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How to Form a Boys' Band.

It is not foolish to talk about boys playing in a band. Even Indian boys are musical. At Regina, N.W.T., there is in connection with the Indian Industrial School a boys' brass band, and the Editor heard these Indian boys render very good music a few years ago. At the Brandon Indian School the boys had a rude band for two days at least. The Brandon brass band visited the Industrial School one



evening and entertained the lads and lasses with many selections all new to the pleased and wondering listeners. Next day the Indian boys secured sticks, pans, and everything available and went through all the motions and sounds of a regular brass band.

There are not in Canada as many boys' bands as there should be. Young men and boys should receive more musical education than they do. There are various kinds of bands which can be formed. The simplest probably is the mouthorgan band, and first class music can be brought out of an ordinary mouthorgan. Then there are juice-harps, kazoos, and zobos. At High School the writer remembers helping to organize a paper-horn band, which afforded real sport for a time.

If the desire is to have better music still, a flute or piccolo band can be formed, or a brass or cornet band, or a bugle band. First of all it will be necessary to secure a good leader, after organization has been decided upon and some gentlemen have consented to act as managers. There should be a firm resolve to make a success of what is attempted. The

boys can buy their own instruments by paying so much a month for them. The younger the boys the better if they have a musical ear. Regular practice should be held and strict attention should be paid to the leader's directions. Uniforms of a suitable pattern can be agreed upon when some proficiency is acquired, and every band should have a drum-major to "swing the stick."

A community always takes pride in supporting a good band, and with faithful practice any company of boys can soon play well. We know of bugle bands in Toronto, Owen Sound, Sarnia and Cobourg, of brass bands at Mimico, Alton, Huntsville and Regina, and of flute bands at Cobourg and Charlottetown, but there should be more boys' bands in Canada than these.

How to Make Money.

Wide-awake boys can always find good ways to make money. No decent boy will sell bad papers to make money. If money is to be made, it should be made in an honest way. An interesting column in an exchange relates the following methods which some bright boys successfully adopted to make money: Keeping a rabbitry, making flavored ices, driving a farmers' team and investing the money earned in sheep, having a paper-route, raising chickens, working in a jewelry store, typewriting for father.

A Gentleman's Four Requisites.

It takes four things to make a gentleman. You must be a gentleman in your principles, a gentleman in your tastes, a gentleman in your manners, and a gentleman in your person.

The New Census.

The census is taken this year not only in Canada, but throughout the entire British Empire. In the United Kingdom the de facto plan is followed. Everybody was counted on Sunday. When the first census of the Empire was taken thirty years ago it showed a total population of 230,000,000. It is expected that King Edward's subjects will in 1901 number 400,000,000. In Canada 8000 enumerators were engaged in taking the census.