

Some New Novels

"JESS OF THE REBEL TRAIL"

A Tale of New Brunswick

"A noble river is the St. John, enwrapped with a halo of romance and deeds of daring. In days long ago it bore upon its bosom the light canoes of Indians as they journeyed to and fro for trading or warlike purposes. It felt the surge of larger vessels, both of England and France, during the stormy days when these two nations contended for the supremacy of a virgin land. Later it saw the slow-creeping boats of hardy pioneers, the Loyalists."

And in a later year still it saw the wood-boat "Eb and Flo," the scene of many of the happenings described in this book.

Mr. Cody has an interesting tale to tell, and tells it well. Jess Randall, being pestered by her parents—as they were then supposed to be—to marry the eldest son of Lord Donaster—as alleged—rows off in a dory to the wood-boat "Eb and Flo," at anchor in the St. John, and persuades the captain to carry her away with him on his trip up river. Captain Tobin has a jealous and sharp-tongued wife, but takes the risk. Jess meets with an accident, and is taken to the home of Mrs. Hampton by her son John. Later, Mrs. Hampton and Jess—travelling over an old road used by the Loyalists and still known as the Rebel Trail—make a further retirement into the hills, to Island Lake. John Hampton, at the old home, looking inland one day sees dense smoke.

"The woods in the distance were on fire! Great clouds of smoke were rolling across the land, and at times blotting the hills entirely from view. The fire was off to the right, and perhaps a mile or more away, but he well knew that between it and Island Lake was a large stretch of blueberry plains. When the fire reached this, it would travel rapidly devouring everything in its way, then it would sweep through a thicket of fir and spruce trees on the shore of the lake and the flames would be sure to leap to the island, which here was but a short distance across. And Jess and his mother were there!"

Jess and Mrs. Hampton are saved, although just in the nick of time; and, the threads of the plot being gradually unravelled, the tale ends in the twilight on the shore of the St. John. John Hampton and Jess Randall sat on an old log "which years before had been stranded upon the beach," and if the old log had previously heard such words as suitably close the tale, why, wisely, it "lay low, and said nuffin'."

Mr. Cody has written a vigorous tale, full of "local colour" which yet does not impede the story.

"RILLA OF INGLESIDE"

A new tale by the author of "Anne of Green Gables."



Miss Montgomery continues to find—as long may she continue to find—inspiration in Prince Edward Island. Rilla is the daughter of "Anne of Green Gables," and this tale describes the repercussion on herself, on the other members of the household, and on the neighbours, or the outbreak across the waters of the Great War. Volunteers were called for: the island of evergreen fir and red loam did its part; and friends (and a few lovers) were parted, some of them permanently, when the men went beyond seas at the tune of the war-drum.

Rilla—a glowing, impetuous, fun-loving girl; true daughter of Anne—is the chief figure, and many pages in the book are made up of extracts from a diary which show how her nature was deepened and strengthened by the experiences of war.

We are re-introduced to some old

friends of the author's previous books. Susan Baker is Susan Baker, staunch and practical, and with a lively and commendable hate for the late Emperor of Germany. Her sage comments on the war news as it came through—the fall of Warsaw, the stand at Verdun, the profuse, and as it appeared at the time, interminable writing of notes by President Wilson—supply quaint and humorous albeit at this date somewhat belated—reading. Another amusing character—more engaging, we admit, in a book than she was likely to be in real life—is the lugubrious cousin Sophia.

This is a happy appreciation of the country which forms a background for the tale.

"It was delightful to be tripping with her friends down that dark, glistening road, sprinkled with its little spruce and pine trees, whose balsam made all the air resinous around them. Meadows of sunset afterglow were behind the western hills. Before them was the shining harbour. A bell was ringing in the little church over the bay—and the 'Eremitic dream-notes' died around the dim, amethystine points. The gulf beyond was still silvery blue in the afterglow. Oh, it was all glorious—the clear air with its salt tang, the balsam of the firs, the laughter of her friends."

