

the season reaped a harvest that netted them approximately \$400.

I believe the time involved in this work well spent and to the interest of the community. The Bengough and Viceroy Bands have cemented good fellowship with similar organizations in the United States, including bands from Whitetail, Flaxville and Scobey, Mont. Periodically the American bands visit this country and our junior bands reciprocate. Most of the United States bands are established in the public schools with music as part of their curriculum. Their uniforms are very colorful, and each band usually has a drum major and several majorettes. The Bengough and Viceroy bands are following suit and endeavouring to train a number of these baton twirlers.

Many amusing incidents occur. The Bengough Band has been taught to act only on command. One Saturday evening the members met at the Bengough school auditorium. After commencement, I instructed them to march independently north down Main Street, circle the bandstand and return one block south where a further command would be given. As the group proceeded north I followed, observing the rear formation. After we had advanced a block or two, I was informed that a man in front of the hotel wanted to see me. I broke rank and hurried

to the hotel. The gentleman waiting to see me was my officer commanding. We conversed about police matters. Meanwhile the band followed out instructions. When no command was forthcoming at the designated place they kept marching south. The business section dropped behind. Still they went on and marched out Highway No. 34. Gleefully they headed for Montana.

Fortunately, Mr Mossing, who had preceded the band to adjust seats and set up the music stands, happened to glance up, and beheld his flock marching full strength southward over a distant hill. He jumped into a car, overtook the retreating squad, and commanded its return to the bandstand where an appreciated musical performance was rendered.

One of the outstanding features of the work is the surprising ease with which musical bodies of this kind can be formed, providing, of course, there is a competent music instructor and the necessary financial support for the purchase of instruments. Financial assistance is also required to meet sundry expenses.

The results achieved by Saskatchewan's Junior Bands are very gratifying. Junior Bands should be encouraged in all districts; for in times like the present martial music tends to inspire and maintain an even and balanced morale.



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