

issued a new catalogue of Canadian orchestral music. Forthcoming is possibly the most important Canadian musical book ever: *An Encyclopedia of Music in Canada*.

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with a strong core of blood brothers, and he speaks to the rest of Canada as one speaks to good neighbours.

For myself, I believe that it is possible to be, at the same time, a good Canadian and a good Quebecer. Just as it is possible to be a good Canadian and a good Nova Scotian, or a good British Columbian. And I will fight to the end against anyone who wants to prevent me from being both.

Love and respect for survival

Today I am addressing all Canadians, as I have since I have taken office. I am speaking to you as to my fellow citizens. I am speaking to you of a deeper brotherhood than that of blood, of a fraternity of hope and of charity in the scriptural sense, for if the Canadian nation must survive, it will only survive in mutual respect and in love for one another.

Each of you, each of us, must work towards that goal with our every fibre in the reality of our daily lives. You can be assured that, as your Prime Minister, and a consequence, as your servant and fellow Canadian, I will continue to work towards these objectives with all my strength.

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Canadian place-names – Medicine Hat

Marcus Van Steen, writing in Canadian Scene, describes below how Medicine Hat, Alberta, acquired its unusual name:

There are a number of strange and romantic tales how the name Medicine Hat came into being.

One story tells of a young Indian brave who was anxious to marry the beautiful daughter of the tribal Medicine Man, but her cautious and jealous father stubbornly refused to give his consent. The young maiden, as anxious for the marriage as her suitor, flung herself in grief into the raging river. The brave, on hand as always, jumped into the river and brought her safely to shore. In gratitude, the girl's father said the brave had won the hand of his daughter, and to signify his approval he removed his elaborate feathered head-dress and placed it on the young man's head. The story goes on to say that the place where this happened was called, in Cree, the place of the Medicine Man's Head-dress which the white man rendered as Medicine Hat. The only truth to this story is that the name comes from the Cree.

The real account of how the name came about is much more practical. As is the case with many place-names in western Canada, the name Medicine Hat was put on Canadian maps by the

North West Mounted Police – the force that has become the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

About 100 years ago, when a detachment of the Mounties was working its way across the Prairies, a stop was made at a Cree encampment on the South Saskatchewan River. Captain Walter Johnson, who was mapping the country, noticed a small height of land not far from the camp, and asked the Chief what he called it. The Chief, outlining the shape of the hill, said *saanis* which, in the Cree language, means the head-dress worn by the Medicine Man.

After he left the force, Captain Johnson returned to the area and built a house on that rise of land overlooking the South Saskatchewan River. According to his own account, he thought at first of calling his house *saanis* but realized no one would know what it meant. He also thought of translating the word into Medicine Man's Hat, but eventually shortened this to Medicine Hat. This gave him a chance of telling everyone the story of the old Cree chieftain outlining the shape of the small hill with his hands, and saying that it looked like a medicine man's head-dress.

Johnson's house turned out to be the first of many, and the city that grew up took the name of the house. The part of Medicine Hat where Johnson lived is still called the Johnson subdivision.

News briefs

■ Housing starts during October were at a seasonally-adjusted annual rate of 223,000 for all areas, according to preliminary figures issued by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. The September rate was 268,300.

■ A new Canadian-controlled company, with an estimated 37 per cent of the Canadian major appliance market, will be formed by the merger of the appliance divisions of GSW Ltd. and Canadian General Electric Co. Ltd., and by the acquisition of the appliance division of Westinghouse Canada Ltd. of Hamilton, Ontario. The as-yet-unnamed company will attempt to increase manufacturing efficiency, lower costs, capture export markets, and reduce Canada's reliance on imports of parts, technology and appliances. Estimated total sales of the new company,

based on sales of the three acquired operations, will be between \$300 million and \$360 million.

■ Motor vehicle registrations in Canada are expected to reach 12,312,200 in 1976, up from 10,158,440 in 1973. The average urban household spent \$1,337.50 on the purchase and maintenance of cars and trucks in 1974. The total expenditure by all households in Canada for automotive repairs and parts is estimated at \$1,573.6 million for 1976.

■ Canada and the U.S. have concluded an agreement under which the United States Air Force can continue to use the airport at Goose Bay, Labrador.

■ Canada announced November 24 the sale of between 750,000 and 1.2-million metric tons of wheat, oats and barley to Poland over the next three years. The sale could be worth some \$120 million to Canada.