"THE MASTER OF MAN"

(By HALL CAINE)

This book deals with the over-mastering passion of a man for a woman. The scene is the Isle of Man. Victor Stowel, the only son of the Deemster, in a moment of great temptation, wrongs the step-daughter of the miller, Dan Baldromma. Shortly after, the old Deemster dies, and his son—a

"HELEN OF THE OLD HOUSE"

(By HAROLD BELL WRIGHT)

Mr. Wright's book is interesting as an essay in economics, but rather less so as a tale. The moral hampers the story. The scene is laid in the little manufacturing city of Millsburgh, in which the chief mill is owned by Adam Ward, the bad old type of mill-owner who regards his men simply as so many cogs in a wheel. Alexander Melver (another "millowner") is of the same type. Against these is pictured John Ward, Adam's son, who takes an interest in the men as human beings and seeks to give them a mutual interest with himself in the business. Into this community comes Jake Vodel, a pro-

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CONSERVATIVE MEETING.—There will be a meeting of the Electors of Charlottetown, and Royalty in the Liberal Conservative Committee Rooms on Queen Street Offer Building, this Saturday night at eight o'clock. Messrs Myers and MacKinnon and others will address the meeting. Everybody invited.

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A thread of love interest is woven into the book—Helen Ward is an arresting character—but the thread is frequently almost lost sight of in the "informative" arguments between Adam and John Ward, between John Ward and Jake Vodel, between Jake Vodel and the Interpreter, on the ethics of trade, labour, strikes, etc.

The book is interesting, and instructive in respect of those arguments, it hardly holds one's attention as a tale.

(a) "Jess of the Rebel Trail," by H. A. Cody, McClelland & Stewart, Toronto.

(b) "Rilla of Ingleside," by L. M. Montgomery, McClelland & Stewart, Toronto.

(c) "The Master of Man: the Story of a Sin," by Hall Caine, Wm Heinemann, London.

(d) "Helen of the Old House," by Harold Bell Wright, The Ryerson Press, Toronto.

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CHEESE BOARD.—The Cheese Board held its last meeting for the season yesterday. President Geo. Brown in the chair. The buyers present were Messrs. Spill, Biffin, Murch and McWaugnen. A cable message from Brockville, read:—25 hundred cheese sold at 15 3/4. There was no cheese offered for sale on local Board. A cable will be published for Nov. 4th, but no regular meeting held. Robt. Jenkins, Sec.

Ontario Liquor Law Also a Joke

TORONTO, Oct. 13.—Rev. Ben Spence of the Dominion Alliance says the liquor legislation in Ontario regarding the granting of prescriptions by doctors is a ghastly joke and that the License Commissioners are helpless because of the law. He states that the Dominion Alliance will earnestly press to have the law changed at the next session of the legislature. Radical nature at is forthcoming session says Mr. Spence in a letter to the request of the Medical Association of Ontario that the amount that might be prescribed might be furnished upon prescription should be limited to eight ounces. The law still allows 40 ounces prescription and although the late Chairman of the Board of License Commissioners emphatically stated that over 90 per cent of such prescriptions were not issued for bonafide medical purposes the government of the province monopolizes the trade in this hypocritical furnishing of liquor and today as a matter of fact supplies more liquor used illegally for beverage purposes than any other bottler in the province.

Current Comment

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Perhaps he had other excuses, if any could be found big enough to cover so grave a dereliction of public duty. Some hints are current that it was a case of sulks because the autocratic clique imposed Mr. J. J. Hughes upon King's County, instead of making his own sweet and popular self the sacrifice. The knowing ones however give no credence to this. They are satisfied that there was no ambition to lay aside the \$2,500 annuity, even though only for a year and a half for the mere fun of getting a good political trouncing from the people who know him. It may have been a case of sulks, but certain-

ly not on this account. Perchance, after all it was the first mentioned act of political strategy, and that he was amongst the number whose presence was not considered conducive to the health and strength of the party, and that out of charity to Mr King they adopted the expedient of remaining away. It is suggested as possible that he was busily engaged with the tariff in getting after non-responsive taxpayers, but that is discounted by the fact that the sheriff was present at the meeting, ALTHOUGH NOT ON THE PLATFORM.

But why, in any case should such an order or edict be conceived and put into force? Has not their official Organ, the Patriot brought the federal Liberal party into open identification with the Bell government combination? Have they not declared most emphatically that our local aggregation, in every one of their acts and conducts, is the pattern to be followed by the MacKenzie King Liberals? Why in this case exhibit such a fear of our local case upon federal platforms. And if there was ground for this strategic abnegation why the Patriot's bold stroke in binding the federal party with the festering bandages of Bell Government blundering? There may, after all be method in this madness. In a short time they too will have to face the people, in bye-elections almost at once and in a general election now only a short way off, and perchance the Liberal organ has conceived the thought that by clinging to the skirts of their federal party, they may not sink so deep into the maddest of political destruction. But the whole thing is enveloped

in mystery; mystery as deep and unfathomable as the tariff policy or policies of their leader the Hon. MacKenzie King, so deep and un-

solvable that even their announcement as a party on December 6th will not produce a solution of the problem.

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