plain that our front line is getting a proper dose, and that it will need firm resolution on the part of the thousands of men in the shell area to stick it out. But they do. The plain remains empty. One would imagine that the trenches on which the enemy's fire is directed.

I have been told with what unflinching endurance our men lay in the trenches or the funk holes scooped out in front, while the storm raged around them. Men do not think in any connected way in the month of hell, but it lessens the distress of those of us who look on, unable to help, to fancy that, like the heroic Belgian King, our Canadians still possess their souls.

The Merchants Bank of Canada

Proceedings at the Fifty-fourth Annual Meeting of Shareholders on June 6th, 1917.

The fifty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Merchants Bank of Canada was held yesterday in the Board Room at the head offices of the Bank at Montreal. The meeting was called to order at twelve o'clock noon. Among those in attendance were: Messrs. K. W. Blackwell, Thomas Long, Andrew A. Allan, A. J. Dawson, F. Howard Wilson, Farquhar Robertson, Geo. L. Cairns, Alfred B. Evans, E. F. Hebben, Lt.-Col. James H. Moodie, D. C. Macarow, Arthur Browning, Vivian Harcourt, John Baillie, A. Piddington, Edward Fluke, T. E. Merritt, A. B. Patterson, R. S. White, A. D. Fraser, John Patterson, Dr. A. McInnis, Frederick Hargreave, C. E. Sprague, E. Shaw, D. D. Kinghorn, W. J. Kinross, W. B. Harshaw, R. H. Arkell, J. G. Muir, H. B. Loucks, W. A. McIlrath and J. M. Kibbour.

THE ANNUAL REPORT

I have pleasure in submitting for your approval the Fifty-fourth Annual Statement of the Merchants Bank of Canada as at the close of business on the evening of April 30th, 1917, the last day of the Bank's fiscal year. I also beg to submit a statement of the Profits covering the same period. You will observe that the profits on this occasion are larger by \$169,955.42. Our important expansion in deposits (about twenty millions) has enabled us to very substantially increase our commercial and industrial advances to the mutual improvement of our earning power, and, at the same time, to keep deposits very strong. A study of the Balance Sheet will, I am sure, satisfy you in the latter respect.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Statement of the Result of the Business of the Bank for the Year Ended 30th April, 1917.

Table with financial data: Net Profits of the year, after payment of charges, rebate on Deposits not bearing interest, and making full provision for bad and doubtful debts, have amounted to \$1,120,308.84. The balance brought forward from 29th April, 1916, was \$250,984.12. Making a total of \$1,371,292.96.

STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES AND ASSETS AT 30TH APRIL, 1917.

Table with financial data: 1—To the Shareholders. Capital Stock paid up \$7,000,000.00. Reserves and Reserve Fund \$7,000,000.00. Total \$14,000,000.00. 2—To the Public. Notes of the Bank in Circulation \$9,483,468.80. Deposits not bearing interest \$2,701,547.86. Total \$12,185,016.66.

ASSETS

Table with financial data: Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less Rebate of Interest) \$52,941,624.88. Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less Rebate of Interest) \$2,737,958.74. Total \$55,679,583.62.

Report of the Auditor to the Shareholders of the Merchants Bank of Canada

In accordance with the provisions of Sub-Section 19 and 20 of Section 56 of the Bank Act, I report to the Shareholders as follows: I have examined the above Balance Sheet with the Books of Account and other records of the Bank at the Chief Office and with the signed returns from the Branches and Agencies. I have checked the cash and verified the securities of the Bank at the Chief Office, and at a different time during the year and found them to agree with the Balance Sheet. I have also attended at some of the Branches during the year and checked the cash and verified the securities held at the dates of my attendances and found them to agree with the entries in the books of the Bank with regard thereto.

Accomplished in the circumstances, to be activated, every possible tribute of private admiration is extended.

But we must not forget their gallant, who out of necessity, have become extra-tires and heavier responsibilities, these additional burdens, gratefully testify: have been cheerfully shouldered, and thus have they been doing, unostentatiously but effectively, their important share toward "keeping the home fires burning" against the great tomorrow, when Canada will be rejoicing at the victorious return of her gallant sons from the Front. Let us hope the dawn of that momentous day may be in the not distant future." (Applause.)

Mr. Patterson expressed the appreciation of the stockholders for the efforts of the staff, and had no doubt recognition of a tangible nature was being given by the management. On the motion of Messrs. John Patterson and Alfred Piddington, Messrs. Vivian Harcourt and Gordon Tansey, of Deloitte, Plender, Griffiths and Co., were appointed auditors of the Bank to hold office until the next general meeting.

A man may forget home, kindred, friends and almost everything else, but he never forgets the first time he went into a barber shop to get a shave.

We Have a Nice Assortment of Pure Corn Syrup. In 2-lb. tins, 5-lb. pails, and 10-lb. pails, which we are selling for one week only at the old price. E. H. BAKER, Cor. Montreal and Charles St., Phone 1203.

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COAL CUSTOMERS. Please Notice! On and after first of May Coal Sales will be for Cash Only. BOOTH & CO., Phone 133.

IMPERIAL LIFE. According to the Dominion Government basis of reserves, the Imperial Life's total surplus funds amount to \$25,000,000 or more than 20 per cent. of the legal reserve. This is hundreds of thousands of dollars in excess of the surplus of any other Canadian company at the same period of its history. J. B. Cooke, Dist. Mgr., 332 King St., Phone 503; Residence 812.

JOHN M. PATRICK. Sewing machines, Umbrellas, Suit Cases, Trunks repaired and retitted, Saws filed, Knives and scissors sharpened, Razors honed; All makes of firearms repaired promptly. Locks repaired; Keys fitted. All makes of lawn mowers sharpened and repaired. 149 Sydenham Street.

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