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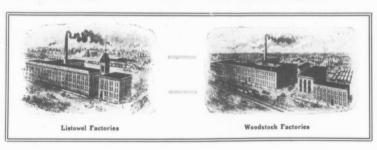


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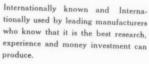
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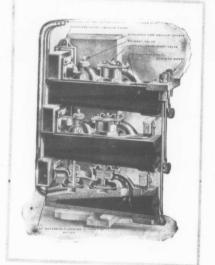
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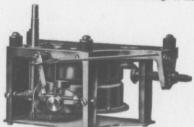
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2543 Answer.

2544 Answer.

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2563 Hungarian Serenade. Messios Mandolin Quarter.

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Ralbard and Cherus.
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Business in the West

THE music dealers of Western Canada are feeling keenly the effects of the labour scarcity in the eastern factories; not that the West differs in this respect from any other part of the country where business is active, but that does not make any the less palatable a state of too few pianos to go around. The cost of selling is considerable in the West, where travelling expenses are high and salesmen make long jumps by motor car or train between sales. Failure to deliver the piano does not wipe out the expense incurred

Parenthetically let it be remarked that the unusual condition of a shortage of pianos is not entirely attributable to improved conditions, but is largely caused by restricted factory outputs resulting from depleted factory organizations. Nevertheless there is from Fort William to the coast a heartening improvement in the demand for musical instruments in keeping with freer merchandising in other lines. In the prairie provinces this is particularly felt, and it is in the centres from Fort William to the Rockies that the shortage is most acute. From before the outbreak of war the process of elimination with respect to dubious accounts went on until practically every possible repossession has long since been made, and there is no further possibility of replenishing stocks from this quarter.

Large crop returns and the resultant better demand would suggest opportunities for better terms or larger percentage of cash sales. Such is the case. But even with everything in the piano man's favour it is surprising how readily some still grab at the invariable inquiry as to terms, even though fortified by the knowledge that the inquirer could pay spot cash for player pianos for all his relatives and have enough over to take home the motor car for which the price is spot cash, whether a thousand dollars or five thousand. The motor car is spot cash because it is the car that is being sold-not terms. The relation of "easy terms" to the piano business is so firmly established in the public mind that the inquiry re "terms" is more or less the logical result of piano trade advertising, and is so frequent that even experienced salesmen frequently find difficulty in concentrating on a drive for cash.

Player piano business is coming back. The various dealers interviewed by the Journal testified almost enthusiastically to a revival of player business. Several reasons are offered as accounting for this. Some of the reasons given are: The state of perfection of the player action and its instalment in the piano, more and capable tuners and repair men, the development of the public in thinking in higher figures, the demand for music as a solace or relaxation from the strain of war in thousands of homes where the piano is silent from the demands of the war upon the young men of the country. Not the least of these beneficial influences is the development of the music roll branch of the business, which includes so great an improvement in rolls for accompaniments.

A feature of this season's demand is the request for fumed oak cases. The call for fumed oak is almost an epidemic, and one that the dealer heartily endorses, for with this finish there are no come-backs because of checking or blooming, and no complaints because of scratches or bruises that are so conspicuous on the highly polished mahogany cases. As to the satin finish, which considerable effort has been made to popularize, reports are conditional according to locality and class of trade. The line of least resistance on the whole seems to be the mirrorlike surface, especially in selling to the farm trade, and in the prairie cities the bulk of the business is being secured from farmers, not from the townspeople. Apropos of oak cases the Journal man was shown a player that came back in exchange on a one thousand dollar player after four years' use. In such good condition was the case that less than five dollars made it as good as new.

The retailer with experience in both the east and the west prefers doing business in the west. The purchase of a piano is not taken quite so seriously as in Ontario, Quebec or the Maritime Provinces, and a farmer in either of the latter provinces who might be unconvinced in a three hours' session will, after a very few years' of good crops in the West, buy a piano with as little concern as he would eat his dinner. The advantage of doing business more quickly-or not doing it-has also the disadvantages of long drives over prairie trails, good in summer, and frequently until late fall, or long journeys by train. The cost of doing business is high, and higher selling prices than in Ontario are absolutely necessary. This in turn suggests the higher prices that the dealer is paying for his stock. Some dealers commented upon this, but invariably the condition was accepted as unavoidable, the trade everywhere realizing that materials have advanced to unheard of prices, and the end is not yet.

In British Columbia the music dealers have passed through a more serious and more prolonged crisis than the dealers further east had to contend with. The inroads upon a limited population with the general depression created a very serious condition for the music houses. They have come through. The tide has turned, and the improvement is steadily but surely advancing. British Columbia has been magnificently blessed by nature. In her mines, forests and fisheries are the unlimited fields of legitimate exploitation that are irresistible, and that make the future of this province so absolute. Industries are being attracted to the coast, and considerable shipbuilding with its allied lines is in progress, employing hundreds of men, and in which labour should, and probably will, be numbered by thousands.

Whether in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba the music dealers are keenly interested in the trade, and what those in it are doing in the east. To the visitor from the east is always extended an earnest welcome, and a visit to a western dealer from the head of

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Wherever the Journal man went he was being constantly admonished to emphasize the necessity of manufacturers coming West every year to see for themselves the particular problems with which the trade contends in long distances from the factory, scarcity of repair men and tuners, sparsity of population, cost of doing business, physical, and climatic demands upon the instruments, etc. It was many times suggested to the writer on his visit among western dealers that it would pay the manufacturer doing business in the west many times over to have the factory superintendent or the individual responsible for the factory production go through Western Canada periodically, see the goods in service, and absorb from the dealers such valuable information and useful ideas that can only be gained by personal visit.

How Shall the Player Piano Be Featured?— A Question for 1918

N OW that the player piano is so firmly established, attention is frequently drawn to the way the player is being featured to the public. There are those in the trade who believe and assert that the player's future is wrapped up in its musical possibilities alone, and that it should not therefore be sold as a mechanical wonder by which "anyone can reel off anything in music the first lick"; but that music must be studied with the player as with the straight piano, only in the former the technical difficulties are all solved.

In view of these discussions the following is of interest. The expression "mechanical player," which occurs so often, may not be the best one, but it can be read as "player piano," our generally accepted term. The article is by J. Landseer Mackenzie, and appeared in the Musical Courier, a musician's paper. Mr. Mackenzie goes on to say:

"The mechanical piano has come to stay, and therefore must be recognized as a legitimate means of musical expression. The mechanical piano should not be regarded as an end in itself, but as a means to an end. There are many who look upon a mechanical piano as an end to all music, and this attitude is perfectly justified by what is usually heard in mechanical piano performances. But this should not and need not be, if the mechanical piano held its rightful place as a ready means of expression for the musically artistic soul.

"Many lives would take on quite a different complexion if latent artistic feeling could find outlet for expression. No artist can give free rein to expression until the technic of his art is so mechanically perfect that he need give it no active thought in performance. The mechanical piano provides a perfect mechanical technic in itself, and it only remains for the performer to learn to control this technic to put him in the position of a master pianist. But this is just the point where the majority of mechanical piano performers fail. They do not take the trouble to master the technic of the instrument before considering themselves adequate performers. They expect a mechanical piano to do all the work, with the result that the effect is mechanical and unmusical. The average performer on the mechanical piano lacks appreciation of the use and purpose of perfect technic, and so misses all the wonders of expression of which it is capable.

"The neglect of the majority of mechanical piano performers to master the technic of the instrument has brought mechanical piano playing into disrepute among sensitively musical people, in addition to the unfortunate circumstance that these instruments are too often to be found in the possession of those who would be musical "hooligans," whatever their means of expression. But the blame for the musical outrages committed by means of mechanical pianos should not be laid upon the instrument, but upon the performer. There is as much diversity possible among mechanical piano performers as there is in pianists. That there are few who demonstrate this is due to the fact that the mechanical piano has not been taken seriously by musicians, and its finer possibilities are scarcely known.

"The blame for the deplorable state of mechanical piano performance is largely due to the vendors of these instruments, who mislead the public into thinking that a mechanical piano can be played by all and sundry, irrespective of musical taste and training. It is not enough to know the mere purpose of the levers and stops by which effects are produced. The use of them must be perfectly automatic, and the effects produced must be in accord with artistic musical feeling. Every means for expression must respond spontaneously to the will of the performer. Not until every gradation of expression is free from conscious volition on the part of the performer is he master of the technic of his instrument.

"There is a certain course of study which should be recognized as necessary to every mechanical piano performer. The musical aspect of the performance should be given as much thought and study as though the means of expression were not mechanical. And then, there is the thorough mastery of the technic of the instrument to be acquired, by which the performance may carry out the interpretation desired. It may come as a surprise to many that the performer has any technic to acquire in connection with a mechanical piano, but there is very definite technic necessary in order that performance may be satisfactory. There are laws and principles which apply in every form of musical expression, and these apply equally to mechanical piano playing.

"The prejudice existing against the consideration of mechanical piano playing as a legitimate form of musical expression, or art, is mostly to be found among those who consider themselves musical. This prejudice is due solely to lack of understanding of the artistic possibilities of these instruments because serious musicians have not given time and thought to their development. The exact reproducing of the playing of well-known pianists is sufficient proof that the mechanism of mechanical pianos is capable of the finest degrees of musical expression, all that remains is that the performers on mechanical pianos should be sufficiently artistic to produce like results from their own playing.

"As an adjunct to piano study the mechanical piano is invaluable, in fact, any performer who makes a study of mechanical piano playing will see the working of many principles which find application in all branches of music. The use of the mechanical piano in music study is of the greatest advantage in developing a fine appreciation of phrasing. The subtleties of phrasing possible in mechanical piano playing are infinite in their variety. Every artist would benefit his own particular branch of performance by a thorough knowledge and understanding of the principles underlying the art of mechanical piano playing. It is only by the application of the fundamental principles of music that mechanical piano playing can be artistic, and the practice of these in any form is bound to benefit the musical ability of any musician.

"To teach the young to play the mechanical piano as a preliminary musical training would be a quick and sure way to discover and cultivate true musical taste and feeling. It would also prove its value in weeding out those on whom a musical training would be wasted. That there is some fault with the present system of general musical training is proved by the numbers who are taught the piano as a matter of course, and the few who can put their training to any practical use. By teaching the young to play the mechanical piano before learning any other instrument, much time could be saved in familiarizing the student with the performance of good music.

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into recognition as an educational factor, and also as a means for giving very real pleasure to both listener and performer. Mechanical piano playing should be redeemed from the stigma of being regarded as a pastime for the unmusical to inflict torture upon the musical. Mechanical piano playing should be approached in a spirit of musical reverence, with time, practice, and study devoted to its mastery. In the hands of an artist who has mastered its technic, it is capable of an infinite variety of musical expression, and by its means many artists might be discovered who are otherwise denied facilities for performance. The requisite co-ordination of nerve and muscle, and the musical technic necessary to the mechanical piano performer may be acquired in six months or less, as compared with the six years or more necessary to the poorest pianist. Careful study and practice should be given to mechanical piano playing, and if possible should be undertaken under the supervision of a sound musician. It is not enough to be an expert player of the mechanical piano, performers should also be expert musicians before mechanical piano playing can be estimated at its true value."

Charge Piano Department and Credit Music Roll Department with Wholesale Price of Rolls Given With Player Piano Sale

HEN a player piano is sold and a certain amount of roll music must be given with that sale, it is well for the piano department to include that item in its cost of making the sale of that piano and in its cost of doing business. The ideal way would be to check the wholesale price of the music to the cost of selling the instrument and to credit the music roll department with the wholesale price of the music rolls given. In other words, the piano department buys at wholesale from the music roll department the music that it finds is necessary to carrying on its business, and the item is figured as a loss only in the one department where it actually is incurred. This places the music roll department in the position to show a real earning, whereas in many establishments where this system is not used, the loss is not only figured into the cost of selling the piano but is also checked back again as a loss to the music roll department. This is one of the chief causes for dealers looking upon the music rolls as an unprofitable venture."

This is the method advised by a writer in the Music Trade Indicator, who urges the adoption of thorough business principles in the player roll department. This writer adds: "By checking this business in the correct manner, it will be found in many instances that the music roll department is not costing the dealer nearly so much to maintain as he imagines that it is. He is under the impression that he has given something away to make a sale—and he has. But that loss should be checked and borne by the piano department and carried there in its entirety rather than for a portion of it to be checked upon the books of the roll department.

"The stock carried must be carefully culled at least once a month and the non-salable goods discarded; for if it is permitted to accumulate, it is sure to eat up the profit by occupying valuable space and will in a short time increase the investment of the dealer out of all proportion to the business that he is doing. To keep the player-piano owners interested in the music rolls, the dealer must keep his stock clean in respect to the salable and non-salable goods. The new cuts must be kept coming in at regular intervals. The dealer by keeping his customer posted through the mailing list of player-piano owners creates the interest in the new music that is necessary to successful handling of the department.

"The customers like attention, and this sort of attention, of calling to their notice the new offerings that the dealer has in stock, is not discarded as a mere circular advertising some unneeded article. It is read and remembered that the service that the dealer is extending to them is just what thy want and what they, expect when they buy a player piano. The titles mentioned stick in their memories and the customer soon begins to feel that he would like some of the music recently placed in stock by the dealer. The result is that this method of calling the offerings of the department to the mind of the customer will not only create real business for the music roll department but by bringing the customers into the store again and again for selections is bound to increase the collections of the piano department and the percentage of lapses will be less than those that would otherwise be incurred.

"One of the best methods employed in handling the music roll department is to regard it as a separate institution from the piano business. The floor space that it requires can easily be estimated to be costing a certain amount of money per month. The salesman or saleslady in charge of this department adds so much more in salary to the overhead that this department must necessarily carry. The advertising, light and so forth are additional costs for the department that are, and rightfully should be, separate from the piano department. The dealer, by looking upon the department in this manner, as a division distinct from the piano business, can then easily compute the net earnings each month that the music roll department certainly brings."

A Few of 77 Reasons

THERE is a marked and growing interest throughout the Canadian trade in the advertising of music as a home necessity. Dealers are watching for ideas to incorporate in their newspaper copy that will impress that point. Here are "some of the 77 reasons" why music is a necessity in the home and in the army to-day published by a Pennsylvania music house:

There is no time nor place where music is not needed. It is the magic of music that upbuilds and upholds. The nation needs music; the church needs music; the home needs music. No one will deny that music has not been a vital part of the life of each one whether they live in a mansion or a cottage. Music is the keystone of life's success. A "musical household" represents a united family enjoying a common interest that is a source of inspiration to the higher things of life.

Music inspires, it educates, it instils a keener appreciation for the home and all it signifies. The sweetest influence that enters the home is music. Evil and unhappy thoughts are not expressed by singing and whistling. In the true home music becomes a prime essential. It is the best medicine for body and brain. It cures heartaches, loneliness and fatigue. It is as refreshing as a cup of cold water. Because of its unlimited usefulness music can not be considered a luxury. It is easy to prove that music makes the home.

Don't like music? Don't need music? You live without music, which makes a difference, creates a distinction;
marks a contrast? The home, the family with music and
musicians is so different, so distinct as compared with the
home without it. The influence of good music can not be
measured. Fortunate indeed are the children who are
brought up 'mid an atmosphere of music because it makes
them better, happier, more content and efficient. Music is
the brightest of guiding stars from the beginning to the
end of life's journey.

Worry and care are often responsible for premature oldage. Wise ones are never older than they feel and always feel young. It is generally acknowledged that the best way to keep young is to drive care away with music. The mother at the piano, surrounded by her children singing the old familiar songs is, in fancy, carried back to her girlhood days and therewith engulfed in a forgetfulness of stern realities. It is music that anchors every member of the family to the home—it is "the tie that binds."

The essential kinship of humanity is universally attested in the appeal of music to the minds and hearts of all people. With us the sale of all kinds of musical instruments is not merely a matter of monetary gain. We consider it a far reaching service that ranks high among the best influences at work to-day for the betterment of mankind. Recognizing the importance of our position, all effort is centered in a real helpfulness that will bring the joys and benefits of good music into every home.

The two things that will keep the soldiers well is music and letters from home. The first edition of a new army and navy song book has been distributed among our soldiers in the great cantonments. Since the first gathering of men to fight, the inspiring influence of music has been acknowledged a necessary factor in ultimate victory. Equally true is it, that if we at home keep step with the soldier boys in song, we will find it easier to do our "bit" in the great work of democracy.

Woodstock Editor Urges Musical Education of the Young

S PEAKING before the recent meeting, under the auspices of the Public School Teachers' Association in Woodstock, Ont., Mr. John Markey, editor of the Sentinel-Review of that city, delivered a strong address on "Music

In Its Relation to Education."

Mr. Markey took the stand that a system of education which did not include musical instruction was incomplete, and that as Canadians we were behind almost every other civilized nation in the matter of providing musical instruction for the children of our public schools. He mentioned the fact that before the war the United States was spending six hundred million dollars a year on music and musical instruments. He contended that as a human being was possessed not only of an intellectual but of an emotional nature, the latter, as well as the former, required development, and that this development could in no better way be secured than through the medium of music. He pointed out the great educational value of the talking machine as an aid in musical instruction, making it possible for even the very youngest child to become familiar with and thus able to appreciate the great masterpieces of music, as interpreted by the world's greatest artists. But first there should be musical instruction.

He illustrated his address by a number of splendid records, which included music from the thirteenth century up to the present day, and in many, many cases he prefaced the putting on of a record by the remark: "A song that every child should know."

He illustrated the value of early musical instruction as

an aid to the ability to appreciate good music by a story of a famous orchestra which was engaged to play in a large Californian city. When it became known to the leader of this orchestra that he was to play at a matinee to school children he positively refused to do so. When it was pointed out that according to the provisions of his contract he would have to comply he agreed to have his orchestra put on the concert as arranged, but stated that he would cut his programme in two. The afternoon of the concert came and the orchestra played to an audience of seven thousand school children; but the leader did not cut his programme in two. Instead he played an encore to each number and then several extras, and at the conclusion of the concert made a speech in which he said that he had never played to so intelligent an audience. These children had had musical instruction in the schools. Mr. Markey contrasted the attention of these American school children with the inattention of the children of Woodstock at the band concerts held in previous summers on Victoria Park, expressing the opinion that the money spent by the municipality on these band concerts would be largely wasted until the audience was trained to appreciate music.

In seconding a vote of thanks to the speaker, Mr. Coles, Public School Inspector, expressed himself in perfect accord with Mr. Markey's suggestions and ideals along the lines of musical instruction in our schools, and gave it as his opinion that in the not very far distant future the public schools of Woodstock would make provision for

some sort of musical instruction.

It is said that in Kansas City the amount of the cash deposit on piano sales has of late increased by 40 p.c. The average of the initial deposits is given as \$35 per instrument.

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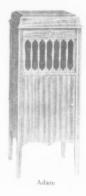
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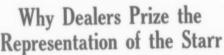
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Few Failures

A GENTLEMAN, who was having a chat with the Jour-nal on the general aspects of the talking machine trade, dropped the remark that when you look into the retail end of the industry there are comparatively few failures. To those who know the Canadian trade intimately this gentleman's remark would seem to be in keeping with the facts. As to the reason of this satisfactory state of affairs there are several things which unite to make them so.

