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MUSICAL IMPRESSIONS

A vocalist writes to a music editor wanting to know how long it is possible for a man to hold a note. The editor replies, we have one that we have held for six years and rather expect to hold it six years longer. It would be quite difficult to hold a musical note that long, particularly if playing on a base instrument.

We are told that an English physician advises the playing of wind instrument, as a recent investigation has brought this summing up: That cornetist's life is 64 years, and because flutists do not require the full exercise of their lungs in playing, their average is but 61 years. He adds that to play some wind instruments lengthens life, for the steady and moderate use of the lungs somewhat in excess of breathing is the cause.

We sometimes pause in considering the drum as a musical instrument and we step up to the drummer and say to him (after the band had stopped playing), you don't make very good music with that instrument. No, admitted the founder of the drum, I know I don't, but I drown a heap of dumb music.

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Toronto, Oct. 19.—There is no politics mixed up with the Canadian National Railways in any shape or form, and we have had no interference from any minister of the crown at any time," said R. C. Vaughan, assistant to the president of the C. N. R. today, in answer to reported allegations of Wm. Varley, general organizer of the American Federation of Labor, that men had been hired in New Brunswick for election purposes. "There is absolutely nothing in it," Mr. Vaughan asserted.

Considers Oil Strike of Great Value in Time

Toronto, Oct. 13.—We consider this an important strike, and essentially of much value says President C. O. Stillman, of the Imperial Oil Company, Limited, in a statement made public tonight referring to the oil strike near Fort Norman on the Mackenzie River.

"From a commercial point of view, however, it is not of immediate value and it will probably be years before it can be made available in quantities for the use of the Canadian market."

It will be necessary to demonstrate by actual drilling, and production, says President Stillman, "that there is sufficient quantity of oil to justify laying a pipe line, which in itself, would probably cost fifty million dollars."

The point where oil has been struck is nine hundred miles from the nearest calling point of a river boat; 1,200 miles from the nearest railroad and 1,500 miles north of Edmonton the nearest city. The only means of access to the location at the present time is down the north rivers, which will only float boats of four or five foot draught and several rapids necessitate the unloading and transporting of cargoes overland and re-loading on barges. This precludes bringing oil up the river in any quantities until adequate transportation facilities are provided.



Professor C. C. Laugher Mus. Bac.

head of the table." This brings us to an incident in Sarah Bernhardt's career when touring the U. S. A. Her manager failed to secure a proper theatre for her in a certain Texas city in which she had promised to appear. With great reluctance and expecting a contemptuous refusal, he suggested that he might secure a circus tent, but supposed that she would only act in a first-class theatre. "Go ahead," said she, "wherever Sarah Bernhardt acts it is a first-class theatre."

Speaking of singing, we realize that the singer's essentials are voice, ear and musical intellect. The voice must pre-exist, it cannot be created, but its errors can be corrected. Mere bigness of voice makes no musical appeal. History gives to us that the record for a big voice belongs to Stentor a herald of the Greeks in the Trojan war, whose voice is said to be as loud as that of fifty men shouting together. A bass singer, whose name is Cheron, of the Paris opera, who lived toward the end of the eighteenth century, who in early life had been a blacksmith, is said that by his blowing into a drinking glass could crack it, and by singing into it in his mighty upper "D" could burst it. The biggest and noblest voice that this twentieth century has listened to was Edouard de Reszke's.

The musician of today is usually exceedingly versatile in their activities, but in former times it was only too common for them to be confined to an absurdly narrow and one-sided outlook on life, and to take little interest in anything outside of their own particular specialty.

An amusing example of this was with Poppo, an eccentric violinist, at one time a fashionable teacher in Paris and London. Living in Paris at the time of the revolution, although perfectly inoffensive, he was denounced as a suspect and brought before the tribunal for trial. The following dialogue took place between him and the president of the tribunal. "What is your name? Poppo, he answered. What do you do? I play violin. What were your activities during the reign of the tyrant? I played the violin. And if the republic have need of you what will you do? I will play the violin. Poppo was acquitted.

The impression or influence that musicians leave behind them is little realized by themselves and we certainly do not know to what extent of trouble, difficulty or short comings some of these musicians worked under. Think of the beautiful music of Greg, much of it written while he had the use of one lung only. Schubert, whose artistic career lasted but seven years, and the most admirably good of all musicians, yet he in regard to the greatest song writer producing the most beautiful melodic passages.

Many Lose Jobs In Moncton City

Moncton, Oct. 19.—Many who have been in the employ of the T. Eaton Company are seeking new jobs. This large establishment has been dropping many of its employees of late because of a falling off in general business, and in keeping with the line of retrenchment being followed by many large business houses, employees are being let go each week, a total of 300 reported as having been cast adrift one week recently.

F. B. McCurdy Co's Business Has Changed Hands

Montreal, Oct. 19.—It was announced today that Johnston and Ward have acquired the business of F. B. McCurdy and Company, which was founded by Mr. McCurdy in 1901 and was subsequently extended until it became one of the leading firms of houses of Canada, with branches at Montreal, Halifax, Sydney, Moncton, St. John, Sherbrooke and St. John's Nfld. The purchasers of the business are Johnston and Ward, Captain Stanley Johnston, M. C., late of the Canadian Machine Gun Corps, has associated with him in the new firm, R. H. Metzler, Fred. Bowser and K. R. Schofield, all of whom have been actively connected with the firm of F. B. McCurdy and Company for many years.

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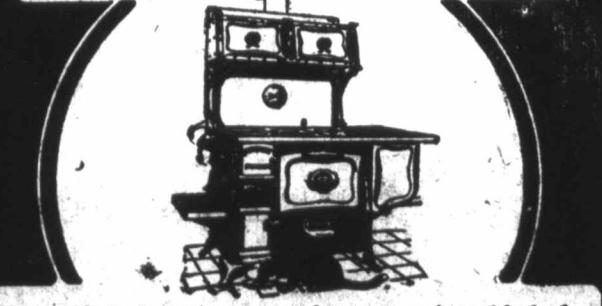
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