

The Sixth Annual Festival of the Saskatchewan Provincial Musical Association was the largest and the most successful in its history. The adjudicators, Dr. A. S. Vogt, of the Mendelssohn Choir of Toronto, Mr. H. W. Hewlett, of the Conservatory of Music, Hamilton, and Mr. Rhys Thomas, of Winnipeg, expressed themselves as highly pleased and also surprised at the wealth of talent which is to be found on the prairies, and in the prairie towns, and also they were not slow in expressing astonishment at the immensity of the Festival and the excellent business arrangements which characterised every department. An interesting and important feature this year was the development of the work among children's choirs, no fewer than six hundred children taking part, of whom three hundred travelled a distance of from one hundred to two hundred and fifty miles. Next year's Festival is to be held at Moose Jaw.

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An unusual Government publication has recently been issued by the Dominion Parks Branch of the Department of the Interior. It consists of a small souvenir booklet artistically bound in duplex leather, wild grass paper and tied with an olive green silk cord. The lettering is embossed in gold and a very unique design has been chosen for the cover. The latter is cut out so as to form a sort of frame and in this is inset a spray of Canadian Heather from the Rocky Mountains Park, the purplish flowers of the heather against the wood-brown background making a very attractive colour combination. It will no doubt be a matter of surprise to many to learn that Canada possesses a heather of her own. This plant is not, as it has sometimes been called, a "poor relation" of the Scotch heather, but has a family connection and standing of its own well recognised by botanists, and is nearly allied to the Heath of the British Isles. The booklet gives an interesting account of the locality from which the souvenir was gathered, Simpson Pass, about thirty miles south of Banff, and of some of the legends and stories connected with the heather in other lands. Its main purpose, however, is to call the attention of Canadians to the National Parks of the Dominion, not only to the attractions they offer to those who are able to visit them, but also to their value in the national life.

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