In the first place when selling on the instalment plan the dealer retains his title to the instrument until the payments are completed; then, unlike food, talking machines and records are not perishable goods. A dealer who puts in a stock of talking machines in the fall finds that he can sell the very same goods next spring and summer, for they

do not go out of fashion like, say ladies' hats.

These points have a bearing on the subject because of the particular nature of the goods. But it must be stated also that the talking machine trade attracts the bright. progressive, and energetic type of business man and salesman because of the established one-price system; because of the publicity talking machines and the new record lists have received; and because of the growing belief in the necessity of music in the home.

It would also be right to say that many of the men, who have to do with the talking machine departments, have obtained their training in the piano school, which means that they have been well trained in going out and

making business.

The Journal has of late heard of two or three young men starting out for themselves to retail talking machines and records, and who were helped in their decision to do so by the fact that the trade's list of failures was encouragingly short.

A Town Without Records

ONE example that has been cited to show what a large field there is for the record end of the talking machine business is that of a town of some eight thousand people, which until recently had not a single house making any kind of a serious attempt to give the people service in records. There was a store outside of the music business that had a certain measure of success in selling machines, but like a certain furniture dealer they took the attitude, "As long as we sell a few machines a week we do not give a curly where they get their records."

The experience of a good many people is that they can buy talking machines satisfactorily from various kinds of stores, but when it comes to the purchase of records they find it to their advantage to deal at the music stores. The dealers know that a large portion of their success depends on the present owners of machines maintaining their interest, and one of the surest ways to accomplish this is to keep their interest in the lists of new records as they come

Keep in Mind the Records of Past Few Months

WHILE on the subject of records it is of interest to give some thought to the observation of a salesman the other day to the effect that there is some leakage in record sales in this way: "When the new monthly list appears," he said, "we make a drive on the new records, and when the next new list comes along we are apt to forget the records that came out in the last two or three months previous. I believe that we are a little bit too inclined to put all our energy into the new records. I find it pays to always keep in mind the records in the last few supplements, as well as the very last one, for after all, apart from the popular music, any of the records in the past three or four months can be talked of as new to the average cus-

Queen Anne Designs

S UCH an interest is being stirred up by the various makes of period design talking machines that the salesmen would do well to inform themselves on period designs generally in order to talk interestingly and convincingly about them. For instance, in the Eaton advertising "the scribe" has this to say on Queen Anne designs:

"Queen Anne furniture, Queen Anne tea sets, Queen Anne gables-she is an oft-quoted lady, is Queen Anne, in the matter of household affairs. And not without reason.

"She was a simple-minded woman, alternately timid and obstinate, and her husband, George of Denmark, was a dull, good-natured man. Neither was of the type to stimulate the art of the period. Yet "Good Queen Anne," as her people called her, exercised, consciously or unconsciously, a most happy influence on the history of cabinet-making and kindred crafts.

"One of her biographers declares that the salon of Queen Anne was a sewing bee. We know, at any rate, from old costume prints, it was at this time the "pinner," or apron, flourished as a fashionable appendage to women's dressattached to the most elaborate costumes. The chief dissipation of the court ladies was to meet for needlework and conversation. Read the life of Anne's lady-in-waiting and intimate friend, the beautiful Mrs. Churchill, afterwards the Duchess of Marlborough, and you will get many an interesting glimpse of these prosaic gatherings, and of how they palled often upon the brilliant wife of the great Duke. It was with characteristic dislike of regal pomp that Anne called the Duchess 'Mrs. Freeman,' and was in turn addressed by her favourite as 'Mrs. Morley.'

"Such being the domestic spirit of the day, it is not to be wondered that articles of furniture should assume a human, feminine quality, hitherto unknown-that the stiff, rectangular lines of Elizabethan and Jacobean styles should dissolve into the soft curves of the cabriole leg and the gentle undulations of the pediments that mark the designs

of the Queen Anne period.

"While her life was marked by much grief and disappointment-of her seventeen children only one survived infancy-Queen Anne was yet a martinet in trifles. She had her servants paraded before her each day that she might see if their ruffles were fresh and their periwigs dressed. But to this love of order may we not attribute the introduction of the sewing tables and writing desks which made their first appearance at this date?"

The Talking Machine a National Asset

GREAT deal has been written about the many spheres of activity of the talking machine, but there is one purpose for which sound reproduction could be utilized, overlooked by many writers dealing with the subject, and that is its service as a National Recorder.

opinion of a writer in the London Sound Wave, who continues: We cherish our storehouses of treasures, our pictures, our sculptures, our libraries, our collections of varied arts and sciences, but what of the Oratory of the country? That quality of oratory depends as much upon the inflection or intonation of voice as upon the language employed, is revealed when we come to read a speech in the columns of our newspapers, after we have actually listened to the fire and oratory of the speaker delivering that same address.

Why should not the nation preserve the actual voices of its orators and leaders? It would be particularly fitting to begin this national collection with the voices of the men who between them to-day hold the destinies of our great and glorious Empire in their hands, to have in permanent preservation the inspiring tones of the great leaders among us. Surely the world to-day would be the gainer if it could thrill once more to the fine measured eloquence of a Disraeli, and why should not posterity enjoy the privilege of listening to the voice-recording of those men who are to-day piloting the State ship through the troubled waters of a European turmoil to the not far-distant Haven of Peace?

Dealing with the same subject the London Daily News says: The suggestion at the Sheffield conference of the Museums' Association that in every town voice records should be made of returning soldiers' experiences in the war, for historical reference, has aroused considerable spec-

ulation as to the possibilities in this direction.

Mr. M. E. Ricketts, of the Gramophone Co., Ltd., told a Daily News representative yesterday that as a result of the careful collection of records now being made by the British Museum, it will be possible in some thirty or forty years' time for the rising generation of that date to enter a special department to hear songs of the great singers of present fame, the personally conducted orchestral works of distinguished British composers, and actors like Sir Beerbohm Tree in their favourite characters.

Commander R. E. Peary will then tell how he discovered the North Pole, and Sir F. Shackleton how he made his "Dash for the South Pole." The speeches of present-day politicians, of our most famous Generals and Admirals, and leading preachers will also all be kept on record.

"During the past three years," said Mr. Ricketts, "hundreds of officers have had records made to preserve their voices for their friends, relatives, and children; and families who desire to talk with relatives thousands of miles away visit our recording rooms for the purpose."

Urges Mechanical Service

"M ECHANICAL service is one of the two most vital factors in our merchandising scheme," affirms Mr. Thomas J. Leonard, general sales manager of Thos. A. Edison, Inc., whose subjoined remarks are worthy of the consideration of all talking machine retailers:

"In the old days-let us call them old days, although they are comparatively recent-we sold a phonograph and a few records, and naturally expected that the owner would buy new records for a while until the novelty wore off, and then for another while he would buy fewer records, and pretty soon he would stop buying them altogether. We expected that he would tire of his machine-and we were seldom disappointed. We mailed him the new supplements at first as they came out, but so far as making any effort to maintain his record patronage by regularly inspecting and keeping his instrument in good condition was concerned, that was the least of our thoughts. If something went wrong with the instrument-and he brought it in-we repaired it, of course, and we didn't lose any money on the charges we made for the service, by the way. The customer rather expected to pay a pretty good price for the work, and he wasn't often disappointed.

"That was the extent of our service and the boundary of our vision in those days. Our lack of foresight in this respect has its counterpart to-day in the small auto dealer handling a cheap, or medium priced car; he energetically pursues a customer, and after he has a sale landed gives no further thought to the owner than a profitable charge when he gets into mechanical trouble. The owner expects it and he isn't often disappointed.

"That isn't the way, however, that the dealer in the auto de luxe handles his customers. With such a dealer service is the first consideration. Regularly—monthly at least—he is in touch with the owner to insure that everything is satisfactory. And it is not the owner's assurance that satisfies him—but an actual inspection of the car.

"His constant care is to head off the trouble—to preserve the good mechanical reputation of the product and his own reputation for good service. He needs the recommendation of the satisfied owner. That is the reward he

expects for his preferred service.

"We believe that the time is right now when Amberola dealers must realize that it is absolutely essential for them to establish a systematic inspection of instruments in the hands of their customers. It should be gratuitous service for a reasonable length of time—say a year—and after that I believe it is proper to make a nominal charge for the service. No owner, I am sure, can reasonably object to such an arrangement. I believe that with a few exceptions they will be glad to have their instruments looked after and pay for the services. If it is necessary to enumerate the reasons for mechanical inspection service, they are:

"I, Mechanical inspection keeps accounts from falling

- "2. Mechanical inspection pays profits in immediate and future sales.
 - "3. Mechanical inspection produces prospects.

"4. Mechanical inspection creates good-will on the part of the owner and makes him a good booster.

"I do not believe it is necessary to elaborate on these reasons. They have been established beyond doubt and cannot be disputed."

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Cashing In on Record Business

THIS timely article dealing with record-selling appeared in the Voice of the Victor, and contains some real meat, not only for His Master's Voice dealers, but for those handling other makes of records as well:

There is an old saying that popular music is familiar music, and the epigram is valuable, for it sums up a business policy which can be made to bring returns. This policy consists in deliberately educating the public to appreciate the hitherto unappreciated classics. And lest you think this policy sounds altogether too much like a high-brow's plea for Culture with a capital C, let us look a little into the facts of the case.

There are two kinds of popular music, based on two kinds of familiarity. There is the popular music of the day which we'll call ragtime for short; and there are the popular classics. Without going deeply into the theory of music, we may point out that music of the ragtime variety is built up of certain long-familiar chords attached to equally familiar rhythms. It is all a rehash of old stuff-a refleshing of old skeletons. It sounds new at first, but soon the old bones poke themselves out and one tires of them. A man, for instance, buys the latest popular song and is delighted with it. He takes the record home, and plays it over and over. Soon it begins to pall on him, and before long he is positively sick of it. He comes back for more records of the same sort and goes through the same process of pleasure followed by pain. By and by he fails to come back. Instead of a source of income he has become a menace to the trade.

The second kind of popular music to which we refer above is the popular classic. Such pieces as the Mendelssohn Spring Song, Dvorak's Humoresque, the Quartette from Rigoletto, The Rosary, etc., are all "high-brow" music, but they have become so familiar to the public that they are popular. To these "popular classics" may be added popular songs of old time which have been good enough to survive and have themselves become classics—such numbers as "Silver Threads," "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny," the Foster songs, "Whispering Hope," etc. One may add also the patriotic airs.

When a man invests in a "popular classic" record he goes through quite a different process. Quite likely he over-plays it the same as he did the ragtime one, but even so he merely puts it away. The record is, say, "Silver Threads." It is perhaps the song his mother used to sing; or the song which best expresses his own thoughts on contemplating his own rapidly silvering hair. Anyway, he can never grow utterly tired of it, and in the meantime there are others of a like nature that have equally strong associations. He's a safe and satisfied customer, and a Victor booster.

There is another avenue, which is to popularize some unknown but tuneful pieces and so bring them into the realm of the "popular classic." Some old-time minuet or new-fangled love song is lifted out of the obscure unknown into the light of day, and in this way a new foundation can be laid upon which we can add a whole new wing to the Victor business edifice.

Let us take, for example, the case of the Humoresque. This was one of a group of piano pieces composed by Dvorak. He intended it to be played in lively style. Somehow, nobody played it. It fell flat along with the rest of the pieces in the set. Then Kreisler discovered it. He arranged it as a violin piece and played it slowly and with sentiment. In an instant it was a success, and it has been one ever since. It is now a standard "opopular classic," and as such will remain in the catalogue for years as a staple "best seller."

Another piece that is not quite so well established, but which may easily become a "popular classic," is "Deep River." This melody is an old Negro Spiritual, and is one of twenty-four Negro tunes selected by a well-known American publishing house to be arranged in modern style by S. Coleridge-Taylor, an Anglo-African composer of great distinction. It happened to catch the fancy of Maud Powell, who arranged it as a violin solo and gave it a strong push. Since then it happens the same melody has been adapted by another well-known composer and published through another publishing house. The Coleridge-Taylor setting has also been re-arranged yet again as a song (recorded by Frances Alda). The touch of rivalry between two publishers, the Victor records by Maud Powell and Frances Alda, and the inherent worth of the piece in itself (for it is an exceedingly beautiful number and one readily borne in mind by the layman) may very easily result in establishing this number as a "popular classic," and therefore a gold mine for everybody concerned in pushing it along.

It is easy to interest the untrained music-lover in unfamiliar music, if you go about it the right way. No one is quite so bigoted in his opinions as the untrained musiclover. No one else is quite so cocksure about what is or is not good music.

The best method is to gain his interest before he hears the record. That, of course, is one of the main purposes of the monthly Supplement, with the elaborate annotations prepared concerning each newly-issued record. A great deal can also be done by the salesman in the store. He should not be content with saying just "listen to this," and then playing the record. He should give the customer something definite to listen for. "Just listen to this double-stopping" (if the record is a violin record), or "Just listen to this 'tempo rubato,' to this trill, to this cadenza," etc.

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Upon Lieut. Whiten's completion of ten years of naval service, in 1911, he was retired with rank and entered banking at Wilmington, Del. The commencement of hostilities by America against the Imperial German Government impelled him, however, to volunteer for immediate service, and at the Philadelphia Navy Yard his energies have found ample outlet, with results commensurate to his work as a captain of industry.

Going farther than that, Lieut. Whitten remains chief executive of the American Graphophone Co. and the Columbia Graphophone Co., as well as his financial enterprises, and not only confers nightly with the managing heads who keep him in intimate touch with every detail of business, but goes to New York two or three times a week to supervise progress at the Woolworth building in person.

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A Winnipeg Editor

Apropos of music coming into its own in the columns of the newspapers since Canada's "Music-in-the-Home" propaganda was launched, the Annual Music Number of the Winnipeg Free Press of Saturday. Eccember 1st, was probably the best music supplement ever issued in a daily newspaper in Canada or any other country. It was the product of the enterprise and intelligent effort of Mr. Rhynd Jameson, music and drama editor of that paper.

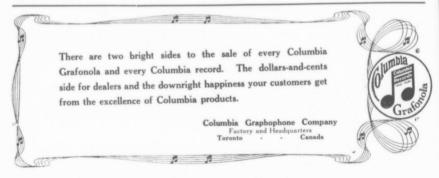
Mr. Jamieson was born in Scotland, and resided for a time in Toronto; both of these he has lived down to the extent of developing into a genuine, hustling Westerner. Music is his life, his hobby, his element, and he has the faculty of making anyone with whom he comes in contact almost as musically enthusiastic as himself, whether through his music page in the Free Press or by personal contact.

His criticisms of musical events are eagerly looked for, not only by professional musicians, but by concert patrons at large. If "R.J." says an artist should be heard he is sure to have a good audience, and before attending a concert "R.J." refreshes his musical memory by reading the score of what is to be played or sung. He therefore writes with authority and honesty.

A series of short articles on music in the churches sells hundreds of copies of the Free Press on Saturdays. What is more important these articles are having the effect of spurring choir leaders and choristers to better efforts. "R.J." may come to hear us next Sunday, and we want to be ready for him," says the choirmaster, and the competitive spirit is developed with the best results.

Also the Winnipeg piano men have great respect for "R.J.'s" opinions, and he in turn appreciates their problems. He is with them, heart and soul, in any movement to get music, good music and more music into the homes and the lives of the people of Canada.

Mr. R. S. Mason, formerly with the J. M. Greene Music Co., Peterboro, and son of the manager of that firm's Lindsay branch, has opened up for himself in Orillia. Mr. Mason has leased a store on the main street, where he informed the Journal he would handle Brunswick phonographs and records, Williams' New Scale pianos, sheet music, and violin strings.



