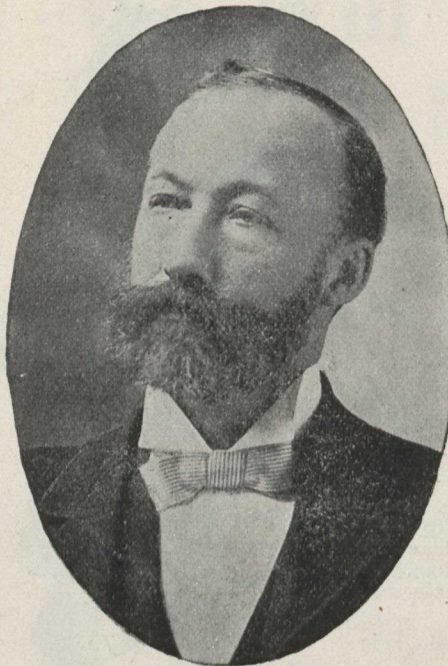


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By THOMAS V. GORDON

**C**ANADIAN song-writers are at a decided disadvantage when compared with those of American or British citizenship. The men who wrote "We'll Never Let the Old Flag Fall," "Good Luck to the Boys of the Allies," "When Your Boy Comes Back To You," "Home Again," "When We Wind Up The Watch On the Rhine," "I Want to Kiss Daddy Goodnight," and other Canadian song hits, have, by the popularity of their songs, proven their ability to write lyrics that express national sentiments. The Copyright Act gives the originator of such compositions the sole right to reproduce and sell his work. This right may be sold to some publisher for various monetary considerations. One United States firm recently paid \$25,000.00 for the rights of a single song, "Over There." The rights of an American popular song are very valuable, because they include not only the profits on the sheet music sale, but also royalties on mechanical and theatrical reproductions. Phonograph and piano-roll companies pay from one quarter of a cent to two cents per copy on the sale of their records or rolls.

The Canadian Copyright Act, however, was written before the player-piano and phonographs were thought of. Hence no mention was made of mechanical reproductions.

Recently "We'll Never Let the Old Flag Fall," "When We Wind Up The Watch On the Rhine," and "Three Cheers for the Army and Navy"—all by Canadian writers—were published and recorded in New York. These Canadian writers believed they would receive mechanical royalties on their songs as their American friends do. However, Uncle Sam put a clause in his Copyright Act that says he will do nothing for citizens of another country, where that country does not do the same for citizens of United States. So the phonograph companies claim that, because Americans are not paid mechanical royalties in Canada, Canadians will not be paid in the United States.

**T**HE Canadian Act says the owner of the copyright shall have the sole "right and liberty of printing, reprinting, publishing, reproducing and vending" such copyrighted musical composition. At a recent meeting of Canadian publishers it was decided that this clause covered mechanical reproductions, "though, of course, the phonograph companies take an opposite view. They are, however, as anxious as the publishers to have the matter decided at once.

A new copyright bill was before the house at Ottawa, but was shelved until after the war. Unless it is decided that the present Act covers the point, Canadian song-writers will suffer a considerable injustice until the Government makes the Copyright Act up-to-date like the American and British acts, which have a definite provision for mechanical royalties.

Art has always been quickened by war. Thus Canada for the first time in her history, sings her own songs. Music is a war-time necessity. The United States Navy makes its band play while the men are coaling ships. Why? Because they shovel more coal with music than without. Armies can march extra miles to the martial strains of their bands. So Canada will do better war work and more of it if she whistles and sings while so very busy, for music is the oil that takes the grind out of the wheels of life. Then encourage Canadian song-writers by at least giving them a chance equal to those of Great Britain and the United States!

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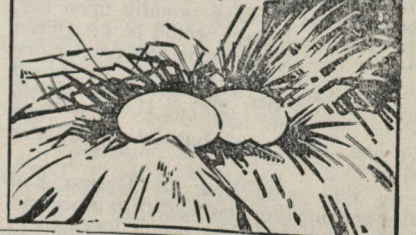
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