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MUSICAL COMPETITION AT TORONTO EXHIBITION

Likely More Competition This Year Than Last in the Events of the Canadian Bureau for the Advancement of Music.

The Canadian Bureau for the Advancement of Music is well described by its own name and the description of its principles and objects may be further detailed by the following words appearing beneath the name on the official letterheads:—"An Association of those interested in the general musical advancement of Canada through the development of 'music in the home,' church and school. Supported by voluntary contributions."

Throughout the year the Canadian Bureau for the Advancement of Music does much in various ways to further its purposes, while once a year by competitions in various musical lines there is special effort to popularize music and to add to its standing and advancement. These musical competitions are made a feature of the Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto, and a very special feature of interest and helpfulness they have proven.

The syllabus for the competitions this year has just been received by The Advance. Copies of this syllabus may be secured from Mr. J. S. Atkinson, Room 407 Ryrie Building, 229 Yonge street, Toronto, secretary of the Bureau.

There are competitions in both vocal and instrumental music. The prizes include gold medals, silver medals, bronze medals, also a \$75.00 scholarship to the outstanding contestant in the Ladies' Vocal Department, a \$75.00 scholarship to the outstanding contestant in the Men's Vocal Department, a \$75.00 scholarship to the outstanding contestant in the Piano Department, and a \$75.00 scholarship to the outstanding contestant in the Violin Department.

There are so many interested in music in Timmins and district that the competitions and the work generally of the Canadian Bureau for the Advancement of Music should be of more than passing interest.

All entries for the musical competitions close on August 1st. Competitions generally are open to amateurs only, an amateur being defined as "Any person whose principal means of livelihood is obtained from non-musical work, even if he or she from time to time accepts a stipend or honorarium for musical services rendered, provided the amount received for such musical services does not exceed one hundred and fifty dollars per annum."

TO CONFISCATE UNLICENSED RADIO SETS AFTER JUNE 30

The Radio Branch of the Department of Marine & Fisheries, Ottawa, has issued a warning to the effect that after the end of June the Government will take steps to seize all unlicensed radio receiving sets and prosecute the owners for failure to secure radio licenses. Unlicensed radio sets so seized will be confiscated, and in addition the penalty on summary conviction is a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

Some time ago, The Advance noted the fact that if the statistics of the Department were to be relied upon, then it was certain that there were a large number of unlicensed sets in use in the North Land, the number reported to the Government being only a small fraction of the number evidently in use. Just why radio set owners should "take a chance," instead of securing a license is hard to understand. The license fee is only \$1.00 a year. Any particulars in the matter may be secured from the Radio Branch, Dept. of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, Ont.

A bird in the hand is bad table manners.

MR. JAS. FILLIER OBSERVES BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

On Tuesday evening, June 17th, a very pleasant evening was spent at the residence of Mr. James Fillier, at Reid Lake, five miles west of Shillington, the occasion being the birthday anniversary of Mr. Fillier. The evening was spent in singing and dancing. Refreshments were provided by the ladies of the district. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Holton, Mr. and Mrs. Whillington, Miss Beatrice Humphreys, Mr. Leslie Humphreys, Mr. J. McCall, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Douglas and Billy and Violet, and many others.

WRONG NAME FOR GIRL WHO MASQUERADED AS A MAN

Recently there was a lengthy article in the Cobalt Northern News regarding a young lady from Timmins who successfully posed as a man at a Kirkland Lake Camp, serving as a cook, and going undiscovered until she had left the position and was ready to leave the Kirkland Lake Camp. Enquiry here by The Advance failed to locate anyone of the name of the young lady as given in the Cobalt paper, so The Advance simply published the Northern News article as it appeared, crediting, or blaming, that paper in the matter. Since then, however, The Advance has learned the identity of the masquerading young lady. Apparently she fooled the Kirkland Lake people more than at first appeared. Even the name given was a partial masquerade. Then again, no one may have been fooled at all to any extent.

ORIGINAL MEASURE FOR HELPING BOARD OF TRADE

The Board of Trade at the Pas, Manitoba, recently needed financial assistance just as most boards of trade do and application was made to the Town Council in the matter. The Council at the Pas adopted a very good attitude. The members of Council very evidently believed that the Pas Board of Trade was a useful body and might do much effective work for the community. Accordingly the Council thought it perfectly proper that the general funds of the community should be used to assist the Board of Trade. The Pas Council added a proviso to this idea. The Council would help just in proportion as the Board of Trade helped itself. The plan of the Council as outlined by The Pas Herald, is to the effect that the Council will grant \$5.00 for each member enrolled by the Board up to 50, and \$1.00 per member for every member over that number. It should be a comparatively easy matter to secure fifty members for the Board of Trade and with the \$5.00 membership fee that would mean \$250.00 available from the Board's own funds and an equal amount from the Council's grant. All round the plan seems commendable. It provides that the Board of Trade must be alive, energetic, progressive and in earnest, or the grant is small. A large membership means a large grant. It is easy to believe that a Town Council making so ingenious a suggestion would be very ready to further help out the Board of Trade in case some large issue involving special financial outlay should arise. A live Board of Trade gets along pretty well nearly anywhere. And in saying this it is not amiss to point out that it is the people who are really responsible for the condition of the Board of Trade in any town at any time. If the people are alive to their own interests and the Town welfare the Board of Trade will be all right. The people make the Board of Trade, although in many cases a few men in a Board of Trade are left alone to struggle along as best they can in the hard task of having a Board of Trade build up the Town.

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