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04102	Alma Gluck, soprano Hungarian Dance No. 5. Johannes Brahms. First Recordings of the Philadelphia Orchestra (Leopold Stokowski, conductor)	1 05	63013	Bomee et Juliette (Guuno) Canada (Arisei Fair Sun). Romee et Juliette (Guuno) Canada (Arisei Fair Sun). Reviens (Cristane: in French. Lucien Murature (Arisei Fair Sun). Reviens (Cristane: in French. Lucien Murature (Arisei Fair). Filay). in Italian Lucirori, a giubba (On With the Filay). in Italian Lucirori, Naupullan song, in Italian. Comme o' auccaro (Ferrary). Naupullan song in Italian. Giacomo Rimin (Arisei Guide). L'Ultima Canzone (Tosti). Melody, in Italian. Giocomo Ave Maria (Guond).	12
64753	Hungarian Dance No. 6. Johannes Brahms, First Record-	1 25	63016	Reviens! (Christine) in French. Lucien Muratore	12 12
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A2422	Wait 'Till the Cows Come Home from 'Jack O'Lantern.'	80	60065	Manon (Massenet) "Gavotte," in French, Maria Kousne-	12
	A Sweetheart of My Own from "Jack O'Lantern." James	85		Romeo et Juliette (Gounod), waltz song in French, Maria	
A2423	A sweetheart of My Own from "Jack O'Lantern." James O'Lantern. "James O'Lantern." James O'Lantern. "James O'Lantern." James O'Lantern. "James O'Lantern." James O'Lantern. "James O'Lantern." James O'Lantern. "James O'Lantern." James O'Lantern. James O'Lan	85	60038	La Gloconda (Ponchielli) "Voce di donna" (Angelic Voice), in Italian. Kathleen Howard	12
V5415	my Sunsaine Jane. Reed Miller and Frederick Wheeler. In the Land of Wedding Bells. Albert Campbell and Henry		59017	French, Kathleen Howard	12
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	Give Me the Right to Love You All the While. Sterling	85		nond Clement NEW POPULAR PRICED OPERATIC RECORDS	12
A2413	Wy Rose of Waikiki. Albert Campbell and Heary Burr. Hello! Aloha Hello! Albert Campbell and Heary Burr Down South Everybody's Happy. George H. O'Connor. Down Where the Sweet Potatocs Grow. George H. O'Connor and Columbia Quartette	85	51001	moud Clement KEW POPULAR PRICED OPERATIC RECORDS Le Chalet, Part I (Adam) 'II faut me ceder' (Give Up Your Mistress), in French. M. Berthaud, tenor; M. Bel- homme, haso	
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12414	It's a Long Way to Berlin, But We'll Get There. One- step. Introducing (1) "Throw No Stones in the Well			Terrible City), in French, M. Danges, baritone	10
	sum Party.' Prince's Band. There's Always Something Deck! Down to District Prince's Always Something Deck!		20243	in French. M. Danges, baritone Far Above Cayuga's Waters (Cornell College song), Un-	10
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16001	The Sun Shines Brighter. Fox-trot. Introducing (1) "Si- ren's Song": (2) "The Crickets Are Calling" from		90949	contraito Holy, Holy, Holy (Dykes), Organ accomp, Marian Crawford,	10
	'Leave It To Jane.' Jockers Brothers. Just You Watch My Step. One step. Introducing (1)			O Holy Night (Adam), organ accomp, with violin obligate	10
	"Leave It to Jane"; (2) "I'm Going to Find a Girl" from "Leave It to Jane," Jockers Brothers	1 50	40109	William Wheeler, tenor Rock of Ages (Redhead). Organ accomp. English Church	10
16002	Don't Want to Get Well. One-step. Introducing (1) 'Hail: Hail: The Gang's All Here'; (2) 'My Old Irish				12
	My Home Town,' Prince's Band.		27005	Fight the Good Fight (Boyd). Organ accomp. English Church Choir Love You Truly (Carrie Jacobs-Bond). Just You (Bur- leigh). Paul Althouse, tenor Silver Threads Among the Gold (Danks). Craig Campbell,	12
	"Everybody Took a Kick at Nicholas"; (2) "Meet Me at the Station Dear"; (3) "My Sweatia" Prince's		25004	Silver Threads Among the Gold (Danks). Craig Campbell,	10
6003	Band So Long Mother. One-step. Introducing (1) 'Down South	1 50		tenor We've Been Chums for Fifty Years (Chattaway). Craig Campbell tenor	
	Everybody's Happy''; (2) 'My Rose of Waikiki''; (3) (3) 'So Long, Sammy.'' Prince's Band,		20213	we've meen tuliums for Fifty Years (Chattaway). Craig A Soldier's Song (Mascheroni, John Wallace, hasso The Deathless Army (Trotere): John Wallace, hasso Martin Martin Martin Martin Martin Martin Martin Martin Solitude and Martin Mar	10 10 10
	ther's Eyes': (2) "Our Little Mountain Home in Swit-		27503	NEW INSTRUMENTAL NOVELTIES Solitude sur la Montagne (Svendsen). Violin solo, piano	
6000	Second Hungarian Rhapsody. Part I. Percy Grainger.	1 50		Traumerei (Schumann). Violin solo, piano accomp. Jacques	10
2416	My Old Kentucky Home. Margaret Woodrow Wilson. My Laddie. Margaret Woodrow Wilson.	1 00	40110	Thibaud The Rosary (Nevin), harp, violin and flute. Ackroyd Trio. Ave Maria (Bach-Gounod), harp, violin and flute. Ackroyd Trio	12
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7088 1	Ernani (O de' Verd anni miei). Riccardo Stracciari Schumann's "The Two Grenadiers" sung by Leon Rothier	1 00		The Little Rascai (Anon). Tubaphone, with bells. Albert Muller Snowdrops (bertel). Nyipohone solo. Albert Muller Melody Land, from "Cheer Up. New York Hippodrome Cheer Up, Liza, from "Cheer Up, Liza, from "Cheer Up, New York Hippodrome (Golden-Hubbell). Louis Winsch, bartier). Ada Jorge Commelienna & Little Bit of Hippodrome (Single Hubbell). Louis Winsch, bartier). Ada Jorge Commelienna & Little Bit of Honey (Hondy). Noble Sissle, tenor. Stay in Your Own Backyard (Udall). Noble Sissle, tenor. These Route Hubbell (Little Bit of Hubbell).	12 12
7950	Les deux Grenadiers (The Two Grenadiers). Leon Rothier. Le Cor (The Horn). Leon Rothier	1 50	20232	Melody Land, from 'Cheer Up.' New York Hippodrome	10
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5997 1	Polanaise Militaire. Columbia Symphony Orchestra.	50	20222	Six Times Six is Thirty-Six (White). Ada Jones, comedienne Southern Gals (Gumble). Lottie Grooner, sanrang	10
2406	Woodland Whispers. Prince's Orchestra. Inder the Greenwood Tree. Prince's Orchestra	85	20233	A Little Bit o' Honey (Bond). Noble Sissle, tenor Stay in Your Own Backyard (Udall). Noble Sissle, tenor.	10 10
2405	INSTRUMENTAL NUMBERS Polanaise Militaire. Columbia Symphony Orchestra. a Caratrinee of Orchestra	85	20234	There's Something in the Name of Ireland (Ager). Charles Hart, tenor	10
2400	raise Bleue. Louise, Ferera and Greenus.	85		You Can Always Come Back to Me (Kerr). Charles Hart, tenor I Don't Care (Williams). Billy Williams, comedian	10
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Among recent trade visitors to Toronto were Mr. M. H. Matthews, president, and Mr. L. A. Baxter, vice-president and superintendent of the Thomas Manufacturing Co., Dayton, Ohio. This firm, which specializes in motors, tone arms, sound-boxes and parts for the phonograph trade, has opened up a Canadian branch in Toronto, where they have secured premises at Suite Number 911, The Kent Building, at the corner of Yonge and Richmond Streets. This branch will be in charge of Mr. P. K. Wood and Mr. F. J. Foley. At the Canadian branch it is their purpose to carry for immediate shipments a large stock of each of their five types of motors, and of the four designs of tone arms and sound boxes, together with all necessary parts. As a result of the growth of the Thomas Manufacturing Co., the management announce that they have increased their capital to \$300,000 in order to take care of the additional business coming in.

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Orme, Limited, are Ottawa representatives for the Martin-Orme Piano Company, Ltd. The staff of Messrs, Orme, Limited, headed by the President, Mr. Frank L. Orme, have given liberally of their time and energy to Victory Loan work during the full three weeks. This firm also used a large amount of space in the Ottawa newspapers to give publicity to the Loan.

At the Stanley Piano Warerooms, Yonge Street, Toronto, the Brunswick phonograph line is now being strongly featured. The taking on of the new agency was widely advertised in the daily papers.

The Embalmers' Supply Company ordered a Victrola XI and one record, "Lead Kindly Light," by the Haydn Quartette, to be delivered to the Hotel Walton by a Philadelphia music house. The object was to demonstrate the use of the Victrola as a substitute for the choir at funerals before a national convention of undertakers.

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MONTREAL LETTER

HE Victory Loan kept many of our piano and talking machine men on the jump during the time subscriptions were being taken. Some of the men were captains, and some of them were privates, but whether captains or privates they were patriots both, and their efforts were crowned with success. We are particularly blessed with a class of men in and among the piano, talking machine and music fraternity in this city that never fail in their duty toward their fellow-men and their country. Many occasions have arisen during the past few years in this community wherein the piano dealer has been called upon to do his part, and he has done it thoroughly and conscientiously, but never more so than during the past fortnight, when he was called upon to contribute what he could toward buying Victory Bonds and solicit what he could at the same time.

The Berliner Gram-O-Phone Co., Limited, report that business has been exceptionally good during the month of November. Orders have increased tremendously for Christmas trade throughout Canada, and it seems as though Victor dealers are stocking almost to capacity in anticipation of a big or larger demand than usual for both machines and records.

Wm. McDonald, salesmanager of the J. A. McDonald Piano and Music Co., Ltd., Halifax, paid his respects to Montreal recently.

Charles Culross, the Sonora and Aeolian-Vocalion representative, is doing an extensive trade in phonograph re-

H. P. Labelle, Ltd., are now featuring the Starr line in addition to other talkers handled.

In the Victory Loan parade in Montreal His Majesty's Theatre had a float which contained a Leach piano (the only piano in the parade).

The Crown Furniture Co., Ltd., 68 Crown Street, Quebec, are handling Pathephones and Pathe records.

The Montreal Symphonola Company, Mappin & Webb Building, are well satisfied to date with their efforts, and have placed a large number of Symphonolas with various dealers both locally and in suburban districts. "Business is away beyond our most sanguine expectations," said Mr. A. K. Kempton of this firm.

The volume of business transacted during the month of November was much larger than we even hoped for," said Layton Bros., "and Mason & Risch, Sherlock-Manning and Layton Bros.' instruments were largely responsible for the splendid showing made."

A decided increase in their floor trade, and good reports from outside territory for Gerhard Heintzman and Shaw pianos, is the report of Manager A. E. Moreland of J. W. Shaw & Co. Their musical merchandise, sheet music and Grafonola departments are all producing good results.

"Sales for the past month have been excellent, and the outlook for the coming months is even better," said General Manager Hamlet of Wm. Lee, Ltd. "There seems to be a steady demand for high grade pianos, such as the Martin-Orme and Bell lines, and we find that the percentage of buyers who are purchasing player pianos is increas-

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The Berliner Gram-O-Phone Co., Limited, subscribed fifty thousand dollars to the Victory Loan Fund.

The Dominion Phonograph Cabinet Co., Montreal, are reported to have dissolved partnership.

The Foster Phonograph Co., Foster, Que., are new dealers in phonographs.

Goodwin's, Limited, are now carrying a complete stock of Edison Amberolas and Blue Amberola records, this in addition to the New Edison Diamond Disc instruments, for which they have built up a large clientele. In order to introduce the machine locally they advertised a machine on three days' free trial with twelve Blue Amberol records.

A Victrola was recently donated by H. C. Wilson & Sons, Ltd., Sherbrooke, Que., for the benefit of the Work Committee of the Patriotic and Red Cross Society.

Harry Lauder, the exclusive Victor world-famed artist, crowded His Majesty's Theatre to excess, with people turned away, and also seats sold on the stage, during his recent visit to Montreal. His time, likewise Mrs. Lauder's, was fully occupied with patriotic speeches, etc. In one hour he sold over \$45,000 worth of Victory Bonds at Goodwin's, Limited, the Edison and Columbia dealers. Wherever he has visited throughout Canada Victor dealers report an onslaught for records of this artist.

Mr. C. W. Lindsay and C. W. Lindsay, Limited, subscribed \$100,000 to the Victory Loan, whilst A. P. Willis, president of Willis & Co., Limited, purchased personally

\$55,000 worth of Bonds.





types of phonographs made by the George McLagan Furniture Co., Ltd., Stratford.

The Canadian Graphophone Co. are selling a considerable number of the Sharpoint needle sharpeners.

The increase in the price of some lines of talkers has had no discouraging effects. Instead of lessening the demand the increased cost acts as a stimulant, fostering still wider popularity, said Manager Norman F. Rowell, of C. W. Lindsay, Ltd., Columbia, Pathephone and Sonora salons.

"The month of November has proved extremely kind to us," said W. J. Whiteside, both as regards Karn-Morris product and Victrolas and Victor records. "With reference to this line of gramophone we find they reduce selling cost because an ever constant demand created by Victor quality and tone insures a quick turn over of stock."

"We are highly pleased with present conditions, and if all our prospects for Cecilian and Mendelssohn pianos and Cecilian Concertphones materialize we will have a tremendous Christmas trade," said Gervais and Hutchins.

The Canadian Graphophone Co., wholesale distributors for the Columbia in the Province of Quebec, have been exceptionally busy during the past month, and state that the demands of the trade are so great at the present time that Manager Depocas is telling people what portion of an order they should buy rather than trying to tell them how they ought to buy.

Mr. J. E. White, salesmanager of the Williams Piano Co., Ltd., Oshawa, was a recent trade visitor to Montreal, as was also Mr. D. F. Cordingly of Brockville.

The Leach Piano Co., Limited, report a good demand for the Puritan style Gourlay upright, also Gourlay-Angelus players and Leach pianos in various models,

Willis & Co., Limited, were one of the piano houses who agreed to underwrite Victory Loan Bonds for their employees.

At the warerooms of J. H. Mulhollin, Evans Bros. piano agents, orders are about as plentiful as goods are scarce, and that's as scarce as spurs on a sailor.

The Windsor Hotel, Montreal, have purchased a Leach upright piano for use in the grill room.

Willis & Co., Limited, report a good many hundred Willis pianos and players behind on orders. This firm, through President A. P. Willis, report that this year's total business will be very much in excess of 1916, in fact is greater in volume of sales than ever before. Mr. Willis reports that they are also doing a considerable trade in Dominion and Newcombe instruments.

Mr. Robert A. Willis, Vice-President of Willis & Co., Limited, is at present in Vancouver. He has already sent in substantial orders for Willis and Knabe products from all western points visited so far. He is expected home before Christmas.

WINNIPEG TRADE NOTES

THE General Manager of the Bank of British North America, who has just returned from an extended trip through Western Canada, has made the following statements on conditions there:

"In the Prairie Provinces there is quite abnormal prosperity and spending power, due to the ruling high prices



Mr. William Smith, son of the late Jock Smith, has returned to Winnipeg.

for grain. Cash is coming into the country fast in payment of this year's crop, and this finds reflection in loans repaid and increased deposits in the banks. The present offers a unique opportunity to farmers, and others benefiting indirectly through the prosperity of the farmers, to reduce their affairs to a liquid position, and there are many evidences that advantage is being taken of it. Broadly speaking, the Prairie Provinces should make great headway this year in getting out of debt, and no doubt they will.

"The real estate boom in the West is, of course, over, but the process of liquidation is still in many cases held at arm's length by moratorium acts, and this will have to be faced in the future. In the meantime, sales are few, and there is not much building going on.

"In British Columbia I found conditions distinctly better than when I was there last, but that was two and a half years ago. One very noticeable feature is the revival of the shipbuilding industry, which is serving a most useful purpose just now in giving employment to a large number of people, and though it is hazardous to prophesy beyond the end of the war, there are hopes that it may prove to be of a permanent character.

"Speaking generally, the present seems a good time to think of setting one's house in order. The war may not be over very soon, but it must end some day, and when it does, there is likely to be a severe scaling down of the prices of all commodities, to which we have recently become accustomed, if not quite reconciled. That will be a trying time to the business community, and those will stand it best whose liabilities are comparatively small."

The late Mr. Jock Smith's son, William, arrived home on the 19th, together with his sister, having made a safe and comparatively uneventful journey from London, England. Needless perhaps to say, their return home had a marked effect for the better on Mrs. Smith, especially coming such a long distance. Mrs. Smith wishes to sincerely thank the many in the trade who so kindly wrote to her expressing their sympathy in her bereavement, and assures them that their kindness is deeply appreciated. Mr. William Smith expects to settle down to the Winnipeg Piano Co.'s business, which no doubt will be quite a change after "looping the loop and spiralling." Miss Smith will continue her musical studies in Winnipeg for a time. Business seems to have dropped off a little to what was expected by the Winnipeg Piano Co., probably owing to the Victory Loan campaign. We are hoping, however, for a good Christmas trade.

Mr. W. Stumpf, representing Beare & Son of Toronto, passed through Winnipeg on his way east after a very successful business trip through the west.

The Doherty Piano Co. have moved their collection department to Room 202, 324 Donald Street. Mr. Mitchell, who is in charge of this department, reports a very satisfactory month's collections.

Mr. J. W. Clark, city salesman of Mason & Risch, Ltd., who has joined the Flying Corps, left for Toronto the end of November. The good wishes of his friends go with him.

Isolde Menges, violinist, delighted a large audience at each of her recitals given in the Central Congregational Church on November 20 and 27th.

Three car loads of Willis pianos are now on the road to the Fowler Piano Co., a big Christmas trade being anticipated. Business for November is reported as being a little dull, probably owing to the big Victory Bond campaign.

Messrs. Cross, Goulding and Skinner have added the Columbia Grafonolas and Pathe phonographs in addition to the Brunswick lines, which they are already carrying. A big increase is reported in phonograph business, piano trade also being exceptionally good, and collections par excel-

Mr. W. B. Puckett, general manager of the Williams Piano Co., Oshawa, spent about ten days here getting some inside information on business conditions in the West Mr. Puckett is well satisfied with the business outlook.

Mr. Fred Cross was a recent visitor to western points. A page advertisement running in three city papers advertising the Brunswick phonographs is bringing numerous inquiries to Messrs. Cross, Goulding and Skinner from all over Western Canada.

The Canadian Phonograph & Sapphire Disc Co. report a much better month's business this November than they had a year ago, a decided improvement being shown, many



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inquiries for the Par-o-Ket records, for which they are the western distributors, being received.

Word was received that Mr. Main, who was connected with Cross, Goulding & Skinner for some years until leaving for the front, has recently had his knees shattered. Mr. Main had spent six months in the hospital to his first injuries, and pluckily declared he was ready to go back and give his life if need be. We are sorry to hear of his injuries.

Columbia business is very good, October being the biggest month since the Western Fancy Goods Co. took over the agency. Record service is reported as improving. The Hudson Bay stores are now handling Columbia lines.

Babson Bros., Edison phonograph dealers, report business as being up to the average, and prospects good for the coming season.

Karn Morris Piano Co. find collections and business in general good—the only difficulty being found in getting goods to sell.

Educational Illustrated Lectures

Thos. A. Edison, Inc., have announced a series of educational illustrated music lectures for schools and colleges, regarding which they say: "A competent authority has written for us two admirable lectures, one on Verdi and his works, the other on Puccini and his compositions. The lectures are fully illustrated by Edison Re-Creations. The lecturers are cultured women from leading conservatories of music.

The lectures will be presented only for the benefit of schools, colleges, etc., the tickets to be sold by the schools and the proceeds to provide for the purchase of a New Edison for the school. The lectures will be booked through Edison jobbers the same as the now famous Edison tone tests are booked. The school authorities will not be obligated to invest the receipts from the lectures in a New Edison. They have the privilege of investing the receipts in any phonograph they prefer.

NOTICE

WHEREAS certain parties, claiming to represent Japanese and other firms, have approached dealers, offering to illegally duplicate our records, we hereby respectfully notify the trade that we will vigorously prosecute actions against parties engaging in such traffic with our respective products.

Columbia Graphophone Company
Berliner Gram-o-phone Company Limited

Markels Motor Representative in Canada

Mr. D. R. Doctorow, credit and salesmanager for Leonard Markels, the New York motor manufacturer, spent a few days in Canada early this month, during which he closed some most substantial orders. Mr. Doctorow informed the Journal that he was arranging at the factory to have a service man come to Toronto for two or three weeks in the interests of the users of Markels motors and parts.

To increase their output the Markels firm is taking larger quarters and installing new machinery. The "Little Butterfly" motor, which is a small edition of the Big Butterfly, was put on the market to meet the demand for a smaller, less powerful motor, but with all the features of its Big Brother, and Mr. Doctorow reports it is being ordered in excess of all their expectations.



Mr. Bert Gillespie, Calgary,

Calgary Victrola Man

The Victrola department of Heintzman & Co., Ltd., at Calgary, is now in charge of Mr. B. Gillespie, formerly manager of Western Gramophone Co.'s branch in that city. Mr. Gillespie is a thorough and consistent Victrola enthusiast, and finds a ready response to his enterprise in giving service to the public. Four years ago Mr. Gillespie commenced his Victrola experience with His Master's Voice, Ltd., Toronto, later transferred to Western Gramophone Co., Winnipeg, and then to that firm's branch at Calgary. With excellent accommodation for his department, opportunities for attractive windows, local and national advertising of His Master's Voice products, Mr. Gillespie is quite pleased with present business of, and future prospects for, his department.

S. E. Lumsden, a well known piano dealer of Arnprior, Ontario, has secured the agency for Pathe Pathephones and Pathe Records for his district. Mr. Lumsden has a very large connection with the farming community, and no doubt will be as successful in introducing Pathe lines as he has been in selling pianos.

