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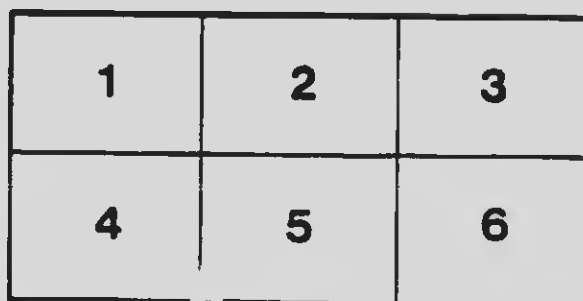
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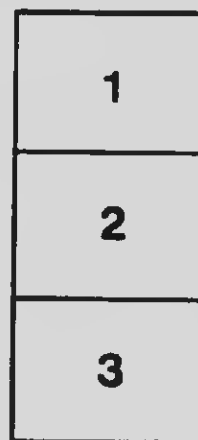
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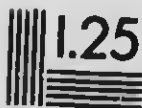
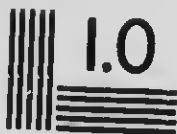
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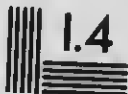
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# CANADA.

## A PATRIOTIC EXERCISE

The size of the stage should determine the number of children to take part in this exercise.

The curtain rises upon a huge maple branch set up in the centre of the stage. The Indians march on in single file, to the accompaniment of weird music. While one is reciting, the Indians should stand in a line, facing the audience. When the reciter has finished, they march so as to form a semi-circle around the tree, and still face the audience. Their costumes may be very cheaply made of fawn lining (trousers and loose tunic). Moccasins, bows and arrows, feathers, fringe up the sides of the trousers add greatly to the effect. Boys are better suited for this part than girls, though, in suitable costume, girls might take it if boys are not available.

The French Canadians may be either boys or girls, and should be dressed as French peasants or with fleur-de-lis cut out of paper and sewn all over their costumes. When the reciter has finished, they march and form a semi-circle behind the Indians.

The English should be suitably dressed in the national colors, red, white and blue, or in white dresses trimmed with tiny flags. A rose in the hair, if girls take the part, or in the button hole, if boys, adds greatly to the effect. They form a semi-circle behind the French Canadians.

The Irish should be in green, or, at any rate, have so much green about them that it will not be hard to estab-

lish their identity. They form a semi-circle behind the English.

Scotch caps and Scotch plaids will be needed for the Scotch, whether boys or girls. Bagpipes (if obtainable) would form a very suitable accompaniment for the march. They form their semi-circle behind the Irish.

U. E. Loyalists may dress in much the same style as the English. They form their semi-circle behind the Scotch.

The Germans (if girls) look well in little aprons with two pockets and a bib, large buckles on their slippers, and flat, white caps with long streamers. They form their semi-circle behind the U. E. Loyalists.

When the German has finished reciting, all the semi-circles form circles and stand around the maple branch. In order that this may be effective, it is suggested that each company contain two more children than the preceding one. For instance: The French Canadians two more than the Indians, and the English two more than the French Canadians, etc.

The music for the march of each of the companies should be as appropriate as possible. National airs are always suitable.

#### INDIAN.

Long years ago, ere white men came,  
The Red Man here was found,  
And this fair land, from coast to coast,  
Was his happy hunting ground.

He fished, he trapped, he fought his foes  
Through valley and o'er hill;  
The wolf and bear and buffalo  
Fell victims to his skill.



Sometimes around his bright camp fire  
He smoked the pipe of peace  
With Indian chiefs of other tribes,  
Who wanted strife to cease.

But oftener with feathers decked,  
And war-paint on his face,  
And bow and arrow in his hand,  
He trod with stealthy pace.

The grand old woods, whose waving trees  
Could many a tale relate  
Of strife and bloodshed, war and peace,  
Of feuds and battles great.

The white man came. Did warfare end,  
And tribal quarrels cease?  
Alas! 'Twas French and English now  
That put an end to peace.

But one bright day the hero, Wolfe,  
From England's shores set out;  
He fought the French and conquered them,  
Her armies put to rout.

He planted firm on these fair shores  
The banner of the free;  
And since that time, has proudly waved  
This flag, from sea to sea.

Long since has strife and warfare ceased,  
And men as brothers be;  
All tribes and nations meet as one,  
Beneath the maple tree.

### CANADIAN FRENCH.

My ancestors from sunny France  
Set sail for this fair shore,  
As on its soil they first set foot,  
And viewed the landscape o'er,

They said, "'Tis fair as that dear land,  
Our home across the sea,  
And here we'll plant the flag we love,  
Flag with its colors three!"

For years this flag did proudly wave,  
In spite of many a foe,  
For Indian tribes and English tried  
Their best to lay it low.

