

INDIANS SEARCH FOR BRONX GARDEN

Gathering Specimens in British Guiana for the New York Botanical Collection—Their Work Completed.

New York, April 20.—The New York Botanical Garden has two Arawak Indians working for it, but inquiries made around the greenhouses in Bronx Park will not serve to unearth them. They are somewhere in the wilds of British Guiana, where they are busily collecting botanical specimens which they dispatch to New York. They have been engaged in this work since last fall, when Prof. H. A. Gleason, assistant director of the Garden, left British Guiana for New York, having spent several months in botanical exploration. So active have the two Indians been that they have already sent up several thousand specimens, making it possible for the Garden to distribute many duplicates to other botanical institutions.

The work of these two Indians, according to Professor Gleason, is worthy of more than passing attention. They have been converted by Spanish Catholic priests and rejoice in the saints' names of Joseph and Thomas. They were formally engaged to work for him under the names of Jose de la Cruz and Thomas Mendonca or Mendonza. Joseph could read and write a little, but Thomas knew nothing of these arts.

Both showed themselves to be more than ordinarily alert and interested in the work of the botanist. Whenever Professor Gleason brought in great armfuls of plants and put them "in press" the pair of them watched closely, and in a short time they knew how to handle the presses, then how to put the plants in press. Then they began to take little trips on their own account, bringing in specimens. While sometimes working independently in this way they never forgot to give the closest obedience and cooperation to the professor, and they were exceedingly pleased when he signified his approval of some special find, such as a specimen not before collected on the trip.

Indians Work in Boat.

The work lay largely in flood country, and the Indians handled the boat, dived off into the water, waded or swam and climbed tall trees for specimens with an enthusiasm which the professor describes as unabated. In this way, with several months' close application under Professor Gleason's tutelage, they learned how to collect, as well as what to collect and how to handle the specimens obtained, as well as how to preserve and pack them for shipment.

The specimens which have been coming up throughout the past season, Professor Gleason said, are good and in fine condition.

"When I got ready to come back, they signified to me," said the professor, "that they would like to collect plants for a living. I sold them a good share of my collecting outfit. They knew by that time just how to use it and use it very well, too. They went off into North-west Colony (just as a Westerner says

he is going into Oregon), which is a region little explored by botanists, and commenced collecting a thousand or more specimens. They have been sending these up right along since last Fall, when I returned. They pack them in boxes and despatch them by freight, as I would myself. The specimens are now coming up in such quantities that the New York Botanical Garden during the past few months has been distributing duplicates to various other institutions.

"The Grey Herbarium of Harvard University, the United States National Museum, the Philadelphia Academy of Sciences, the Carnegie Institute of Pittsburgh, the Missouri Botanical Garden at St. Louis and the University of California are among those to which been sent some of the specimens collected by these two Arawaks. Several thousands have come to date and in very fine condition."

Plan to Go Into Wilderness.

The Indians are now planning to go far up the Essequibo River, he said, along the head waters of that river and of the Rupununi River. This is territory which no botanist has worked for almost a century. Robert Schomburgk, famous as the discoverer of the Victoria

Regina water lily, was the first, last and only botanist to work in that territory, according to Professor Gleason, and that was in the thirties. If the Indians carry out their announced intention and penetrate deeply into the region they should get specimens of the greatest scientific value.

The region differs greatly from the coastal region of British Guiana, being a country of wide savannahs, with large open expanses of green areas, the trees being confined to long narrow strips along the banks of the rivers. The plants they will find, he said, will be quite different from those found along the coast and will probably show a close relationship with those of Brazil. It is much higher country than the coastal region, the ordinary level running up as high as 8,000 feet, giving a much colder climate, with different flora.

The Indians have their own boat and are absolutely independent of everything and everybody, said the professor, and they are not hampered by unwanted conditions, such as strange climate, food, clothing or insects, all of which are apt to handicap the white explorer, botanical or otherwise.



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TWO MONUMENTS TO FRENCH WRITER

To Commemorate Memory of Louis Hemon, Author of "Maria Chapdelaine."

(Montreal Gazette.)

That two monuments should be raised—one in Canada and one in France—to keep green the memory of the young French author Louis Hemon, who made his name with "Maria Chapdelaine," an idyll of the Lake St. John district, was the decision reached at an organization meeting of those interested, held last night in the office of the St. Jean Baptiste Society in the Monument National. It was roughly estimated that the two monuments would cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

Mr. Justice E. Fabre Surveyer, chairman of the committee, presided, and the other officers chosen were Louvigny de Montigny, Ottawa, secretary, and Beaudry Lemay, treasurer. Sir Andrew Macphail, whose interest in the author took the form of an excellent translation of the book, and Victor Morin were elected vice-presidents for Montreal. J. Murray Gibson and Ed. Montet were appointed to the publicity committee.

Unanimous was the decision reached that the movement to commemorate the name of the writer who was killed by a train at Chapleau a few years ago, should be a Dominion-wide affair, the project calling for the formation of a committee, to receive subscriptions, in the larger cities and towns.

Sites Were Discussed.

As to the sites of the monuments nothing was decided, other interests having to be considered before this can be definitely established. Nor was it settled precisely what form the memorials should take, but it was decided to take cognizance of the suggestions offered by the Montreal sculptor, Alfred Laliberté, R. C. A. In the discussion it was suggested that the Canadian monument might be placed in the neighborhood where the young writer was inspired to write the work which was to bring posthumous honor on his name—a district from which he drew his characters. Since monuments to mean anything, must be viewed by the many, the suggestion was made that perhaps Quebec City might give it an honored place. As regards the memorials to be raised in France, Brest, the writer's birthplace, was mentioned, but since it was reported that the wishes of his family were not quite in accord with this it is probable that Dinard, in Brittany, might be selected. Dinard is not far from St. Malo, a port associated with an outstanding figure in Canada's history—Jacques Cartier, who discovered the country.

Following the meeting the committee adjourned to Mr. Laliberté's studio, where the members inspected the rough models that the sculptor had prepared. These, in the main, feature Maria Chapdelaine in various attitudes, with a portrait of Hemon rendered in his relief on medallions. Before any decision is reached as to which model shall be selected, the matter will be the subject of judging and discussion by a committee of artists composed of Maurice Culen, R. C. A.; A. Suzor Cote, R. C. A., and J. B. Legace.



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New Brunswick has also lost heavily.

TWO ARE KILLED

Niagara Falls, Ont., April 19.—Louis Madu, thirty-five years of age, Fort Colborne, and Eia Ocsenich, thirty-six years of age, Toronto, were killed today while working on the cliff at Queenston about the hydro power house.

A rock gave way and they fell 300 feet. Their bodies were recovered.

NEW TRAIN SIGNAL

Halifax, April 19.—George H. Metzler, Halifax, has invented a train signal and stopping device which he says, according to tests made before Canadian National Railway officials, will stop an express train traveling thirty miles an hour within its own length.

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