That Good Old Christmas Wish

Dealers of Canada the heartiest good wishes of the Season. May your Christmas be a Merry one and may you prosper throughout the New Year.

You can ensure the prosperity of the New Year with a Pathe agency.

In the year just closing the Pathephone and Pathe records have been the sensation of the talking machine trade.

The national advertising relative to Pathe, together with the unique and high quality of the goods make this line a profitable one for the music dealer to handle.

Link up now with the Pathe and make 1918 a red letter year in your history.

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Pathé Frères Phonograph Co. of Canada, Ltd.



Factories and Head Office:
4-6-8 Clifford Street, TORONTO, Canada

Western Distributors: R. J. Whitla & Co., Winnipeg, Man.

Maritime Province Distributors:
H. L. Hewson & Son, Limited, Amherst, N.S.
C. W. Lindsay, Limited, Montreal.



"Music in The Home" in the West

Dealers Endorse and Support the Movement to Stimulate Interest in Music—Newspapers Agree to Co-operate—Financial Support Also Given by Western Centres

BELIEVING that more could be accomplished in a month of personal effort than in a year of letter-writing, the executive of the Canadian Bureau for the Advancement of Music decided that a representative of that organization should visit Western Canada. It was desired to learn the sentiment of the trade and of the press in the West toward the propaganda of "Music in the Home," that was launched in March of the present year, when the Bureau above referred to was brought into existence.

Unfavourable Public Sentiment

It is no new story that even before the outbreak of war, but more particularly since, influences have been busy propagating a sentiment detrimental to the interests of those engaged in the business of manufacturing and marketing musical instruments. The place of the music industries has been wantonly criticized, and by so-called economists, politicians, bankers, journalists, college professors and others its products have been arbitrarily classed with luxuries. Failure of the trade to openly resent these unfair and unjust appraisals may have encouraged them and helped to foster in the public mind an idea that a musical instrument is something that should be acquired only after everything else a household could need had been purchased.

Automobile Serious Competitor

New competition came into existence and old competition became more formidable. Manufacturers and retailers began to realize that the struggle for a place in the sun was intensified by competition outside of the trade. The man selling pianos began to appreciate the frequency with which the recently purchased or the about-to-be-purchased automobile was the competition he must meet and beat. The other piano man ceased to be his greatest cause for concern.

Movies Take Much Public Money

Amusement resorts have also developed, and thousands of families, even in the smaller places, are paying into theatres and the "movies" amounts that would purchase a new piano every couple of years. The furniture man, the jeweler, the confectioner, the furrier, the clothier, the tailoress, the motor boat manufacturer, and transportation companies became more aggressive in campaigning for public patronage. Did the piano trade progress accordingly?

Education Interfered With

A most serious feature was the interference with the musical education of the country's youth when in the formative period of the rising generation's mind such education is so essential to individual and national development. The demands of the war in its earlier stages precipitated mistaken ideas of thrift. The sale of instruments for educative purposes suffered. Music teachers and institutions of music instruction suffered.

Music Dealer Not Always Sold on His Own Proposition

Furthermore the trade has always harbored too many men unsold on their own proposition. These have retarded the growth of a sane attitude on the part of the public toward the place of music in home life and educationally.

Reformation was necessary within the trade. Those persons in doubt as to their being in an essential business, or merely dealing in luxuries, were to revise their ideas. They were to be sold on their own proposition. This was really the first step in organized activity to further public interest in music and thereby keep fertile the natural field of the music industries. Accomplishment in this respect has been big. The Canadian Bureau for the Advancement of

Music itself, and the enthusiasm with which it was launched at a general trade meeting held in Toronto in March last being the evidence. The interest of dealers, their enthusiastic endorsation of the Bureau, its attainments and ambitions, are all evidence of a trade awakening to the fact that successful effort can be made to refute the erroneous impression that unthinkingly or otherwise has been too persistently disseminated, and with results costly to the trade.

Bureau Representative Visits West

But to return to the subject of the visit to the West. John A. Fullerton, one of the editors of Canadian Music Trades Journal, who by virtue of his neutral relation to the various branches of the industry, and his familiarity with the problems faced, was made Secretary-Treasurer and Director of the Bureau for the fist year. The Board, under whose supervision Mr. Fullerton's office is, holds weekly meetings. Extending the influence of music is always the programme topic, along with questions arising out of this. Intimations to individual dealers in the West that a visit to them was contemplated brought prompt and urgent invitations.

The first work of the Bureau immediately following its organization was to act upon the suggestion of daily newspaper editors, viz., to help them edit their weekly musical page in a manner to make it interesting to the average people and not merely for the musically educated. The newspaper men insisted that the difficulty of securing readable, snappy, informing articles on musical subjects made it impracticable for them to do justice to this feature of their papers. One of the functions of the Bureau is to secure the services of persons competent to write such articles and furnish them to the newspapers.

In Ontario, and as far east as Sydney, N.S., newspapers were co-operating in the propaganda. The list of papers receiving the Bureau's service of articles also included two or three in the West.

Attitude of West Very Encouraging

The result of the trip has been not only to receive visual, oral and financial evidence that the Western dealers are heartily in accord with what is usually termed the "Music in the Home" movement, but forty-one daily newspapers from Sydney, N.S., to Nanaimo, B.C., have agreed to use the Bureau's service. They not only agreed to do so when interviewed, but without exception promptly appraised the idea as one of great public advantage.

Western Trade Helps Finances of Bureau

The Bureau is financed by voluntary subscription. The executive is greatly encouraged by the western dealers in this respect. They have, without solicitation in every city visited, promptly subscribed to the funds of the Bureau, as evidence of their sympathy and interest, and also as evidence of their sympathy and interest, and also as evidence of their appreciation that such a movement is under way. Even before Mr. Fullerton returned to To-ronto a check for \$65 had been received from the dealers of Saskatoon as an earnest of their desire to see the Bureau continue in its work. In other centres the dealers are arranging to forward contributions to this valuable propaganda. From Calgary has come a cheque for \$\$5.00, a generous expression of the interest of the dealers of this city.

Thanks of Mr. Fullerton

Mr. Fullerton takes this method of extending his sincere thanks for the many courtesies extended and for the hospitality enjoyed by him on his western tour. The warmhearted welcome that the western dealers extend to trade visitors from the east is proverbial, and Mr. Fullerton af-

The Highest Class Talking Machine in the World



If You Owned a Store, and-

You noticed scores of people buying goods of the man next door, goods that you could handle admirably --- it would interest you, wouldn't it? You would say, "That fellow is doing a big business in that line --- I ought to carry it too." You should! In the above, instead of the word "goods," put **phonographs:** instead of "line" put **Sonora** --- and see how true this rings. The public wants phonographs --- the best in phonographs --- and the Sonora, which won highest score for tone quality at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, is in great demand.



There is a splendid opportunity to become a Sonora dealer now. Remember a Sonora franchise is valuable.

The Sonora plays all disc records without extra attachments, and the makers of the Sonora were the first to offer a machine that plays all records of this type perfectly.

I. Montagnes & Co.

Canadian Distributors of the Sonora Line

New Ryrie Building Yonge & Shuter Sts. Toronto, Canada firms that no visitor could have a more cordial reception than that extended to himself in every place he visited. This he takes as a tribute from the trade in the West to the trade in the East.

Forming Trade Associations

Apart from the "Music in the Home" movement, and yet closely allied to it, one result of the dealers in the different centres getting together on this proposition is the furtherance of a spirit of friendship. The immediate result the Journal understands is associations being formed in different centres. In this issue the Journal reports that the dealers of Vancouver have already formed an association.



Captain W. A. Child, of Child & Gower, Regina, in the centre; his partner, Mr. Geo. C. Gower, on the right, and J. Reibling, secretary-treasurer of the firm, on the left.

Associations Help Business

The policy of this Journal has always been unconditionally favourable to trade associations. There are many advantages. Experience shows that where competitors become acquainted mutual confidence is inspired, and as one association advocate said, "You may be guilty of a meanness to a man you don't know, but certainly not to a man you do know." Exchange of information is worth getting together for, and at that no one need give away his socialled "secrets." What is more important is the developing of a healthy public respect for the trade, which is impossible where the dealers in a centre lack cohesion and have no uniform policy in getting a profit for serving the public with tunings, rentals, movings, etc.

Arbitrary Decisions Fatal

Apropos of forming associations the Journal urges the example of organizations in the trade that owe their survival to a policy of informality. Onerous agreements or arbitrary decisions by a mere majority are fatal to the life of an association of piano men. If a proposed reform is under discussion, and the sense of the meeting shows a strong minority, more will be accomplished by dropping the subject. Later it may come up and pass unanimously, or nearly so. This is not theory. It is actual experience. Furthermore, the mere statement of a member that he does a certain thing or charges a certain price, or works a certain policy is frequently sufficient to start others along the same line. A discussion without a formal resolution or

agreement is frequently more effective than the latter, for then there is no rule to break.

Fort William and Port Arthur

On the westward trip the first stop was made at Fort William. Mr. E. E. Nugent, manager of Heintzman & Co., himself an ardent advocate of any sane movement to get more music into the lives of the people, had called a meeting of the trade. In this he had the hearty co-operation of Mr. Harry Taylor, manager of the Mason & Risch branch here. Mr. Taylor was familiar with the idea, and strongly sympathetic. In Port Arthur are two music houses, the Tucker Piano Co., under the management of Mr. White-house, a brother of Mr. Frank Whitehouse, the well known Peterboro dealer, and the Milton Francis agency, featuring Gourlay lines. As reported in a previous issue of the Journal, the Milton Francis store is under the management of Mr. A. H. Francis, Lieut.-Col. Milton Francis being at the front in command of a British Columbia regiment.

Mr. George Williams, in Fort William, established himself some years ago, and has a wide connection. His efforts have placed many Williams New Scale pianos in the twin cities and surrounding territory.

From October 1st until the end of the year the Fort William and Port Arthur stores remain open in the evenings.

Winnipeg and Regina

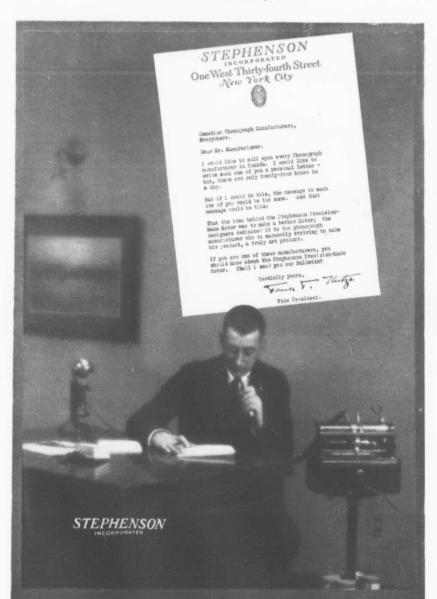
In the Journal for November was reported meetings of the music dealers in Winnipeg and Regina to hear an explanation of the much talked of "Music in the Home" movement, and to discuss active participation therein. In both centres the Bureau's representative met with a most hearty reception and sympathetic hearing. The dealers accepted the movement as their own proposition, which it is, and promptly expressed their decision to link up with it both morally and financially. The sentiment was encouragingly favourable. As stated in the last issue of the Journal, a dinner had been arranged by the Winnipeg dealers at the



The piano delivery truck of A. B. Russell, Western Canada's pioneer piano mover.

Royal Alexandra Hotel, and at Regina, through the courtesy of Captain Child, of the Child & Gower Piano Co., Mr. Fullerton was the guest of the Regina trade at a dinner at the Assiniboia Club. In Regina every music dealer was present, and at the Winnipeg meeting practically every music house in the city was represented. In both these centres the press and trade were already co-operating in an active effort to arouse public interest to a real appreciation of music.

"Busy, very busy," pronounced Mr. A. B. Russell, the popular and obliging veteran piano mover of Regina. Mr. Russell has recently added a new motor truck, with a capacity of three instruments. For the past eight years Mr. Russell has handled piano moving of Mason & Risch, Child & Gower Piano Co., and Heintzman Co.



Saskatoon

WHEN Saskatoon was reached a meeting of the dealers had been arranged. It was stated that this was the first occasion in the history of this city that the music dealers had come together. It is hoped that one of the results of this getting together will be future meetings of the Saskatoon music dealers for the general advancement of their interests.

The proposition of doing something to stimulate public interest in music, and to dissipate the too prevalent tendency—in the trade as well as out of it—to look upon musical instruments as luxuries, appealed to the Saskatoon dealers so forcibly that there was no lack of unanimity when a meeting was proposed.

At two o'clock in the afternoon the dealers met at the King George Hotel, where the large writing room on the ground floor was courteously reserved for them by the hotel management.

Those present at the meeting were: Messrs. Walter Cowan, H. J. M. Gloeckler, T. S. Collier, E. R. Prescott, of Gourlay, Winter & Leeming, Ltd.; J. D. Allen, of Heintzman & Co., Ltd.; George Kincade, of Mason & Risch, Ltd., and W. H. Feild, of Saskatoon Piano Co., Ltd.

It was suggested that a chairman and secretary be appointed to take charge of, and keep a record of, the meeting's proceedings. This promptly resulted in Mr. Prescott being unanimously elected to the chair, and Mr. Feild to the secretaryship.

Without further preliminary the subject of "Music in the Home" was brought up by the chairman, who emphasized the need of co-operative measures to instil into the public mind a proper appreciation of the place of music in the home and in the life of the individual.

A cordial welcome was extended Mr. Fullerton, who was then called upon to outline what has become known as the "Music-in-the-Home propaganda." The speaker reiterated what he had said in other centres concerning the need of an organization such as he represented, and which was forced into existence by the most unjust and unfavourable impression that was being engendered in the public mind concerning musical instruments. Politicians, financiers, so-called economists, and even journalists and college professors had in speeches and otherwise sought to have the public appraise musical instruments as non-essentials and particularly so during the war.

It was explained that in the east discussions in the trade and in the profession served to emphasize the seriousness of the situation, which had also been aggravated by the competition that the music industries were meeting with from such lines as automobiles, amusement resorts, etc.

Finally, at a general meeting in Toronto of retailers, piano, organ and supply manufacturers, talking machine manufacturers and distributors, it was decided to proceed with a campaign of public education, first jacking up the ideas of those in the trade to the fact that they are in a business essential to the public welfare; that music is something without which human existence would be intolerable.

The co-operation of the newspapers, it was explained, was first sought, at their own suggestion indeed. Arrangements were made to supply newspapers with live, human-interest, readable articles relating to musical topics. These articles were to be not lengthy and of a nature to get the attention of average persons, business men, mechanics, clerks, stenographers, and even the boys and girls who might be piano pupils. The attitude of the trade, backed

by newspaper men, is that music is at least worthy of an equal place with football, curling, motoring, and the theatre in the columns of the press.

An organization, named "Canadian Bureau for the Advancement of Music," was formed to embrace membership from the trades or the profession. The services of a number of writers have been secured to provide the class of articles that the newspapers would be glad to use. These, it was explained by the speaker, were being used by a number of daily newspapers in the west, and as far east as Sydney, N.S. It was designed to nationalize the campaign, and the dealers were asked to strengthen the hands of the newspaper editors by expressing their appreciation of what is being done. It has been found that where music is neglected by the daily paper it is invariably because no representations have been made to the management that as a department or a feature, at least once a week, it would be appreciated by the trade, the profession or the public.

At the conclusion of Mr. Fullerton's address the subject was thrown open for discussion. The concensus of the meeting was very soon shown to be decidedly favourable to the propaganda. A deputation was appointed to interview the local dailies. At the conclusion of the meeting



Grain Elevators at a C.P.R. Station on the Prairies.

the offices of the dailies were visited, and in both cases the proposal that music be considered a subject of public interest was promptly welcomed.

So favourable were the Saskatoon dealers to this kind of activity that it was proposed to help finance the Canadian Bureau for the Advancement of Music when someone present asked as to how funds were raised to carry on the work. It was explained that the Bureau is being financed by voluntary contributions, and when one of those present mistook a sum of money mentioned to be a suggestion that the Saskatoon dealers contribute fifty dollars each he started the ball rolling by agreeing to that amount. However, that was in excess of the amount contemplated. A generous subscription was decided upon, and a unanimous and hearty vote of thanks was tendered the trade in the east for its enterprise in getting an agitation under way, and for delegating a representative to visit the west to enlist the co-operation of the dealers and the press.

As a result of this coming together of the Saskatoon dealers for their mutual benefit it is expected that further meetings will be held and an association formed so that the trade will be provided with the machinery to bring the members together when the occasion demands.

Edmonton

E DMONTON is picked by many visitors to the West as the city with the greatest future of all the prairie cities. Edmonton's location gives that city many advantages, both scenic and agricultural. There is the choicest farm land in every direction, and it is the gateway to the great Peace River country of unlimited possibilities in grain and vegetables and fruit. The Grand Trunk Pacific Hotel, the MacDonald, is an object of local pride. It is an influence in bringing people to Edmonton and causing them to linger, and to talk about the city after they leave it, an asset that Toronto, for example, might consider.

Edmonton is a musical centre, and in Mr. Kenneth Ross has a active promoter, through whose persistence and industry the citizens have opportunities of hearing many artists of international repute that would not otherwise visit this city. There is an appreciation of better music, encouraging alike to visiting artists, teachers, the promo-

ters and the dealers in musical instruments.

The city trade of Edmonton merchants may not be what they consider normal, but country business is surely making up for it this season. The most noticeable feature of the piano salesrooms is the scarcity of stock, and though the dealers know and appreciate that the shortage of labor has made normal outputs of the factories impossible—they are chafing under contracts made and contracts that could be made, but impossible to complete

In Edmonton the City Council has gone the provincial factory act one better. According to this act all factories and stores in the province must not work their employees more than eight hours per day. A recent concession permits of retail stores remaining open until nine o'clock on Saturday evenings, with their day shifts of help. This, it is stated, is effective only for the Christmas trade, after which the working day of Saturday is to end at six o'clock which the working day of Saturday is to end at six o'clock

as on other days.

The Edmonton Council has passed a by-law requiring that all music houses in the city close at six o'clock on Saturdays as on other days. There seems to be some indefiniteness regarding the by-law, and there is certainly lack of unanimity as to the fairness or necessity of it which permits drug, stationery, or other stores handling talking machines as a side line remaining open.

The suggestion to the music dealers of Edmonton that they link on to the advancement of music propaganda did not need more than a suggestion. It was no new idea to them that the interests of the music trades required that something be done to stimulate public interest in music to the end that Canadians be made not only music-loving people but musically capable people, with especial relation to their home life.

When the representative of the Canadian Bureau for the Advancement of Music, John A. Fullerton, reached Edmonton, he found there the ready and cordial welcome that has characterized his visit to all the western centres. The trade here has been unfortunate in the lack of organization, which makes more easily arranged a general meeting of all

he dealers.

