

## ENCOURAGE THE BIRDS—WHAT BROCKVILLE IS DOING.

An interesting movement is now under way in Brockville, Ont., for the protection and encouragement of birds. Definite plans, under the co-operation of the various educational institutions, were decided upon at a large meeting held on March 24, 1916, on which occasion Dr. C. Gordon Hewitt, Dominion Entomologist, of Ottawa, gave an illustrated address.

The movement promises much success, and the committee in charge will, it is hoped, reach their goal, namely, the making of Brockville a city of song birds. Every Brockville boy is invited to make a bird box to exhibit at an exhibition of bird houses to be held on April 28 and 29. Special prizes will be awarded for:—

1. The best house from the standpoint of workmanship.
2. The best bird house.
3. The most artistic bird house.
4. The most unique idea in a bird house.
5. The first house to have a bird build in it.
6. The boy taking the best picture of a bird house after it is placed for the season.
7. The best picture of a bird on or near a bird house made this year, both bird and house to appear in the picture.
8. The best picture of a song bird in Brockville.

The committee in charge of the campaign, namely, Mr. W. A. Remmer, Principal of Public Schools; Mr. G. E. Cox, Instructor of Manual Training, and Mr. W. H. Wood, Secretary Community Work, are to be congratulated on the successful commencement of their undertaking. It is hoped that the boys of Brockville will do their part, and thus lead the way for similar campaigns in other cities. The subject of bird encouragement is one which is gradually receiving more attention from the general public. Outside of the economic value of many of our wild birds, their very presence in our cities is pleasing to most of us, and in inviting them to stay with us, the popular form of invitation is the placing of suitable nesting boxes in our trees.