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Canada's Future : What she offers after the War. A Symposium of Official Opinion.— Edited by E. A. Victor. Toronto: The Macmillan Company of Canada. 1916. Pp. xv., 320. *Frontispiece*.

We regret to learn from a Press telegram that the editor of this book was killed at a railway crossing near Toronto in the early part of September. The purpose and character of the book are sufficiently indicated by the title. The range of contributors is wide. Fifty of the leading public men of Canada have their say about the future of the Dominion in varying phases of its development, some concerned with the country as a whole, some with the individual provinces. The general tone is one of cheerful confidence, though the editorial introduction is careful to insist that "this work is not given to the world as 'a book of praise,' but rather as a collection of thoughtful and judicious pronouncements by representative men whose life-work has helped to make Canada what she is." Sir George Foster, the Dominion Minister of Trade and Commerce, sums the matter up on the first page: "Canada has over-borrowed, over-built, and over-speculated, but is thoroughly sound in mind and limb, and has learned much from past experience." To geographers two of the most interesting contributions are an account of the work of the Commission of Conservation by Mr. James White, formerly Chief Geographer in the Department of the Interior, now Assistant to the Chairman and Deputy Head of the Commission; and a survey of the climate of Canada by Mr. R. F. Stupart, Director of the Dominion Meteorological Service. Referring to some of the less well-known areas, Mr. Stupart says: "It is probable that the northern third part of Manitoba, and also north-eastern Saskatchewan, will never prove of much value for agriculture, as the climate is very similar to that of Patricia. This opinion is, however, only tentative, pending the establishment of interior climatological stations, which may show that general inland conditions differ widely from those at the coast, as represented by Nelson and Churchill. The summer isotherms in Alberta run nearly north and south, hence the extreme northern part of the province from June to the end of August is, climatically, quite comparable with the south." In another contribution of direct geographical interest Mr. Arthur O. Wheeler, President of the Alpine Club of Canada, summarizes the history of climbing in the Canadian Rockies and indicates their outstanding characteristics.

Canada : The Country of the Twentieth Century.— **Watson Griffin.** Ottawa : Department of Trade and Commerce. 1915. Pp. 283. *Maps and Illustrations*.

Though dated 1915, Mr. Griffin's useful collection of statistical and other information about Canada has only become available in this country during the past few weeks. It is published by authority of Sir George Foster, the Dominion Minister of Trade and Commerce, and has been prepared for the purpose of giving business men who have never visited the Dominion an epitomized but comprehensive review of its forest, agricultural, and mineral resources, its industrial and commercial development, and its geographical relations to the markets of the world. A preliminary chapter on the country as a whole is followed by more detailed accounts of the provinces, which are considered in order from east to west. In the closing chapters the author deals with the fisheries of Canada, its water powers, manufactures, forest products, and farm products. For purposes of reference the value of the work is greatly enhanced by an extensive index (sixteen pages). The maps, ten in number, are all topographical.