A meeting of the Edmonton piano men was held at the McDonald Hotel, at which Mr. Fullerton was given an opportunity to enlarge upon the reasons necessitating intelligent action in combating influences tending to interfere with and restrict what should be a natural and legitimate field for the sale of musical instruments of all kinds. He explained the organization of the Bureau, under whose auspices he was visiting the West, and its purposes. He was able to inform the meeting that in addition to newspaper editors in the east all editors interviewed in points visited in the West promptly expressed sympathy with the movement to create greater interest in music and agreed to co-operate.

It was pointed out that one of the functions of the Bureau was to help newspapers edit their music pages by furnishing them with a weekly service of articles by competent writers, and which articles, all on musical topics or topics relating to musical instruments, are designed to reach the great masses of newspaper readers and create in them an interest in music and an appreciation of music as a necessity in the home, in the formative period of the character of the youth of our country, and at all times and on every occasion.

The discussion following Mr. Fullerton's remarks soon showed the sense of the meeting to be decidedly favourable to the propaganda laumched by the organization of Canadian Bureau for the Advancement of Music. It was decided to show appreciation of the movement in a substantial way, and on a motion of one of the dealers present it was unanimously agreed to subscribe an amount on a basis of ten dollars per firm, and send a collective cheque from the Edmonton music dealers to the Bureau to help

finance the organization.

A deputation was appointed to interview the managements of the "Bulletin" and the "Star," with the result that with both dailies the plan of co-operation in a weekly

musical page was heartily approved.

Those present at the meeting were: Messrs. Jones, of Cross & Jones; Davis, manager, Heintzman & Co., Ltd.; McMillan, manager, Mason & Risch, Ltd., and Mr. Will Banford. Mr. Loge, who has the local representation of Gerhard Heintzman lines, was unable to be present, but on the following day met Mr. Fullerton, and one or two of the local dealers, who explained the proposition. Mr. Loge unhesitatingly endorsed the work of the Bureau as a necessary and logical movement entitled to the sympathetic and financial support of everybody in the trade. Mr. Hill, of Hill & Scott, agents for Knabe and Willis lines, was absent on a moose hunt.

It was decided at the meeting to form a permanent association of the Edmonton dealers, with the idea of promoting a better spirit of co-operation, and to have the means of calling the dealers together when such getting together was considered advisable, decided to form an association. Mr. Jones was the unanimous choice for the chairmanship, and Mr. McMillan was with equal unanimity

elected to the secretaryship.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Fullerton for his exposition of the subject handled by him, and through him to the trade in the east for its enterprise in getting together to forward so admirable a movement that through its benefits to the public will redound to the advantage of the trade.

Calgary

C ALGARY music dealers formed themselves into an association three years ago, but unfortunately the organization lapsed. This, however, did not interfere with a representative attendance at a meeting held in the Palliser Hotel, called for the purpose of discussing music advancement.

Those present at the meeting were Messrs. R. W. Mac-Murray, manager, Gourlay, Winter & Leeming, Ltd.; Geo. Venini, manager, Mason & Risch, Ltd.; C. W. Clarke, Gerhard Heintzman Parlors; D. J. McCutcheon, manager, Heintzman Co., Ltd.; Hunt, of Hunt Piano Co., Ltd., and

Pugh, of Alberta Piano Co.

Owing to absence from the city, Mr. W. M. Howe, manager, Willis Piano Co., Ltd., was unable to attend. On his return the following day, however, he was informed on what took place at the meeting, and promptly acquiesced in the decision of the meeting to go on record as endorsing the work of the Canadian Bureau for the Advancement of Music, which he considered an important forward step in the interests of the trade.

Great Columbia Advertising



It has cost a lot of money—but it has been worth while—and it will continue right along.

During the last year, in our territory, more money was spent on advertising Columbia Grafonolas and Records than on any other line.

That is one reason why the demand for Columbia Goods is always increasing.

But the chief reasons are that Columbia goods are the best value, the most reliable and most satisfactory in the long run—and we stand behind them with our guarantee of satisfaction—with our service and advertising helps to dealers.

Our sales for 1917 will show wonderful increase over 1916, and we will be well to the fore in 1918.

MUSIC SUPPLY COMPANY

Largest Columbia Distributors in Canada

36 Wellington St. East

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On the meeting being called to order, it was suggested that a chairman and secretary be appointed. Mr. Venini was unanimously voted to the chairmanship, and Mr. Pugh was elected secretary.

Mr. Venini explained the purpose of the meeting to be a discussion of a movement that had been started in the east to create greater public interest in music, and indirectly in musical instruments. Mr. Fullerton, he announced, was present to tell about that work, and without further reference introduced the latter.

Mr. Fullerton thanked the dealers for their presence, which he appreciated, as it was at some inconvenience to themselves, the hour being at a busy time of the day. But he opined that the importance of the cause, of which he was the missionary, justified whatever time they had spared from their respective businesses. He also suggested that their coming together so readily would indicate the Calgary trade to be good material for a co-operative society.

After covering the ground from the inception of the Bureau, and the causes leading up to it, and what had been accomplished up to the day of visiting Calgary, the speaker urged that questions be asked, and the subject thoroughly

discussed.

An hour was spent in talking over the benefits to be derived from a national movement to get more music and better music into more homes by bringing householders to a realization that the neglect of music, especially where there are children, is unpardonable.

The sentiment of the Calgary dealers was readily seen to be quite in line with the views expressed by the trade in other places where the "Music in the Home" propaganda

had been unconditionally endorsed.

On motion it was decided to forward a contribution to the funds of the Bureau as evidence that the Calgary dealers were behind the movement. A vote of thanks was tendered the visitor, and the meeting adjourned, after appointing a committee to interview the newspapers and express to the management appreciation of what was being done for music, and to urge that as a subject of public interest music should at least have an equal show with hockey, curling, etc.

Vancouver

ETTING together to discuss the propaganda of music G advancement so appealed to the trade of Vancouver that it was decided to form an association. It may surprise the trade in some other places that so important a centre as Vancouver has been without an organization of the music dealers. But there are other centres claiming to be as important as Vancouver where the piano trade association is only a very recent acquisition. Even Toronto, with its claims of being the chief music centre in the country, and its consequent responsibility in the way of example to other centres, is only able to boast of a fouryear-old retailers' organization in the music trades.

In Vancouver, as in other places, previous efforts to organize the dealers met with no permanent success, and the trade therefore continued to do without the benefits arising out of the occasional getting together of business competitors. By getting together and encouraging the resultant acquaintanceship competitors find that in many ways they can work conjointly for the general good of their re-

spective businesses.

The occasion of the Vancouver trade getting together was the visit to that city of John A. Fullerton, Director of Canadian Bureau for the Advancement of Music, and who was given a warm welcome. Reports of the Bureau's activity in the east in arousing public interest in music, and therefore in musical instruments, had reached the coast, and when it was intimated that in the interests of the work of the Bureau Mr. Fullerton proposed to include Vancouver in his itinerary, most pleasing and reassuring messages were received by the Bureau executive as to the readiness of the Vancouver dealers to meet and give him an opportunity of telling about the organization he represented.

Indeed, as in Winnipeg, the visitor was the guest of the trade at a magnificent banquet at the Vancouver Hotel. Those present at the dinner, which in this case was confined

to the trade, were:

J. W. Bowes, Manager, Bowes' Music House.

J. Estey Bowes, Bowes' Music House.

A. Mungrean, Piano Dept., Hicks & Lovick Piano Co. A. Ajello, Ajello Piano Co.

W. A. Fairley, Piano Dept., Wm. Thomson Piano Co.

E. Gowan, Pathe Dept., Hudson's Bay Co. James Fletcher, Fletcher Bros., Victoria.

T. A. Switzer, Manager, Fletcher Bros., Vancouver. R. D. Pollard, Piano Dept., Fletcher Bros., Vancouver.

J. D. Forsythe, Columbia Dept., Fletcher Bros., Vancouver. W. A. Willis, Willis Piano Co., Victoria.

L. D. Kennedy, Manager, Mason & Risch, Ltd.

R. N. Higginbotham, Mason & Risch, Ltd. D. G. Featherstone, Mason & Risch, Ltd.

Walter F. Evans, W. F. Evans, Ltd.

Mr. Miller, Piano Dept., W. F. Evans, Ltd. L. Evans, Piano Dept., W. F. Evans, Ltd.

Herbert Kent, Kent's Edison Store, Victoria, B.C.

D. H. Kent, Manager and Secretary, Kent Piano Co., Ltd. G. L. Bell, Edison Dept., Kent Piano Co., Ltd.

It will be noticed that the attendance was most representative, and included practically every firm in Vancouver and Victoria. Mr. Montelius was absent from the city, and therefore unable to attend.

When cigars were lighted it was suggested by Mr. Daryl H. Kent, to whose untiring activity and perseverance great credit is due for so representative a meeting, that a chairman should be appointed to take charge of the meeting. He proposed that Mr. J. W. Bowes be elected to the chair, and the proposition met with unanimous approval.

Mr. Bowes, in introducing the guest, very gracefully extended to him assurances that his visit was most heartily appreciated, as testified by the attendance, and that any proposition having in view more extended interest in music would have the sympathetic and active co-operation of the trade in British Columbia. Mr. Bowes also remarked that it would be a pity not to take advantage of the gathering to effect a permanent association in the interests of the trade.

Mr. Fullerton then being called upon earnestly affirmed his appreciation of the compliment conferred by the Vancouver trade in their splendid attendance and magnificent dinner. This he accepted as a tribute to the trade in the east, where originated the proposition he represented. He was warm in his praises of Vancouver hospitality, which extended even to lending him money.

He admitted that while his visit to the West had been planned with the idea that by word of mouth some information could be conveyed to the dealers concerning what is being done and what is being planned to widen the market for musical instruments by creating greater public interest in music, he found that he would be able to take back more in suggestion, information and inspiration than he could give. He referred to the sympathetic interest the trade and the newspapers had given the matter in all the points visited up to that date, including Fort William, Winnipeg, Regina, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon, Edmonton and Calgary.

Since his visit to Vancouver Mr. Fullerton has visited Victoria, Nanaimo, Nelson, and Medicine Hat.

The sentiment of the trade and the press was that a

start had been made on one of the most important steps undertaken by any industry for its own advancement, and which advancement could only be after the press and the public benefited by the newspapers conducting weekly music departments of general interest, and for the conduct of which articles were supplied by Canadian Bureau for the Advancement of Music.

After detailing the accomplishments to date, and with which Journal readers are familiar, as they also are with



At Sproat Lake, Vancouver Island. T., A. Switzer, manager. Fletcher Bros., Ltd., at the extreme right

the formation of the Bureau and its necessity, he urged that what he said he accepted as merely an introductory to a discussion. Any questions that occurred to any present he also urged be asked, as there might have been some points overlooked.

An interesting discussion followed, during which the question of finances came up. On it being explained that the Bureau is financed entirely by voluntary subscription it was promptly moved, seconded and carried that Vancouver show its approval of the "Music in the Home" movement by subscribing to the funds. It was decided to leave the question of fixing the amount to be subscribed to a subsequent meeting.

Mr. H. E. Kent, in concluding the discussion, moved a



"Tommy" Switzer cooking real trout caught in Sproat Lake.

vote of thanks to the speaker and to the interests in the east that made his visit possible. It was then decided to hold an informal meeting on the following evening at the store of Fletcher Bros., Ltd. At this meeting were Messrs. T. A. Switzer, Walter Evans, H. E. Kent, Montelius, E. Gowan, and Estey Bowes. It was decided to arrange for another meeting at an early date. Messrs. Switzer and Daryl H. Kent were appointed a committee to arrange the meeting and secure the attendance of the trade.

During the day a committee of the dealers, with Mr. Fullerton, visited the Vancouver Province and the Sun to enlist their co-operation in getting the public to take more interest in music. The representations of the trade were received with interest by the press and favourable replies given.

The various dealers were interviewed by Messrs. Kent and Switzer, resulting in a general trade meeting and dinner on November 26. It was unanimously decided to form an association. Mr. J. W. Bowes was elected chairman, and Mr. Daryl H. Kent secretary. Membership will be limited to proprietors and managers of music stores. The next meeting and dinner is to be held in January, when a programme of topics will be ready for general discussion, and draft by-laws and constitution will be presented.



LIEUT, AUBREY KENT,

of Mr. H. Kent, Victoria, B.C. Lieut, Kent joined the F. C.G.A. in Victoria as a bugler boy, under Captain Currie. He is Kingston was a businessed of the Victoria for overseas Kingston with the Company of the Column under the late Captain Birch, and after a few municipal column under the late Captain Birch, and after a few month of the Column under the late Captain Birch, and after a few months of the Captain Captain Captain Captain Captain Captain Captain Captain Birch, and after a few months are considered with the 10th Brig under Major Stafford of Leitherige, who was killed in action as few months agond of Leitherige, who was killed in action as few months agond of Leitherige, who was killed in action as

Victoria and Nanaimo

Both of these places were being honoured with a visit from the Duke of Devonshire when the Bureau representative arrived. Whether the former appreciated the green grass, the roses and the flowers still in bloom, and all the other evidences of agreeable climatic conditions, the latter

As three of the Victoria firms were represented at the meeting of the music trades in Vancouver, it was not thought necessary to call a meeting in Victoria. Messrs. James H. Fletcher, W. A. Willis, and Herbert Kent, it will be noticed from the report of the Vancouver meeting, were present at that epoch marking event.

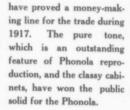
With the co-operation of "Jim" Fletcher and Mr. Gideon Hicks, manager of Heintzman & Co.'s branch, and a talented musician with more than a provincial reputation, arrangements were made to present the merits of the Bureau's propaganda to the consideration of the local editors. The interviews with the newspapers were a repetition of the expressed attitudes of the editorial policy of dailies all along the line that music should have a chance. The newspaper men also appreciated the dealers expressing

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to them their desire to see music receive attention in the press.

In Nanaimo there are two daily papers. These have both agreed to conduct "Music in the Home" departments. Nanaimo is a mining town seventy-three miles north of Victoria with an extensive pay roll, and the local dealers report immediate beneficial results from the passage of the prohibition legislation last fall. Money formerly spent very freely over the bar is now circulated as freely in legitimate circles.

Geo. A. Fletcher has been in business here for twenty years or more, and has all the advantages of a wide acquaintanceship. In addition to Gerhard Heintzman, Cecilian and Mendelssohn pianos, Edison and Columbia lines, this house has an extensive sheet music and small goods trade. Mr. Fletcher also has a branch at Cumberland about eighty miles north of Nanaimo, reached by two trains a day, or by motor road good enough to invite any speed a car will make.

Mr. Fletcher is enthusiastic regarding his sheet music department, which brings many people to the store, as well as making a profit. There are sound-proof rooms on the ground floor, and on the first floor is a splendid piano display room that can be converted into a fine recital hall. This Fletcher house is a consistent and regular newspaper advertiser, and in this connection Mr. Fletcher has a fixed



Harry Gould, of Fletcher Bros., Vancouver now at the Front.

policy of never letting up. Mr. Carmichael, his right hand man, is a skilled pianist and a believer in the business in which he is engaged. He is sold on his own proposition. Mr. Earl Pletcher, only son of the head of the firm, is an active member of the staff.

Richard Kirkham, manager of the local branch of Heintzman & Co., Ltd., which was established some years ago by Mr. Gideon Hicks, was out of town when the Journal called. The firm have a bright, well located store, with a double show window. "His Master's Voice" lines have good representation here, and when the Journal called one window was devoted entirely to this line, while a Heintzman grand occupied the other window.

Medicine Hat

The citizens of this centre are proud of its industries, which include three large flour mills, a couple of pottery factories, a tile and brick factory, glass works, and several foundries.

Hulbert and Fleming are the newest comers in the music field, having Gerhard Heintzman and Sherlock-Man-

ning lines. Originally a sewing machine firm, they took on pianos, and find that the time and energy given this branch of their business brings good returns.

An old established house is the Assiniboia Music Co., and theirs is probably the best known telephone number. in town. Their store is the booking office for all performances at the Empress Theatre, Nordheimer instruments and Williams New Scale have good active representation, as have "this Master's Voice" lines and the Edison Amberdia. "Bert" Forster, who is a native of Brampton, Ont., came west fourteen years ago, and apparently has no desire to return east other than for a short stay. Mr. Forster is a valued member of a local choir, is known by everyone in town, and has a good connection with the musical people.

Through his instrumentality the "News," one of the best dailies in the West, agreed to co-operate with the "Music-in-the-Home" propaganda.

Moose Jaw

While no general meeting of the dealers of this centre was held, they were a unit in approval of the "Music-in-the-Home" propaganda, and in extending to the newspapers their ideas. The latter, with typical western enterprise, are going in for active participation in getting music into the homes.

As one leaves the C.P.R. depot he finds the store of the Assiniboia Music Co. within a stone's throw. This is owned by Mr. N. J. Porter, one of the pioneer citizens of Moose Jaw, and who served the people for a number of years in the council. Mr. Porter uses a motor truck for deliveries, and quotes prices that include delivery into the home.

Daniel Craig, further up Main Street, is featuring Williams New Scale pianos. Mr. Craig is a native of Eastern Ontario, and is "making good." He has the entire confidence of all the other music houses, with whom he is on the best of terms.

Mason & Risch, Ltd., are just around the corner on High Street, with the electric car line past their door. This location was taken about three months ago, and gives the firm a larger store, greater display facilities, and an excellent show window. Mr. John Tupper has just been installed as manager, succeeding F. A. Scott, who is opening up on his own account, as reported on another page.

The local branch of Heintzman & Co., Ltd., is in charge of Mr. Stanley Garrett, son of the well known dealer of Barrie. In conformity with the decorative scheme of Heintzman branches the main display room and demonstration rooms are in cream. The Victrola department is an important feature of the business, and Mr. Garrett finds that Moose Jaw people appreciate the best records.

New Sonora Catalogue

A new Sonora catalogue is in process of completion. This is a convenient-sized pocket edition, and illustrates each of the types with specifications and prices. Messrs. I. Montagnes & Co., the local distributors, report November and December business exceptionally active in both wholesale and retail departments. The latter, under the management of Harry R. Braid, is getting the Sonora into many homes locally. The Sonora is being prominently exploited in generous space in the daily newspapers, and the company is making an aggressive campaign for Christmas trade.

Mr. M. E. Standfield has started on the road wholesaling Starr phonographs and records for the Canadian distributors, the Canadian Phonograph Supply Co., London, At present Mr. Stanfield is calling on the Western Ontario trade. His record to date is a Starr agency for every town visited.

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PRECEDED by an informal dinner the annual meeting guarantee on player planos be limited to one year, and on of the Canadian Piano and Organ Manufacturers' Association was held at the National Club, Toronto, on November 26. With regard to business transacted, this was one of the best meetings the Association has held. The attendance, it will be noticed from the list of those present, was quite representative of the industry, but still left much to be desired in this respect.

Those present and the firm's represented were: Heintzman & Co., Ltd.-Chas. A. Bender. Mason & Risch, Ltd.-H. H. Mason and C. V. Jones. Gourlay, Winter & Leeming, Ltd.-A. H. Gourlay and D. R. Gourlay.

