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FOREST RANGERS SCHOOL.

Question Will be Dealt With by Quebec Legislature.

Quebec, Sept. 21.—The creation of a school for forest rangers in this province will be among the most important measures affecting the forestry service to be presented at the next session of the legislature by Hon. Honore Mercier, minister of lands and forests. The new school will be situated in Shawinigan, or attached to the Berthierville provincial nursery, according to requirements, and will be essentially practical. The course, which will last two years, will qualify those attending to do service as expert forest rangers, and is calculated also to give opportunity to the student to enter the forestry school in Quebec if he wished to complete the practical study by more extensive courses. Certificates of capacity, improving the present status of forest rangers, will be issued by the new school.

Music in the Home

EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM'S RELATION TO MUSIC

There is real need for music appreciation study throughout our educational system. The splendid developments in public school music work increase rather than decrease the importance of giving to our university and college men and women similar opportunity. There is a need for an opportunity whereby every student will at least become familiar with the Milton and Shakespeare, the Dante, the Moliere and Schiller of music, as well as the melodramas.

Music is a pleasure which we continue to use throughout our lives. Many of the subjects which we include in our university and college courses have as their basic argument the fact that they lead toward citizenship, a large understanding of life and its problems, and towards an enriched enjoyment of the world about us. To no other study do these arguments apply more adequately than to the study of music. Excepting the daily newspapers, the number of people who listen to music is greater than those who read. It is a more frequent source of enjoyment than books. But how do we listen? Are we getting the most out of music?

Exercise and Music.

There is considerable to be said in favor of regular exercise systematically pursued. Most people who have followed out a set of fixed physical exercises will testify to their tonic and invigorating qualities. During the war setting-up exercises were a regular part of the programme in every training camp. An exercise is as useful and beneficial to the civilian as to the soldier. But it is not a stern necessity with the civilian, however, and he usually lacks the urge sufficient to get up and negotiate a set of dry exercises before beginning the day's work. The incentive is lacking.

The above facts have apparently been kept in mind in the making of a set of phonograph records published by a firm of health specialists in New York. In this set music supplies the incentive for daily exercise. No one who has moved rhythmically to music either in dancing, marching, etc., will deny that music provides

an exhilaration which greatly enhances the pleasure of movement. The same idea applies to exercise. Music gives it a punch and a purpose. This particular set of exercise records comprises six records with complete directions and illustrative charts. There are twelve exercises, every detail of which is carefully explained on the first four records. The last two records are for use only when one has learned the entire set and can go through them quickly. The commands are clear and quick, and the music is well adapted to the exercise which is accompanied.

Place of Music in Civilization.

It has been said by a great musician that the music of the brass band is the most perfect expression of a nation's feelings, of its joys and sorrows, its hopes and aspirations. To no other appeal will the masses of people, men, women and children, rise so quickly. The music of the brass band fires ambition in the laggard. Many a soldier was inspired to bravery in battle by its music. It gives them an indefinite sense of exhilaration it makes their hearts beat faster, it smoothes the discords of nature into harmony, it arouses the finest enthusiasm and it puts bravery in the heart that is timid.

Music is a great force in civilization. Every period of intellectual activity, social or political, reacted upon music. To illustrate, we need but refer to the formal character of the music of the period preceding the French revolution and the freedom and vigor imparted by the spirit of Romanticism which followed in the wake of that great political movement, a difference strikingly illustrated in the music of Haydn and Beethoven, Clementi and Schumann. The science of music had a high place in Chinese philosophy, the sages alone comprehended the canons, and the mandarins were considered superior in point of musical knowledge. Interesting dates are given showing how early the Chinese had developed a science of music. In 2277 B.C., for example, there were 23 writers on the dance and music, 23 on ancient music, and 25 on the construction of the scales. These facts imply many years of previous development be-

fore the time when works treating of the science of music would be prepared.

Department Required At Ottawa.

A national conservatory of music is bound to appear in Canada some of these days. The Dominion is unique in not having some sort of an institution of fine arts allied with, or supported by the Government, but there is growing evidence that our statesmen and politicians will turn an attentive ear to the call some bright day not in the far-distant future. Indeed, the actual conservatory may come sooner than we expect, though not probably in the way that musicians might anticipate.

