

An effort is being made at the present time to arrange for a central emporium where all school books authorized in the Province may be purchased. It is hoped to have this central depository established by July 1919. If the attempt is successful there will be a decided improvement in the distribution of school supplies and books throughout the Province.

The Montreal Schools Swimming Association held the first test for boys for the advanced certificate, which is granted to those who are able to swim 440 yards. The following schools had successful students: Montreal High School, 10 boys; Lasalle Road School (Verdun) 3 boys; Berthelet School, 1 boy; Strathearn, 2 boys; William Lunn School, 3 boys; Argyle School (Westmount) 3 boys; Kings School (Westmount) 2 boys; and Westmount High School, 26 boys. Five of the successful candidates swam the distance in slightly over six minutes.

A similar contest for girls resulted in first, second and third class certificates being awarded to twelve girls and three boys in Westmount High School, two girls and six boys in Argyle School and two boys in Queen's School.

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## Book Reviews

*Abraham Lincoln*, by Edith L. Elias. Price 1s. 3d. *Travel through the British Empire and Adventures in Polar Seas*, by David W. Oates. Price 1s. 3d. George G. Harrap & Co., London. These are excellent books for the school library; the last two mentioned will serve as good supplementary readers in history and geography.

*Natural Freehand Writing*, by John H. Haaren, Associate Superintendent of Schools, City of New York. Six Manuals, 32 pages each. Per dozen, 96 cents. D. C. Heath & Co., Boston, New York, Chicago.

*Laboratory Manual for General Science*, by Lewis Elhuff. Cloth. 96 pages. 48 cents. D. C. Heath & Co., Boston, New York, Chicago.

*War Maps* published by Geo. Philip & Son, Ltd., London. Price 2s. 6d. each. No. 4. *The Balkans*. This is a large-scale strategical map, showing fortresses, airship depots, wireless stations, railways, main roads, forests in green, hills in brown and other important details. *Mesopotamia and Asia Minor*. Size 36 in. by 27 in. Scale 40 miles to the inch. Coloured politically and marking clearly international boundaries, forts, fortresses, railways, and roads.

*Food Study* (a textbook in home economics for High Schools), by Mabel T. Wellman. 324 pages. Price \$1.00. Little, Brown & Co., Boston. An excellent book for the teacher of household science.

*The Contemporary Short Story*, by Harry T. Baker. 271 pages. Price \$1.25. D. C. Heath & Co., New York. This volume gives expert advice on how to write stories that will be marketable as well as artistic.

*Cymbeline* in "The Granta Shakespeare" series. 1s. net. Cambridge-University Press, London. J. M. Dent & Sons, Toronto. This is a very convenient text for the use of High School students. A good introduction, copious notes, and a glossary add to its value. The type is particularly clear and readable.