Thomas Organ Co.-Harry Sykes. Mendelssohn Piano Co.-Harry Durke. The Bell Piano & Organ Co., Ltd .- D. Allan. Frank Stanley-F. A. Clark. Wright Piano Co., Ltd.-E. J. Wright.



Mr. C. A. Bender, Honorary President.

Karn Morris Co .- A. E. Windsor. Williams Piano Co.-Chas. Serviss and F. A. Trestrail Nordheimer Plano Co.-E. C. Scythes and Addison A. Pegg. The Sherlock-Manning Piano Co.-W. N. Manning. Cecilian Co., Ltd .- A. T. Pike. Secretary-James G. Merrick.

Mr. C. A. Bender, president, occupied the chair, and the secretarial duties were looked after by Mr. James G. Merrick, who has so acceptably filled this office for the past eight years, and was again elected by acclamation.

Following the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting, which were adopted, the report of the Executive committee was read. This being an unusually comprehensive budget, as the members of this Committee had an active year, the customary president's address was dispensed

The matter of guarantees in the piano trade lacking in uniformity has always been more or less of a contentious question, and has been discussed on previous occasions. To strike a basis of uniformity a motion was offered that the

planos to three years, with no guarantee against varnish checking. This was adopted.

The announcement of "Music in the Home" brought forth a lengthy report from J. A. Fullerton, Secretary of Canadian Bureau for the Advancement of Music, who was



Mr. T. J. Howard, the new President

traveiling in the West in connection with the work of that organization. This report was read by Mr. Henry H. Mason, who impressed upon the meeting that this campaign was one of the most important and effective that had ever taken place in connection with the music trades.

The report referred to the conditions that forced upon the trade the necessity of the campaign inaugurated, and which the Journal refers to quite extensively in this issue in connection with Mr. Fullerton's western trip.



Mr. Frank Stanley, First Vice-President,

This report was supplemented by Mr. E. C. Scythes, President of the Bureau, who explained some of the plans and ambitions for the future, which could only be undertaken as funds were available. In the next issue of the Journal a more comprehensive report will appear of Mr. Scythes' address re this important subject, which was the feature of the meeting.

The Executive Committee of the Canadian Piano and Organ Manufacturers' $$\operatorname{\mathsf{Association}}$$



Mr. R. S. Gourlay.



Mr. Albert Nordheimer.



Mr. W. N. Manning.



Mr. H. H. Mason,

On motion the meeting went on record as approving the work of the Bureau and expressing appreciation of the activity of its executive, with instructions that the work should be proceeded with, and that the Association pledge itself to support the work.

The resolution of a previous meeting that only instruments in satin finish cases be displayed on the outer stands



of those firms exhibiting at the Canadian National Exhibition was reaffirmed.

The "One Price System," which has occupied a prominent place in the attention of the trade during the past couple of years, received some attention but no definite action, other than to report progress, was taken.



Whether or not talking machines should be displayed in the piano booths at the Canadian National Exhibition provoked a spirited discussion, resulting in the decision that they may be shown, but that the Exhibition Committee shall have power to enforce the rule that talking machines and player pianos shall be demonstrated only in the sound-proof rooms behind closed doors.

It is proposed to interview the Exhibition authorities with respect to suitable accommodation for the manufacturers of talking machines wishing to exhibit.

A suggestion was advanced that the active interest of the eastern manufacturers might be stimulated by holding the next annual meeting of the Association in Montreal. The matter was left with the executive.

The report of the Nominating Committee was adopted, the secretary being instructed to cast a ballot for the election of the following officers and committees for the ensuing year:

Honorary President, C. A. Bender; President, T. J. Howard; First Vice-President, Frank Stanley; Second Vice-President, E. C. Scythes; Treasurer, Fred Killer; Secretary, J. G. Merrick.

Executive Committee

R. S. Gourlay, H. H. Mason, W. N. Manning, Albert Nordheimer.

Exhibition Committee

Henry Durke, J. E. Hoare, Fred Bull.

Nomination Committee

E. C. Thornton, David Allan, Harry Sykes.

An interesting coincidence in connection with the election of officers was that of the presidency going to Mr. Howard on his birthday. Though not present, "Tom" Howard, as he is better known to so many with whom he has grown up in the trade, has the congratulations of the trade and very best wishes for many happy returns of the day, November 26. Also Mr. Howard, in his capacity as president of the C.P. & O.M.A., will have the prompt and willing support of a strong executive. The Association is singularly fortunate in the calibre of men from whom to choose its officers. In later years, also the spirit of co-operation and friendliness has developed, to the great advantage of the trade and those in it. Only confidence arising out of a more intimate acquaintanceship makes possible the reforms that have been effected by the Association, or that makes possible the handling of so effective and significant a proposition as the "Music-in-the-Home" has turned out to be.

The suggestion to hold the next annual meeting in some centre other than Toronto, preferably in Montreal, is one which several members, who have referred to the matter, strongly commend. Continually meeting in Toronto tends to attach to the organization a feeling of localism that does not exist, and which it is not desirable should exist. The executive will doubtless find the feeling favourable to meeting elsewhere.

New Columbia Record Catalogue

The new Columbia Record Catalogue, listing all selections up to and including December, is ready. The complete edition is said to have cost over a hundred thousand dollars to produce, and it contains records that cost over a million dollars to secure, figuring artist's royalties, matrices, etc. Part I is a classified list of selected records. Part II. is a tinted section containing a partial list of grand opera and concert selections by renowned artists, and Part III. gives a complete list of all Columbia records and artists arranged alphabetically according to the title of the song, and the name of the artist.

Mr. Jos. M. Tees, formerly of Winnipeg, where he was one of the pioneers in the music business, is now a citizen of Calgary. Mr. Tees is manager of the Imperial Phonograph Co., 136 Seventh Avenue, which firm is featuring Columbia lines.



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In the Maritime Provinces

A CCORDING to conversations with piano and talking machine men in the leading Maritime Province centres, trade has been good, with a steadily increasing demand for the better class of instruments.

Moncton, N.B.

Chas. Whittle, the well known tuner of this town, is as busy as can be, and has all the tunings he can take care of, and is living up to his motto of "Doing one thing and doing it well."

The Lounsbury Co., Ltd., handle Mason & Risch pianos and players extensively, and have commodious warerooms, enabling them to carry a large stock. Mr. H. H. Worman, manager, is a hustler, and anyone given the privilege of glancing at his monthly sales sheet readily realizes this. Columbia Grafonolas and records are featured in a separate store, and business is reported brisk.

Mr. James F. Rainer, superintendent of agencies for Gourlay, Winter & Leeming, Ltd., Toronto, was a recent visitor to this centre en route to the Sydneys. He reported business as splendid.

St. John, N.B.

W. H. Thorne & Co., Edison distributors, report an increased trade both locally and from outside territory, and are well pleased with the future outlook for an increased volume of business.

John Frodsham handles the Victor line, and was the first dealer to introduce this machine locally. He is as enthusiastic to-day as when he sold his first outfit, and says as far as he is concerned he has no competition.

Amherst Pianos, Ltd., are feeling elated over their recent gigantic plano and talking machine sale, in which a large number of Amherst pianos were figurative in addition to the disposal of numerous Cremonaphones in various models.

W. H. Bell, one of the veterans of the business here, does a nice trade in Gerhard Heintzman, Nordheimer, Sherlock Manning, and Bell lines. He caters principally to high-class trade. Cash business predominates, and on time sales initial payments and those following are of a substantial nature. He is ably assisted in the business by his son, Frank. He has lately taken on the representation of the Columbia lines, and hopes to develop a nice following for Grafonolas and records of this make.

Charles F. Ruse, manager of the Gerhard Heintzman, Ltd., wholesale department, was seen recently in St. John, and expressed himself well satisfied with trade and conditions in general.

J. & A. McMillan have been appointed Victor distributors covering the whole of the Maritime Provinces in place of New Brunswick only, as heretofore. This firm states that all their travellers have found business most satisfactory, and in the majority of cases have experienced better and increasing demand for the more expensive types of Victor models.

Amherst, N.S.

P. Bennitz is of the opinion that there is ample room for the manufacture of talking machines, and has put on the market the Echophone in four models, and is meeting with good success to date.

The latest music dealer in this town is Mr. L. W. Sutherland, the Singer sewing machine representative, who has taken on the agency of the Mason & Risch, and is featuring Columbia Grafonolas and Columbia records. Mr. Sutherland reports business good and prospects encouraging.

H. L. Hewson & Son, Pathephone distributors for the Maritime Provinces, have developed a wide Pathe trade, and claim that it is their intention to make this line a household word in their territory.

Amherst Pianos, Ltd., report that they are meeting with a good demand from various parts of Canada for their line of pianos and players, and have placed their Cremonaphone with leading dealers throughout the Maritime Provinces.

The Hillcoat Co. look after Sherlock-Manning interests, and have placed a large number of these instruments in and around Amherst. Hillcoat is especially proud of a recent sale of one of these pianos to the New Empress Theatre, which is giving ample evidence of tone and wearing qualities of the instrument. His Master's Voice lines are also given able representation.

Truro, N.S.

Crowe Bros., the Edison representatives, have created and built up an extensive Edison business in and around Truro. Mr. Crowe is one of the most enthusiastic Edison dealers the writer has met. He employs up-to-date selling methods and talks, and to listen to him demonstrating a machine is an education in salesmanship. Mr. Crowe has implicit confidence in the goods he sells, which is the basis of all true salesmanship, and which accounts for the large number of Edison machines placed in the leading homes of this town.

C. F. McDonald, the Sherlock-Manning, Willis and Dominion representative has lines that have attracted considerable attention, the result being that trade is reported as good with Columbia Grafonolas, sales in their phonograph department steadily increasing. The sheet music end of their business shows signs of prosperity.

Halifax, N.S.

The writer's visit to this centre was prior to the awful catastrophe that has drawn the sympathy of the entire civilized world to the bereaved people.

The Willis Piano and Organ Co., Limited, handle large quantities of Willis pianos and players, likewise the Knabe product, both of which have a strong hold, not only locally but throughout the Maritime Provinces. Referring to the opening of their New Glasgow warerooms this firm state that they are not unduly optimistic when they say that prospects are unusually bright in that thriving and prosperous town, which is noted for its musical activities. Columbia Grafonolas enjoy a large popularity with citizens of Halifax, and the Willis Piano and Organ Co., Limited, are being accorded their full share of business in this line.

J. A. McDonald Piano & Music Co. report business in their piano, phonograph and sheet music and musical merchandise departments as all that can be desired, and their establishment presents the appearance of a bee hive.

The Johnson Piano Co. report a heavy influx of business for Sonora, Columbia and Pathephones and Columbia records. Gerhard Heintzman, Williams New Scale, and other makes of pianos are all reported as showing good results.

D. S. Cluff, of the Canadian Phonograph Supply Co., London, Ont., Canadian distributors of Starr phonographs and Starr records, was recently through the Maritime Provinces. One sale that was most gratifying to Mr. Cluff was a Starr model, personally selected and sold unsolicited to Dr. T. C. Boyle, President of King's College, Windsor, N.S. Mr. Cluff purposed later giving a recital or musicale in the College, demonstrating the many possibilities of this machine.

New Glasgow, N.S.

Mason & McKay are exploiting the Sherlock-Manning, Dominion pianos and organs, which lines they are doing good justice to. The New Edison Diamond Disc and Amberola models are being pushed extensively, and to date a large amount of business has developed with a bright future for a still greater volume of all-round business.

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Willard Murray, the well known piano tuner of Ne Glasgow, is most favourably known to those who are for tunate enough to require his services as a reliable and co scientious tuner. His twenty-five years' experience stan him in good stead in selling Stanley pianos locally.

J. Ed. McDonald is a veteran in the talking machi business, and has been selling phonographs for over twent four years. His admiration for the Columbia line is we reflected in the large number of these machines and recorhe disposes of. His stock of records is a most comple one, and in Edison Amberola records he does a thriving business.

J. S. Fraser & Son, the Sonora representatives, kno their business, and Mr. Fraser, Jr., reports a very gratifing demand for this line. This department is a live one, ar is increasing rapidly, due to the proper conduct of this er of the business. Columbia records enjoy considerable popular larity.

The Willis Piano & Organ Co., Ltd., of Halifax, hav opened up branch warerooms here, featuring Willis piano and players, the Knabe, and Columbia Grafonolas.

Calgary Recitals

The Hudson's Bay Company at Calgary have taken o the Columbia line. The formal announcement of this even took the form of a series of four recitals in their "Templ of Music" on the fifth floor, but which is being removed t the fourth floor. The recitals attracted audiences that crowded every available inch of floor space. The pro grammes were of such artistic value and so well rendere as to win from this department's competitors most generou compliments to the work of Mr. J. F. Fisher, manager o this branch of the Hudson's Bay Co.'s business. Mr. Fishe came west a few months ago from Toronto, where he wa on the staff of the Nordheimer Co. The influence of hiknowledge of his business, his friendly personality and broad appreciation of the place of music in the lives of the people, is daily reflected in the improved service of his de partment and appreciation of his patrons.

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Nature of the Retailer's Sales

DEALER intimated to the Journal that the spirit of the day is being reflected in his sheet music sales through a greater proportion of calls for the better music. His comment was something like this: "No matter what may be shouted from the house-tops about Canadians not seriously realizing yet that there is a war on, they do. People are more serious minded, and the extreme frivolity has become distasteful. I am not speaking disparagingly of the popular music, but to-day it is evident that the music-buying public represents the best of our citizens. They must have music or fall under the strain, but the music they are buying is of the better, more serious type. The quiet, gradual improvement in the people's musical tastes is asserting itself, and the retail trade is on a more secure foundation when the demand is of the kind I am finding it is. A statement which recently found place in the trade press that 80 per cent, of music sales are of the so-called popular class is one that I can hardly believe."

The Salesman's Recommendation

THERE are some neat, courteous sheet music salesmen and saleswomen who will get down any piece of music the customer wants. Or if it is not in stock they will agree to send for it, noting the particulars accurately. But when it comes to a customer's indecision or hesitancy they are not prepared to recommend the song in assuring language because of unfamiliarity with the music.

If a salesman is not naturally inclined to study his music stock and keep posted on the market generally, he should be urged to do so. In a certain store the person who has the best sales record in the book department is one who quietly approaches a customer looking through some book, and says: "That's one of the best books we have of its kind, madam—it really is founded on nature study."

"Oh, I wanted something of such-and-such a type," replies the lady, and the salesman immediately names three of the kind, adding, "but I should recommend this one as the one you would be most suited with," and the tone that indicates knowledge of what he is dealing with and that has a certain courteous finality about it, makes the decision, and the sale is closed.

There are countless sheet music buyers who want to have their minds made up for them by a salesman who can authoritatively recommend something definite. Such a customer enters the store and says: "I would like a duet for tenor and contralto. Could you recommend something?" A salesman worthy of the name should be in a position to assist that buyer with some definite recommendation.

Discussions of U.S. Publishers

RECENT trade meetings included one of the executive committee of the Music Publishers' Association of the United States. Word comes from New York of the proceedings, according to which the first question was that of the German copyright and non-copyright music, and whether it should be the sense of the association to publish such works during the period of the war, which ended in the association going on record as an organization against such practice.

A discussion then followed on the standardization of prices and discounts on octavo music, the publishers mostly holding the opinion that a 10 per cent. discount to the consumer and one-third off to the dealer would be the proper standard. However, it was taken into consideration that dealers would look with more favour on a 40 per cent. discount to the retailer. The matter was placed in the hands of a committee, also authorized to report on standard net prices.

The question of a more equitable copyright law was then placed before the meeting, and after much heated discussion it was decided the same should be placed on the table for the period of the war. This latter action was taken owing to the majority present feeling that Congress at this time was well taken up with more important duties.

A Theme for the Sheet Music and Small Goods Men

U NLESS every last man and woman behind the sheet music and small goods counters of Canada are convinced themselves, and are talking of music a necessity for everybody, more of a necessity than ever just now, the trade is not taking full advantage of its opportunities.

Many Canadian stores are by local advertising and personal conversation spreading that conviction. These are some of the things they are saying:

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to munition makers would have to be spent for the things somebody else would have to Make and Sell.

The soldier boys are begging for music, it is their comforts, solace and one great pleasure. The same gentle force is needed in the home to counteract the depressing news of the war and its accompanying horrors as brought to our daily attention through the papers. Music drives dull cares away, you need it now more than ever before.

What is a "luxury," anyhow? Apparently a luxury is "something" we don't really need. But if you reason it out, you will find that the things we don't "really need"—that is, we could do without—almost everything save a fire, a few skins and a stone club. We can live as simply as the primitive Indian if we want to; but we don't want to, and the age wouldn't let us if we did.

When did music begin to be a luxury? The ancient Greeks considered training in gymnastics and training in music equal needs of the perfect citizen. All the great people have been music-lovers. The soldiers who are now fighting in the shell-torn fields of northern France turn instinctively to music for refreshment, for strength. You cannot drill recruits if you have no music, certainly they

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Is State Support Likely?

THERE appeared in the London Music an article by Frank J. Merry, in the course of which he made these two interesting statements: "In dealing with the possibilities of publishing in the future the likelihood of State support must not be overlooked, because there is a growing school of political thought which sees in State action the solution of many of our present-day problems, including those of the arts." And, "Owing to the breakdown of the German publishing system there is need in this country for a standard edition of the classics, and with a growing body of gifted native composers there is need for the publication at home of smaller instrumental works, not only teaching pieces but works for the amateurs and student heretofore appended to the greater standard editions."

About Royalties

A CTIVITIES in different countries indicate the intention of authors, composers and publishers to give more attention to their own financial interests. Word comes from New York that in connection with the testimony given in a suit brought against the American Society of Authors, Composers and Publishers, it was announced that the society last year collected \$78,000 from 1,100 licenses issued to hotels, cobarets, motion picture theatres, etc., for the performing rights of the music of its members. The French Society, after which the American organization is

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patterned, collected over three million dollars in royalties from its members in 1913, the year before the war, and based on those figures the American Society expects to collect over five million dollars annually when its rights are proven.

Also the copyright committee of the United States Music Publishers' Protective Association recently held a meeting which was attended by the representatives of several manufacturers of music rolls and talking machine records and at which ways and means were discussed for amending those sections of the present copyright law referring to the mechanical reproduction of music. The results of the meeting have not been announced.

The conference of the copyright committee and the roll and record makers was held at the suggestion of the American Society of Authors, Composers and Publishers in an effort to reach an understanding between the interests before preparing any formal draft of a new law or sections thereof for presentation to Congress at an early session.

Chappel News

"Roses of Picardy" is a very promising new song by Haydn Wood, regarding which Clarence Lucas says:

"Where is Picardy? For the purpose of song it is an Eldorado far away, where distance lends enchantment to the view. The spirit voice in Schubert's song said that joy existed only where the wanderer was not. Fred. E. Weatherly, writing for the English-speaking world, placed his lovers in Picardy, a land beyond the border and fragrant with the roses of romance. He threw a halo over them at once, and then he made his story intensely human. No wonder that a fine musician, as Haydn Wood unquestionably is, was inspired to compose one of his most appealing melodies and unite with Fred. E. Weatherly in producing the song, 'Roses of Picardy,' which is now enjoying a popularity in England that would be remarkable even in the prosperous times of peace. Nothing but the merits of the song can explain its extraordinary success.'