Private initiative has achieved most things in Canada, and it has done a great deal in supplying us with institutions of learning in the musical field that are of high quality. But it is perfectly possible for a national institution to be established without in the slightest degree conflicting with private institutions already established. It should, in fact, add to their patronage by centering public attention more definitely upon music and giving music as a whole a higher standing in the minds of the people of the country. The Government-supported institutions of other countries are not criticised as interfering with private instruction—rather they appear as giving a stimulus to study which must redound to the benefit of all concerned in the art.

Every music lover in Canada should see to it that our legislative assemblies take more than a passing interest in music. No Government to-day is acting in the best interests of its people by ignoring the cause of music. Why not a Department of Fine Arts at Ottawa?

Where The Joke Comes In.

Of Dvorak's "Humoresque," Op. 101, No. 7, a Minneapolis violinist tells this story: "When I was in Prague I said to Dvorak: 'Why did you call your famous little work a 'Humoresque'?' No one who plays it humorously, as its title demands, plays it as he feels it. The old composer replied, with a twinkle in his eye: 'My boy, that is where the joke comes in.'"

AT ADOLPHUSTOWN.

Threshing Is About Completed in That District.

Adolphustown, Sept. 21.—An interesting meeting of the W.I. was held at Mrs. James Dorland's on Friday last. It was decided to purchase a new library. Mrs. Russell Cousins accepted the position of librarian. Threshing is about completed and those who have silos are getting them filled. The recent rains have made plowing easy. Latest reports from Picton hospital state that W. Dorland, who suffered a broken hip, is progressing favorably. Miss Love, Milford, and Mrs. Bearnis, California, are guests of Mrs. Andrew Magee. Miss White, of Pickering, is visiting Miss G. Magee. R. Osborn, of Ohio, who with his son-in-law, are visiting friends, had the good fortune to secure a mask-knobby last week. Among those who spent last week in Napanteo attending the fair were Misses Merkle, George Davis and J. S. Johnston. James Dorland has been confined to his bed for some days. Miss Elsie Magee has returned to her home from Trenton. Special harvest home and Sunday school rally services will be held in the Methodist church next Sunday morning. The baseball team greatly enjoyed the good time the Kingston boys gave them on Saturday.

WEDDING AT HARROWSMITH.

The McConnell-Joyce Nuptials solemnized at St. Patrick's Church, Harrowsmith, Sept. 21.—A very fashionable wedding was performed at St. Patrick's church, Harrowsmith, on Sept. 11th by Rev. J. A. Powell, P.P., and assisted by Rev. J. J. Keelley, P.P., Stanleyville, cousin of the bride. The bridal parties were Miss Frances Joyce, daughter of Luke Joyce, Harrowsmith, and E. J. McConnell, eldest son of Alexander McConnell, Harrowsmith. The bride was assisted by her sister, Miss Alice and Miss Margaret McConnell. She was prettily attired in brown tulle, a large picture hat, carrying a bouquet of red roses, and wore a necklace of diamonds, set in platinum, the gift of the groom. The groom was assisted by his brother, Michael V. McConnell. After the nuptial mass, the bridal party proceeded to the bride's home, where a sumptuous repast was served to the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. The bride was the recipient of many valuable gifts, including several cheques. After the wedding breakfast, the newlyweds proceeded to the train for Toronto, Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Rochester, N.Y. On their return they will reside on the farm, formerly the McConnell homestead.

Elginburg News.

Elginburg, Sept. 21.—A few from this vicinity are exhibiting farm produce, principally, at the Kingston Industrial Exhibition. George Porter has returned from Rochester, N.Y., where he was visiting his nephews. Mr. and Mrs. J. Cordukes, Ottawa, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reid, Clifton Springs, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Cordukes. Both couples motored to their respective homes last week. John Irwin has returned from Toronto. Rev. G. Sisco, Cataragui, conducted the services in the Methodist church on Sunday evening last. Mrs. C. Simkins and infant daughter returned to their home on Saturday last, from the Kingston General Hospital.

The fast young man will later on observe the speed limit.

The RED HOUSE MYSTERY by A.A. MILNE. This is the novel which Heywood Brown in the N. Y. World calls "the best murder story since Sherlock Holmes shut up shop." It is the yarn which J. P. Morgan read to relax his mind before the conference of international bankers in Paris. "The Red House Mystery" Will Appear in This Paper SATURDAY, SEP. 23rd

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