But still it floated proudly on,  
This flag of sunny France,  
Above the watch towers of Quebec,  
And watched its foes advance.

But British power was all too great,  
No courage Britons lack.  
They took Quebec, pulled down the flag,  
And raised the Union Jack.

French colonists for many a year  
Hated the British sway,  
But when they found that Justice reigned,  
And Right would have its way,

In time their hatred turned to love.  
Now, loyal, glad and free,  
Canadian French join hand in hand  
Beneath the maple tree.

ENGLISH.

When Henry Seventh sent the Cabots,  
This wondrous land to view,  
My ancestors they sailed with them  
Across the ocean blue.

And when they saw this beauteous land—  
This land so very fair—  
They cried : " To claim it for our King,  
Shall be our only care."

But there were foes on every side,  
Who claimed this fair land too ;  
And noise of battle and of strife  
Was heard the long years through.

For French gallants and Indian braves  
With sturdy English fought,  
And as the years passed onward, they  
No peace or pleasure brought.

Till one day from the motherland,  
A conquering hero came.  
The English on to vict'ry led.  
Wolfe was this hero's name.

They climbed the heights of Abraham ;  
The French were driven back,  
And soon above Quebec's grim towers  
Floated the Union Jack.

No foreign foe has since that time  
E'er pulled down that loved flag ;  
It proudly waves, though tattered now,  
That glorious colored rag !

Our hearts to England often turn,  
Dear land across the sea.  
But how we love to seek the shade  
Of the dear old maple tree !

IRISH.

From the far-off shores of Erin,  
Across the waters blue,  
To this fair land my fathers brought  
Their Irish hearts so true.

And now throughout this land you'll find,  
Brimful of humor quaint,  
Full many an Irishman who loves  
Old Ireland's patron saint.

But though to that dear loved country  
Our fathers owed their birth,  
Their sons declare dear Canada  
The sweetest spot on earth.

So we've brought a little shamrock  
From far across the sea,  
And joyfully we've planted it  
Beneath the maple tree.

SCOTCH.

• From the banks and braes of Scotland,  
In tartan and in plaid,  
My ancestors to Canada,  
Came out and fought and died.

No braver soldiers e'er drew sword,  
Than those who loved to hear,  
Above the din and clash of arms,  
The bagpipes shrill and clear.

Should foes again this land invade,  
The Scotch will cry: "To arms!  
We'll with our lives protect this land,  
Its forests and its farms.

"No foreign foe shall e'er set foot  
Upon this land so fair,  
Of Scottish strength and Scottish arms,  
Let all such foes beware!"

And though we're proud to claim descent  
From chieftains 'cross the sea,  
We're just as proud to claim this land  
Where grows the maple tree.

#### U. E. LOYALISTS.

But some there were who would not own  
Britannia's right to reign.  
They said: "Let's fight for freedom, and  
Our independence gain."

And so against the Motherland  
These colonists took arms.  
Again were heard throughout the land,  
Grim battle's dread alarms.

In course of time they won their cause  
And threw off Britain's yoke;  
Then lusty shouts for freedom's cause,  
All round the echoes woke.

But Britain was so dear to some,  
They said: "We will not stay  
In any land that will not own  
And love fair Britain's sway."

So straightway o'er th' dividing line,  
These loyal subjects came ;  
United Empire Loyalists  
Became their glorious name.

Let other lands of freedom boast ;  
We know of none so free  
As this dear land where flourishes  
The grand old maple tree.

GERMANS.

My fathers came from Germany,  
Where flows the beauteous Rhine,  
Past ruined towers and gardens fair,  
O'ergrown with many a vine.

Their sons delight to sing sweet songs  
Of those dear vine-clad hills,  
The mountain chains of Germany,  
Its rivers and its rills.

They love to tell the glorious deeds  
Of Kaisers great and strong,  
Who made the Fatherland a power  
All other lands among.

But though they love that Fatherland  
Away across the sea,  
None less they love fair Canada,  
Where grows the maple tree.

ALL.

We all love the national emblems  
For which our fathers died ;  
In motherland and fatherland  
We each one take a pride.

SCOTCH.

Oh! we love the Scottish thistle;

IRISH.

The little shamrock green,

ENGLISH.

And the fragrant rose of England,  
No fairer flower is seen.

GERMANS.

And we love the German Eagle,

FRENCH.

And we, the fleur-de-lis.

ALL.

But best of all, we love the lea,  
Of the rare old maple tree.

[As they all stand in circles around the tree, a boy steps forward, carrying the English flag on a long stick, and says:]

That finishes our story, but  
For fear you'll send us back,  
I've come to wave above the tree  
The grand old Union Jack.

[CURTAIN.]

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