A good march by Geoffrey O'Hara is "Over the Top," which is being featured by many leading army bands. "Though the Road Be Long, Hum a Little Song" is a marching song, the melody of which is said to make the last mile on the 'ard, 'igh road seem like the first. The words are by Percy Linkson and music by Lois Barker.

A new musical comedy has made its appearance in London entitled "The Boy," which is founded on Sir Arthur Pinero's farce, "The Magistrate." Lionel Monckton and Howard Talbot are responsible for the music, which the British critics agree is "gaily adequate." One of them says it bubbles over with the joy of living. The vocal numbers in "The Boy" are "Little Miss Melody," "Someone's Fiancee," and "I Want to Go to Bye-Bye." The pianoforte arrangements are "The Boy" valse and "The Boy" selection.

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Messrs. Chappell & Co. have issued to the trade a thematic booklet, "Songs From the Old World," containing a portion of sixteen of their good vocal numbers. Already dealers are using this booklet to good advantage.

Leonard & Co.

Recent publications of this firm embrace a couple of song-cycles, namely, "I've Brought Some Songs," a book of four fascinating ballads, words, and music by Daisy Mc-Geoch, and "Frills and Fancies," an album of five dainty songs, words and music by Howard Fisher. Separate numbers are represented by "The Bugles of England," in which Howard Fisher has set Vv. E. Henley's stirring words to a vigorous, catchy melody; and "Because You're Mine," a charming love-song, words by Leslie Cooke, music by Cuthbert Clarke. There is also an album of four attractive compositions for plane by Percy Elliott, to which he has given the appropriate title of "May Days and Grey Days," and he very rightly describes them as "four contrasts."

Music from Enoch & Sons

This house is represented by a number of vocal publications of much merit, prominent among them being "Little Bit of a Man," words by Edward Lockton, music by Jack Thompson, which should surely appeal to the public taste; "Rose Petals," words by Helen Hampshire, music by Cecil Moon, a charming love-song; "The Shrine," words by Helen Taylor, music by Gerald Grayling, a musicianly song of particular attractiveness; "Last Year's Nest," words by J. J. Cadwaladr, music by Charles J. Mott, a striking song, effectively written; "The Great Sacrifice," English words by Tita Brand-Cammaerts, music by Mary Braham-Hatt, a difficult but attractive song, worthy of an artist; "The Rainbow of Love," words by Helen Taylor, music by Arthur Meale, a cheerful, pleasing composition, meritorious alike as regards words and music; and "A Japanese Love Song," words by Madge Dickson, music by May H. Brahe, which has a charming lyric wedded to a melody full of local colour. Lastly, we have an album of Four Songs, entitled "The Love Spell," the words written by Helen Taylor, the music composed by Easthope Martin, and of the four we like No. 2, "The Spell of Love," the best, although it must be conceded that each one of the four compositions included in the volume has much to recommend it such as should rivet the attention of the critical musician.-The Music Trade.

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Musical Merchandise Released

The music trade, particularly the musical merchandise division, was much interested recently in learning of the release by the British Government of goods of German and Austrian origin to the value of several million dollars held in Rotterdam since the opening of the war. Among the goods released were numerous cases of musical merchandise, particularly harmonicas, of which there has been great shortage for many months past. Word now comes that although the goods have been released they will not under any condition reach this country in time for the Christmas trade, which will prove a disappointment to many buyers who planned to use the released goods at that season. At the present time there has been no date set for the departure of the goods from Rotterdam.-New York Music Trade Review.

Medicine Hat Musician

Mr. Theodor Fossum, of Medicine Hat, is one of the many musicians in the west who appreciate the musical possibilities of the people and their readiness to accept the musical instrument as a home necessity. Mr. Fossum has a large class, and also does much in recital work. On December 3 and 4 he gave recitals at Raymond and Lethbridge respectively. For these recitals a Nordheimer piano was supplied by the Assiniboia Music Co., Ltd., of Medicine Hat and Lethbridge. Mr. Fossum was assisted by Mrs. Fossum and Mr. Berg Ellingson, tenor, and a member of the Assiniboia Music Co., and gave the following pro-

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Toccata (Dedicated to Mr. Fossum) La Campanella Mr. Fossum God Save the King.	



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The Globe Knows

(Reprinted from the Globe of December 11)

With the war running into the fourth year, the claim is made that only essential industries should be encouraged to continue in existence. This is a broad assertion, and holds good so long as detailed explanations are eliminated. An industry that has stood the test of upwards of three years war times, and still continues in existence, it is declared by trade experts that such continuance of operation is a safe and sure contention that that particular industry renders a useful service to the community.

There are many industries in Canada to-day that on the face of things appear to be non-essential, but in reality are very essential to the well-being of the people. The musical instrument business is one. It is claimed by some people that pianos are not necessary, yet the elimination of music from the home would be a very serious matter to many

family circles.

The Globe is informed on high authority that the demand for musical instruments and appliances that make the home circles brighter and happier under war conditions has grown to enormous proportions in the warring countries of Europe, and the reason why the supply cannot meet the demand, and the sales are much smaller to-day than before hostilities broke out, lies in the fact that the men previously working in these industries have been taken away for warwork.

Conditions in the Canadian piano trade are totally different. There is no heavy demand for pianos, and the piano manufacturers are not enjoying the prosperity they are "accused" of. The trade's customers are still at the front, the increased cost of living has made further inroads, but the manufacturers are holding on for the better times ahead. Tremendous investments of Canadian capital have been made in this industry, and the manufacturers are carrying on until the war is over. The elimination of the piano industry in Canada would be very serious, in that it would eliminate much necessary music from the home, and give foreign makers a chance to rob Canadian houses of their business that will return when peace is declared.

Has His Eyes Opened as to the Field for Reed Organ Selling

SALESMAN who recently joined the staff of a house A SALESMAN who recently joined the stan of that does a considerable volume of reed organ business has this to say of his changed attitude towards the organ:

"It is regrettable that in the minds of many piano dealers the reed organ is associated with the days of oil lamps and hair cloth furniture, and in his mind's eye he sees the reed organ made in a case design which harmonizes with the tastes of that day. Of course, dealers in certain localities who are acquainted with present day conditions in the

trade realize that this idea is erroneous.

"I must confess, that although connected with the piano industry for a number of years, I never realized the opportunities in the reed organ business until my connection with this firm, who sell a lot of organs. I was astonished to see the beauty of the modern reed organ case, and to hear the sweetness of the tone. Familiar with the pipe organ, and enjoying the wonders of its tone, it remained for me in my new connection to discover the qualities of the reed organ and realize how nearly it approximated the pipe organ in tone. I believe the average piano dealer is missing a profitable and satisfactory side of his business when he does not carry in stock the modern organ.

"It is our experience that payments on organs are invariably higher than those on pianos, and in the majority of cases the sales are made for cash. The organ business opens up a new field of endeavor for the salesman, for

many people who desire a musical instrument cannot afford a first-class piano, and are not satisfied with the quality of a cheap stencil. These customers can, in many cases, be sold a new reed organ, which will give them entire satisfaction, and at a price that appeals to any one. When an organ sale is made, it is usually the end of the dealer's trouble, for the free tunings are eliminated, and there are practically no repairs to be made.

"I do not want to be understood as classing the organ as a cheap instrument only, as sales will often run into

substantial amounts."

News Briefs

Most satisfactory progress is reported by Mr. Armand Heintzman, vice-president, Gerhard Heintzman, Ltd., Toronto, referring to their phonograph, which is the newest production of the Gerhard Heintzman factories. Gerhard Heintzman phonograph agencies are being opened up throughout the country, and in this connection the firm have a particularly important announcement for their dealers, to which reference will be made at an early date. In their piano and player departments is being experienced the current impossibility of getting sufficient instruments to satisfy the dealers.

Mr. Maurice Cohen, of National Piano Co., Ltd., well known in local piano trade circles, and who now makes his headquarters at Sudbury, was a recent visitor to Toronto.

"A car load of phonographs is just being unloaded this morning, so we are feeling more contented," remarked Mr. W. D. Stevenson, of Canadian Phonograph Supply Co., London, Canadian distributors of Starr lines, when the Journal called. "We had practically cleared our stock prior to receiving this delivery, and this enables us to continue giving our dealers the same prompt service that we gave when the demand was not quite so heavy."

A new music store has been opened up in Woodstock by Mr. J. S. Collins, who has located at 365 Dundas Street. Mr. Collins was formerly connected with the Karn-Morris

Piano & Organ Co.'s pipe organ department.

A full house greeted Mr. Geo. W. Hopkins, salesmanager, Columbia Graphophone Co., who made a special trip from New York to address the Toronto Ad. Club, at the Board of Trade, on December 11. Mr. Hopkins is recognized as one of the leading salesmanagers in the United States, and his talk here met with enthusiastic approval, delivered as it was with punch and pep, and the result of an intimate knowledge of the selling field.

During the month Mr. Otto Higel, president, Otto Higel Co., Limited, came up from the firm's branch factory at New York to spend some time with headquarters in Toronto. Concerning conditions in the music industries in the United States, Mr. Higel intimated that even in the comparatively short time that had elapsed since that country entered the war, regular business had recovered from the shock and there was a noticeable tendency toward improvement. As in Canada, however, the labour situation Mr. Higel found to be acute, owing to enlistments and the demands of munition plants. Even more serious has been the difficulty of securing materials to keep the plants in operation.

Arguments are all right at times; in fact, they're necessary in the game of salesmanship. However, there's a knack of knowing when to argue and when not to argue. Observation and experience will get you the knack.

I have known vast quantities of nonsense talked about bad men not looking you in the face. Don't trust that conventional idea. Dishonest people will stare you out of countenance any day in the week if there is anything to be got by it .- Dickens.

THE generous response to our announcement on the Canadian Phonograph bears out our contention that phonograph merchants are eager to get out of the rut of close competition on their sales. Here, again, are the facts concerning the Canadian Phonograph proposition. Read this ad. carefully. Ask for particulars. Act promptly_territory is fast being assigned.

The Canadian Phonograph

Why Be Satisfied with Ordinary Phonographs?

After once hearing and playing the Canadian Phonograph, no wide-awake dealer will be content to sell the conventional type. Haven't you felt the handicap of selling a phonograph whose salient features are duplicated in the instrument sold by your competitor across the street?

Now comes, for the first time, the opportunity to get out of the rut of close competition on phonograph sales. Selling the Canadian Phonograph is like having the exclusive agency for a patented product. After you once give a Canadian Phonograph demonstration, your competitor is "up a tree."

He can't duplicate its performance, its marvelous tone, its beautiful case and the pride of ownership it will give to the customer.

Profits Will Exceed Your Expectations Because the Canadian Phonograph will sell could sell. The Canadian Phonograph does the actual selling. The more your prospect "shops around" the surer he is to come back to the Canadian Phonograph. This remarkable instrument thrives best on comparisons.

Grasp Your Opportunity Don't underestimate the importance of this announcement. Don't think that you have seen the final development of the phonograph idea. Phonograph claims are profuse and so seldom do they materialize in the cold light of performance that we don't blame you for possessing a certain amount of skepticism. But please, Mr. Dealer, reserve your decision in regard to the Canadian Phonograph until after you have heard it and had your hand on the winding crank. Making a decision on any product without actually seeing it and investigating it is one mistake that we may easily avoid.

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Exclusive Rights

Because we are certain that the Canadian Phonograph is scheduled to smash phonograph selling records, we have decided on a territorial policy which gives you the fullest protection. Our exclusive rights proposition carries no "jokers"—all we ask of you is your full co-operation. When you sell the Canadian Phonograph, you have the incentive that rigid protection provides.

The Canadian Phonograph

Liberal Terms

The terms under which the Canadian Phonograph is sold are as liberal as it is expedient to make them. While we make no claim to be selling terms, nevertheless satisfactory terms is the basis of successful phonograph retailing.

A Lower Price

At the price quoted on the Canadian Phonograph, we believe this instrument represents a value equalled by no other phonograph on the market. Comparison of general quality and detailed construction will prove our contention to be correct.

New Style

While perfecting the Canadian Phonograph, we have not overlooked the matter of case design. The new case designed for the Canadian Phonograph follows conservative lines, but it has some new touches of refinement that makes it "first seen on the floor."

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Grafonola Man Returns to Mexico

Mr. Ralph Cabanas, for over two years manager of the Columbia Graphaphone Co.'s Canadian business, with head-quarters in Toronto, resigns from that position with the end of the present year, and in a short time purposes visiting Mexico to look into business conditions there. On coming to Canada in 1915 Mr. Cabanas expected to remain until matters became normal and requiring his return, to again give personal attention to his business interests in



Mr. Ralph Cabanas

Mexico. Connected with the talking machine business since 1902, Mr. Cabanas became the exclusive Columbia jobber in Mexico five years later, and developed the territory until it became the second largest jobber's territory on the Columbia list. The political and economical upheaval that followed the European war, however, so interfered that for a time business has been practically impossible. On this account Mr. Cabanas left Mexico with the idea of returning when conditions justified. He purposes now visiting his former territory to look things over. In the meantime a retail store opened by Mr. Cabanas in Mexico City is still running in spite of interrupted transportation and other facilities.

During his stay in Canada Mr. Cabanas has thoroughly familiarized himself with methods of doing business here, and leaves with the satisfaction of having seen Columbia trade develop to the extent of this year's volume being a little more than treble that of his first year. On a recent visit to New York he was congratulated by officials of the company on his record here. He has made many warm personal friends in and out of the trade, who will regret his departure, but at the same time extend very best wishes for a complete revival of his former business success in Mexico.

Tone Tests in British Columbia

During the early part of the month the Kent Piano Co., Ltd., Vancouver, conducted a series of tone tests at Vancouver, Victoria, Grand Forks and Trail. These were by Hardy Williamson, of the Edison list of artists, and well known in Ontario through his recitals with the Edison Diamond Disc.

In Vancouver the Kent Piano Co. issued invitations for a recital in the ballroom of the Vancouver Hotel.

It has been the custom of banks throughout the country to recognize four months paper as the proper accommodation to be extended to this piano trade. It is said now that the banks will reduce this time to three months. Are the piano men of this piano industry prepared to meet that emergency?—Musical Courier Extra.

Victrola Department Opened by Whaley, Royce & Co., Ltd.

The new Victrola department of Whaley, Royce & Co., Ltd., Toronto, is now in full swing. The firm have spared no expense in fitting up a creditable and attractive department on the ground floor. The fact that the department is on the main floor is being featured. The width and depth of the store made it possible to locate six sound-proof rooms without disturbing the office at the rear, and which may be removed to one of the upper floors as the growth of business demands.

The rooms are in quarter-cut fumed oak, panelled, and with plate glass division between the main salesrooms and the individual rooms. The record shelves are placed midway for convenience in handling customers. The rooms are invitingly furnished, and make fitting surroundings for the sale of music.

The Victrola department is in charge of Mr. N. R. Olliver, who was manager of the Victrola department formerly conducted at the Kingston branch of C. W. Lindsay, Ltd. More recently Mr. Olliver was on the staff of His



Mr. N. R. Olliver

Master's Voice, Ltd. The first machine sale of the department was a Style XIV., which Mr. Olliver accepted as a favourable omen for good business.

D. R. Henderson, the eastern representative of Whaley, Royce & Co., Ltd., who resides at Halifax, had not been definitely heard from at headuarters up to the time of going to press, but as far as the firm were able to learn he was

not in the scene of the terrible disaster. The firm report good business in the east.

While giving much attention to getting their new Victrola department under way, Whaley, Royce & Co. are not neglecting their sheet music department. In fact, Mr. Holmes Maddock, whose special care this branch is, affirms that they are giving a better service than ever, as they are taking care of the trade in all lines, including popular music. The past couple of months have been particularly good, and in excess of the same months of any previous year.

Prices of Supplies to Advance

Discussing conditions and prospects in the music trades with Mr. R. H. Easson, vice-president of the Otto Higel Co., Ltd., Toronto, he intimated to the Journal that an immediate advance in prices of actions and keys was inevitable.

"Since January 1st of this year," said Mr. Easson, "labour in our factory has advanced 15 p.c., and materials have advanced from 2 to 71, or an average of 40 p.c."

Mr. Easson concurred in the observation that the demand for 1917 indicated an improvement over last year's business, but with even less satisfactory net results, because of the continued increase in costs of labour and material, that made profits impossible. Referring to actions for players, the demand for which had improved quite appreciably, Mr. Easson pointed out that material for the metal action is almost impossible to secure, and at prices that are all but prohibitive. This market is dependent upon the United States for supplies of raw materials, and orders are only accepted at prices ruling when the goods are shipped. Because of constantly changing prices it is impossible to determine the cost of production.

Attached is a list showing percentages of increases in cost since January 1st. "In view of these," said Mr. Easson, "and the fact that we have not raised the prices of our products to take care of the increased cost, we are left with no alternative but to make a slight increase in the near future."

PERCENTAGES OF INCREASES IN THE COST OF ACTION, KEY AND PLAYER MATERIAL

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Fillister Head Screen	52
Fillister Head Screws	23
Centre Pins Hammer Rail Shells	35
Regulating Screws	4
Regulating Pail Deans	20
Regulating Rail Props	71
Hammer Rail Thimbles	46
Lumber (Maple)	17
Cloth	23
Felt	33
Ivory	30
Key Pins (Iron)	16
Music Roll Flanges	14
Music Roll Paper	36
Lead Tubing	33
Valve Castings	52
Tracker Bars	55



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Get the Price

W HEN it comes to a point of getting a living profit why should the piano business differ from any other line? Those engaged in the business of making and marketing musical instruments insist that they are not in a luxury business, but dealing in a commodity that is a daily necessity: and they are right.

But the hesitancy, and in some cases complete failure, to get from the public at least a fraction of the increased cost of making or buying the instruments, makes the public need of it a mere theory. The difference between realizing that piano prices should be higher and putting them higher represents the same difference between having convictions and having the courage of one's convictions.

Boots that before the war cost the consumer six dollars are now selling at ten and twelve dollars. A standard woollen garment that was two dollars and a half is now three seventy-five. The maker of the Borssalino brand of men's hats said the price should advance from four to five dollars. He also said it would, and it did. Three years ago butter that was standard at thirty-six cents per pound is now fifty. A man and team could be had at four dollars per day; the price is now six dollars.

Just why should the piano man fear to demand a price that would give him a living profit? The manufacturer who continues to sell at pre-war figures has either made marvellous discoveries in the matter of cost reducing methods or has a banker of unlimited credulity. The dealer who can sell a piano now at the same figure as before the war is particularly lucky in his purchases. There may be no arbitrary figure as to what advances should have been made since the tide of piano demand began to turn after the outbreak of war. Materials used in manufacture have advanced, and continue to advance in price with terrifying regularity and amount, until from one quarter to one-third more on the wholesale price of the instrument would barely cover the increased cost, according to the extent to which the factory's output has been maintained.

