

## Governor-General's Literary Awards

Annual Prizes for  
Poetry and Creative  
Achievement in Fiction,  
Non-fiction & Juvenile  
Also the Leacock  
Citation for Humour



Col. C. P. Stacey

**COL. C. P. STACEY**, Thomas H. Raddall, Hugh MacLennan and A. M. Klein are the 1948 winners of the Governor-General's Annual Literary Awards, as announced by the Governor-General's Awards Board of the Canadian Authors Association. Angeline Hango is named winner of the 1948 Leacock Medal for Humour and Roderick L. Haig-Brown receives a citation as author of the year's best juvenile book.

A. M. Klein of Montreal, whose verse has attracted increasing attention during the past decade, will receive the poetry medal for *The Rocking Chair and Other Poems* as the most distinguished volume of verse by a Canadian and published in the calendar year 1948. Mr. Klein has long been a favorite with the newer anthropologists but the number of his published poems is not great.

Judges in the poetry division were: Earle Birney, a professor on the University of British Columbia staff, himself a leading poet and twice winner of the medal in this division; Arthur S. Bourinot of Ottawa, lawyer and poet, editor of *The Canadian Poetry Magazine* and also a former winner of the Governor-General's award for poetry; and E. K. Brown of the University of Chicago staff and author of the critical work called *On Canadian Poetry*.

Hugh MacLennan, who was born in Cape Breton and now lives in Montreal, takes the fiction medal for his third novel, *The Precipice*, as he also did for *Two Solitudes* in 1945. Educated at Dal-

housie, Oxford and Princeton, Mr. MacLennan was teaching at Lower Canada College in 1941 when he wrote *Barometer Rising*, the Halifax story ending with the epic description of the great explosion there in 1916. The success of *Two Solitudes* enabled him to devote all his time to writing. His public addresses and opinion articles of a controversial nature usually provoke discussion.

Judges in the fiction division were: Roderick Stuart Kennedy, editor-in-chief of the *Family Herald* and *Weekly Star*; Dr. Marguerite Roberts, dean of women at Westhampton College, University of Richmond (Virginia), and an authority on the novels of Thomas Hardy; and Charles Jennings of Toronto, a CBC executive.

**Thomas H. Raddall** of Liverpool, Nova Scotia, won the creative non-fiction medal for his history of the city of Halifax entitled *Halifax, Warden of the North*. Best known for his novels—*His Majesty's Yankees*, *Roger Sundown*, *Pride's Fancy* and *The Wedding Gift*—his earlier award in fiction was for his collected short stories, of which there are two volumes—*The Pied Piper of Dipper Creek* and *Tambour*.

Mr. Raddall devotes all his time to writing. His first hit was in *Blackwood's Magazine* and the rich sea lore and historic romance of the days of the privateers at his hand in Liverpool supplies him with endless writing material. He has become an authority on the history of Nova Scotia, particularly in its seagoing aspects; but his book about Halifax suggests that he may be even more effective as a romantic historian than as a novelist.

Judges of creative non-fiction were: Sandham Graves, editor of the *Victoria Colonist*; Richard Crouch, chief librarian of the London Public Library; and John K. Elliott, editorial writer on the *London Free Press*.

**Col. C. P. Stacey** of Ottawa won the academic non-fiction medal with *The Canadian Army 1939-45*, a history of our land forces in the Second World War. Born in Toronto, he was educated at the Universities of Toronto and Oxford and taught history at Princeton University. Prior to 1939, he had done much writing on military subjects and was author of the two important books, *Canada and the British Army, 1846-1871* and *The Military Problems of Canada*.

In 1940, he was appointed Historical Officer at Canadian Military Headquarters, London. He was appointed Director of the Historical Section of the General Staff in 1945; and he is now working on a longer official history of the Canadian army.

Judges in the academic non-fiction division were: N.A.M. MacKenzie, president of the University of British Columbia; A. W. Trueman, president of the University of New Brunswick; and M. M. MacOdrum, principal of Carleton College, Ottawa.

**Mrs. Angeline Hango** of Montreal captured the Leacock Medal for Humour with her first book. Truthfully Yours is



Hugh MacLennan

a humorous narrative of French-Canadian family life, in which the mother is the central figure. Her writing is fresh and natural.

The Leacock Medal was established three years ago by the Stephen Leacock Memorial Committee, of which Paul Copeland, K.C. is chairman. Presentation is made at the discretion of the committee, which has announced that the ceremony for the 1948 winner will take place at a dinner in Orillia on September 10.

Judges of humor were: Marjorie Williams Campbell of Toronto, author of *The Soil is Not Enough* and a forthcoming history of the Saskatchewan River; Franklin Davey McDowell of Toronto, author of *The Champlain Road* and



Thomas H. Raddall



Angeline Hango



A. M. Klein