There are retailers who have met every advance in their cost, and in an odd case an anticipated advance, by boldly jacking up their prices. These have been wise, and they met with no greater difficulty in selling than did the man who delayed putting into effect his decision to get better prices. The public does not know piano prices. The "prospect" does not know that the instrument for which he is now asked five hundred dollars was four hundred and fifty dollars before the war. According to the ethics of the trade, it is the piano he is buying anyway, not the price; he wants the instrument because of the certain make it is, not because it is fifteen or fifty dollars less than he can buy a piano from some other dealer.

There never was a more opportune time to get the price, the cash, or good terms. The consumer is getting more money for his product, whatever it is, than he ever before could command. He is thinking in higher figures than he ever did, and six dollars now is no more than four dollars three years ago. He knows that everything is up, and is surprised to find anything that isn't—in fact he is suspicious that the quality is down if the price is not up.

And it is with respect to quality that the trade is in grave danger of irreparable injury. Failure to meet the advanced cost must result in deterioration of quality. It is not reasonable that any firm can continue absorbing the production increases that have occurred in the past three years and maintain the quality that is the pride of the Canadian piano trade. It is even of greater seriousness than present profit that the future of the Canadian piano be considered in meeting current conditions.

Higher prices are not palatable to anyone. The dealer

will do everything he legitimately can to avoid higher prices, and with that no fault can be found. At the same time he has an eye to the future, and in his knowledge of his ability to get the price from the public he is less worried by unavoidable increases in prices than possible deterioration of quality.

Laboratory Model in New Cabinet

The Official Laboratory Model of the New Edison is now available in a William and Mary design. There has been some demand for the Official Laboratory Model in a walnut case. Feeling that walnut is not appropriate to the Chippendale design, The Edison Co. have had a well-



New William and Mary design of Edison Laboratory Model.

known designer execute a William and Mary cabinet, which is manufactured exclusively in walnut and is here illustrated

This is not a new model. It is merely the Official Laboratory Model in a new cabinet, the mechanism being the same as in our Chippendale design.

Victoria, B.C., Recitals

Informal Friday evening recitals in the store of Fletcher Bros., Victoria, have been found very profitable by the house. These recitals are held on the ground floor, where there is a large piano and phonograph display floor, into which the main entrance opens. Chairs are placed in position, and it has been found that the public is more appreciative of the informality of these recitals and attend them quite freely. What is more important, many sales are directly attributable to these occasions. All stores in Victoria close on Saturday afternoon the year round, and at six on other days except Friday. Mr. W. H. Davis, whose special department is the Columbia wholesale, is enthusiastic over the development of this line in British Columbia. The retail department is in charge of Mr. W. G. Marshall, whose windows always attract most favourable comment from passers-by.

Here and There and All Over

Mr. R. H. Easson, vice-president of the Otto Higel Co., Ltd., was a recent trade visitor to New York.

Mr. A. L. Ebbels, of the American Piano Supply Co., Inc., New York, was a recent visitor to the Canadian piano factories

Mr. O'Brien, manager of the phonograph department of C. W. Lindsay Piano Co., Ottawa, reports good sales in Pathe lines

Hamilton's well known store, the Thomas C. Watkins, Ltd., have taken the agency for Brunswick phonographs and records.

In 1916 Jamaica imported Canadian musical instruments to the value of a little over \$1,300. The total musical instrument imports for that year were \$23,700 as against \$24,700 for 1915.

R. R. Garvin, leading furniture dealer of Smith's Falls. Ont., has opened a new phonograph department in connection with his store and secured the agency for Pathephones and Pathe records.

A "Victory Bond Piano Sale" was held in London by the Sherlock-Manning Piano Co., by which all the cash they received on retail sales during the given week was used by them to purchase Victory Bonds.

Mr. Frank Stanley, the Toronto piano manufacturer, recently paid a visit to Chicago, where he went on business, and also to visit his brother, Charles Stanley, whose two sons are with the U.S. troops in France.

The Journal records with regret the sad loss by death of Charlie Waites, of the Stanley piano factory. Mr. Waites made the supreme sacrifice in Belgium on November 25 while serving as a despatch rider.

A recent letter from the front from Will Dawe, of the Stanley piano factory, reports him as back in the lines after recovering from gunshot wounds some weeks ago. Will says he wants to be in it. Good luck to him.

Mr. C. LeVoi is making a record for himself with Pathe in Bowmanville and Oshawa, where Messrs. Jury & Lovell have branches. He has demonstrated what a real live salesman can do no matter what the size of his territory is.

During the Victory Loan campaign the main show window at Frank Stanley's Yonge Street store was cleared out and used as a "Victory Bond booth" for the last week of the drive, resulting in a good number of subscriptions.

Mr. R. C. Willis, manager of the Percival Piano Co., 203 Queen Street, Ottawa, is quite pleased with the business done last month in consideration of the fact that over \$10,000,000 was subscribed for Victory Bonds in the city of Ottawa with a population of 120,000.

Mr. W. E. Townsend, of the Hudson's Bay Co., was recently in Toronto, and reported splendid sales of Pathephones in Vancouver. The Hudson's Bay Co. are strongly featuring the Pathephone, and are putting splendid selling effort behind it, which is bound to bring good results.

An evidence of the growth of the phonograph and piano industries, and the general adoption of modern methods in the retail stores, is the fact that the Unit Construction Co. of Philadelphia is making a large addition to its plant. This firm specializes in the Unico system of individual sound-proof demonstration rooms.

Ontario druggists are wide awake to the splendid opportunities in the phonograph field. F. A. Girdwood, proprietor of the Rexall store of Perth, Ont., has just added the Pathe line of phonographs and records and is meeting with good success. D. J. Ritza, another eastern Ontario druggist, is a successful Pathe dealer. He recently put on a three-day special demonstration, George H. Honsberger, representative of the Pathe Company, Toronto, assisting him on this occasion.

A recital was recently given to a number of invited guests by Manager C. R. Coleman, of Thos. Claxton, Ltd., Toronto, to demonstrate the playing of other makes of records on the New Edison with the Bliss reproducer. The programme included orchestra and band records and vocal records of high and low voices, in all of which the faithful reproduction was enthusiastically commented upon

New premises at 864 Bloor Street West, Toronto, northeast corner of Carling Street, has been purchased by Mr. J. H. MacMillan, the suburban piano and talking machine dealer. Mr. MacMillan was formerly on the other side of the street. He has had a good experience in the musical instrument business, and is making a good success with Nordheimer pianos and Aeolian-Vocalion phonographs.

"Composers and Artists" is the name of a new booklet issued by Thomas A. Edison, Inc., which is to be distributed to the public on a special plan operating through their dealers. It contains the portraits of some of the great artists, whose re-created performances can be heard on the New Edison; also brief biographies of several composers. The booklet is carefully gotten up on coated paper, and should appeal to music lovers all over.

Mr. Russel Teeple, of the George McLagan Furniture Co., Ltd., Stratford, has returned from a trip to the Atlantic seaboard, where he was successful in opening up a fine number of agencies for Lyric phonographs and records. After the New Year Mr. Teeple starts west, to call on the dealers in the prairie and Pacific coast provinces. The Mc-Lagan firm will have a display of their full line of phonographs, comprising some 25 different styles, at the factory in Stratford during the Annual Furniture Exhibition there from January 10 to 19. They will have special facilities for demonstrations to interested dealers.

At a meeting of the New York Piano Merchants' Association an important resolution was adopted, fixing a schedule of prices to be allowed for used grands, uprights and player-pianos taken in exchange for new pianos. The resolution as passed embodies the consensus of opinion expressed by thirty-nine retail piano houses in Greater New York. The schedule fixes maximum values according to the age of the instrument, five, ten, twenty years or over, varying from stencils to high grade grands and playerpianos. Square pianos and 65-note cabinet players have no exchange value and 65-note player pianos are worth no more than their piano value.

Mr. A. F. Meisselbach, of the Meisselbach division of the Otto Heineman Phonograph Supply Co., Newark, N.J., and one of America's pioneer motor manufacturers, recently paid his initial visit to Toronto. On a former occasion Mr. Meisselbach had seen something of Western Canada while on his way from the Western States to Vancouver. He expressed himself as quite pleased with Toronto, in fact he was having such an enjoyable time when seen by the Journal that he was not even thinking of buying his return ticket. Mr. Meisselbach is much impressed with the rapid growth of the phonograph industry, and to him the number of homes without a phonograph is but an indication that the industry is only in its infancy.

R. W. Burgess, of the Pathe Company, has just returned from a successful seven weeks' trip to the West, where he went as far as Saskatoon. While there Mr. Burgess opened up a great many valuable accounts for the Pathe western distributors, Messrs. R. J. Whitla & Co., Limited, amongst which were Cross, Goulding & Skinner; Furnishers, Limited, and Ashdown's of Winnipeg, as well as Campbell & Campbell of Brandon, Man. Mr. Burgess personally had charge of the big opening at Ashdown's, and demonstrated the Pathephone to a very large and appreciative audience. To demonstrate how easily it could be done, he proceeded to sell for cash on the opening night one of the superb new Louis XVI Pathephones, and a large assortment of Pathe records, a total cash sale approaching \$400.

F. T. Quirk, manager, Sterling Actions & Keys, Ltd., Toronto, called on the trade in the east early in the month.

Chas. Ruse, wholesale manager, Gerhard Heintzman, Ltd., Toronto, is on a business trip through the West.

The music dealers of Calgary have sent the Canadian Bureau for the Advancement of Music a donation of \$85.00 toward the funds of the organization.

Mr. John Hornberger, a valued member of the R. S. Williams & Sons Co., Ltd., staff at Toronto, has been trans-

ferred to that firm's branch at Calgary.

Much benefited by a ten days' holiday in Atlantic City and New York, Mr. C. A. Bender, general manager, Heintzman & Co., Ltd., Toronto, is back at his desk.

Mr. J. W. Kelly, president, J. J. H. McLean Co., Ltd., Winnipeg, was one of the Victory Loan team captains, and to the campaign gave practically his entire time for four weeks.

The Mason & Risch branch at Moose Jaw is now settled in its new location on High Street, a few doors west of Main Street. The store is larger, brighter and in a better location than the premises formerly occupied.

The Karn-Morris Piano & Organ Co., Ltd., Woodstock, report that outside of the fact that they are very much handicapped for want of skilled labour, they have on their books at the present many orders unfilled, and which they have no hope of overtaking for the next few weeks at least.

The Musical Merchandise Sales Co., sole Canadian distributors of Brunswick phonographs and records, have asked the Journal to correct the prices of some of the records in their December list, published in the last issue of the Journal. Through an oversight the list supplied contained the American prices. Those listed at 75 cents should have been 90 cents.

A Toronto sample room is being opened by the Brantford Piano Case Co., Ltd., at No. 3 and 7 Manning Chambers Annex, where a full line of Brant-Olas will be exhibited for the convenience of the Toronto trade and visiting dealers. These show rooms will be for wholesale purposes only, and will be in charge of Mr. Simpson of the Brant-Ola sales staff. The manufacturers of the Brant-Ola report excellent business coming in, with The Brant-



MOTION IN WINDOW ATTRACTS ATTENTION

In this window display by the Kent Plano Co. Ltd., Vancouver was used an imitation record six feet in diameter also an enlarged model of the reproducer, which in place of the diamond had a very white flash light bulb. The arread was the record of the reproducer white flash motion of the record of the reproducer with the record of the re

Major Reynolds, son-in-law of Mr. E. Whaley, president, Whaley, Royce & Co., Ltd., Toronto, is home on a three months furlough. His service includes some most thrilling experience.

Walter F. Evans, Ltd., of Vancouver, is running a series of Victrola advertisements in the daily papers, and occupying good space. These are pertaining to construction, educational in character, illustrated and exceptionally well written.

In September last the Hudson's Bay Co. of Vancouver added the Columbia line. Mr. E. Gowan, formerly with Walter F. Evans, Ltd., is in charge of the Company's phonograph department, and has already created a wide and profitable clientelle for this branch of the firm's business.

Mr. Paul J. Stroup, manager of the Universal Music Co., New York, visited Toronto in connection with the closing of their branch in this city. The Canadian war tax of 7½ per cent. and the United States tax of 3 p.c. added to the regular customs tariff of 10 p.c. made it impracticable to continue the Canadian branch.

Ola Sales Co. of Hamilton making a record with last month's sales.

The "no records exchanged" sign was noticed in the Regina store of Mason & Risch, Ltd., by the Journal. Asked as to the difficulty of enforcing the rule, Mr. Polson, manager, replied that he found it of considerable advantage not to exchange records, as customers naturally preferred unused stock. He told of a Scotsman and his wife who had transferred their record trade to his Victrola department, their explanation being that by doing so they were assured of the records purchased being all new.

Mr. W. B. Puckett, vice-president and general manager, Williams Piano Co., Ltd., Oshawa, spent ten days in Winnipeg during the latter part of November. During his stay, Cross, Goulding & Skinner, Ltd., who have the Winnipeg agency of Williams, Ennis and Krydner lines, put on a two days' special sale with great success in attracting buyers and securing good down payments. Mr. H. P. Bull, manager of the firm, expressed gratification with the proportion of cash sales and sales with heavy cash payments.

T. J. McArthur, music arranger of the Otto Higel Co.'s roll department, is back from a trip through the West.

The music dealers of Vancouver have formed an association. Mr. Bowes is president, and D. H. Kent secretary.

Mr. H. A. Smith, secretary the Otto Higel Co., Lie, Toronto, was among recent trade visitors in Montreal.

Harold Harris, a player expert of long experience, and formerly with Winnipeg Piano Co., is now on the staff of Fletcher Bros., Ltd., Vancouver.

John Tupper has been appointed manager of the Moose Jaw branch of Mason & Risch, Ltd., succeeding Mr. Scott, who has opened up in business on Main Street.

Willis Pianos, Ltd., of Victoria, are working off their stock of sheet music, their purpose being to devote their attention entirely to pianos and players.

A. S. Bossenberry, of the Willis Piano Co.'s staff at Calgary, has left on a four months' vacation trip to California.

Mr. J. R. Scott, formerly manager of the Mason & Risch branch at Moose Jaw, has opened up in business on his own account with Willis & Co. lines.

James Arthurs, representing the Winnipeg branch of the R. S. Williams & Sons Co., Ltd., recently completed a tour of western points with his usual good results.

Geo. A. Fletcher Music Co. of Nanaimo, B.C., have opened up a branch store at Cumberland. This is 80 miles from Nanaimo, reached by a good motor road or by rail.

Mr. A. Andrews, for the past six years on the staff of Mason & Risch, Ltd., Winnipeg, has removed to Vancouver to join the Mason & Risch organization of that city.

The Hudson's Bay Co., Vancouver, have the Pathe agreement, and are energetically featuring the various Pathephone types with combinations of records on instalment terms.

Mr. Pugh, of the Alberta Piano Co., Calgary, has enlited in the Royal Flying Corps. A brother was killed at the front, and a third brother has been in the army for some time.

"Prices include delivery," is one of the service slogans of the Assiniboia Music Co., Moose Jaw. This, Mr. N. J. Porter, head of the firm, states is made possible with their motor truck delivery.

In the Victory Loan campaign at Calgary, Mr. George Venini, manager of the Mason & Risch branch, and Mr. D. J. McCutcheon, manager of Heintzman & Co.'s branch, each gave a week on the Loan campaign selling staff.

T. J. Howard, general manager, Newcombe Piano Co., Ltd., Toronto, who was elected to the presidency of the Canadian Piano & Organ Manufacturers' Association, on his birthday recently visited a number of Ontario points,

Thos. Nash, manager, His Master's Voice, Limited, Toronto, has returned from a visit to the Western Gramophone Co., Winnipeg, distributors of Victor lines in the West. "Tommy" experienced a week of the weather that westerners always insist at 40 below is not nearly so cold as the weather in the east at zero.

Mr. W. V. Ray, formerly with His Master's Voice, Ltd., Toronto, is now on the road staff of Western Gramophone Co. Mr. Ray is a nephew of the late Wm. Ray, who at his decease was secretary-treasurer of Heintzman & Co., Ltd., Toronto.

Mr. H. W. Masters, head of Masters' Piano Co., Edmonton, and who is also proprietor of the Alberta Piano Co. of Calgary, was in Winnipeg when the Journal man called at his place.

The Newcombe Piano Co., Ltd., have greatly improved their selling facilities at their warerooms in Toronto. A series of demonstration rooms have been built in, the large area of the ground floor making this easily possible and till permitting of ample display space in the main show oom.

A Columbia distributing agency has been opened up in Calgary by James E. Williams, a well-known musician of this city, and who is also well known to the trade in Western Canada. Local retailers featuring the Columbia are: The Matthews Music House, Ltd.; Imperial Phonograph Co., D. J. Young Co., Hudson's Bay Co.

B. A. Trestrail, of the R. S. Williams & Sons Co., Ltd., Toronto, has been notified by the U.S. Government to be ready for a call at any time. Mr. Trestrail became connected with the Williams firm five years ago as advertising manager, afterwards becoming manager of the piano department also. He enlisted several months ago.

Among the new "His Master's Voice" stores opened up in Toronto in addition to that of Whaley, Royce & Co., Ltd., are the High Park Music Store, on Roncesvalles, Avenue, and the St. Clair Music Store on St. Clair Avenue, of which C. Passmore, well known in the local music trade and in music circles, is manager.

One of the brightest stores in the West is the Mason & Risch branch at Saskatoon. Mr. Geo. L. Kincade has been manager of this branch since it was opened up five years ago. He is a brother of "Bert" Kincade, of the R. S. Williams & Sons Co., Ltd., Toronto, credits and collection expert. With the Mason & Risch lines are featured "His Master's Voice" products, small goods, and sheet music.

Even a duck hunt may end disastrously—or nearly so. Such a one the Journal heard of in the West, but the informant refused particulars other than to volunteer that the party most concerned was a well known piano man. Prematurely discharging the gun blew a hole in the bottom of the boat large enough to pass a man's body through. How the man finally reached safety does not matter so long as he did so.

Mr. Robt. A. Willis, vice-president, Willis & Co., Ltd., Montreal, and who is well and favourably known to Willis dealers and branch managers all over the country, is on a visit to Western Canada. During the Journal man's trip, he in many cases heard of Mr. Willis either being soon expected or having just departed. Mr. Willis' visit was received with the characteristic appreciation of the western dealer, who invariably extends a most cordial and sincere welcome to the representative of the house whose lines he handles.

Mr. R. I. Mance, recently connected with Western Gramophone Co., Winnipeg, has been transferred to the Calgary branch of this firm, where he is installed as manager. As all western dealers know, this firm is distributors of "His Master's Voice" products, so well known the world over. So rapidly has the business of the Calgary branch grown that the premises originally occupied became too cramped, and additional storage space had to be secured.

Mr. C. B. Moore, manager of the Pathe division of R. J. Whitla & Co., reports business exceptionally good all throughout the west, and that his principal worry at the present time is not to get new dealers but to supply all the goods that his old dealers require. Remarkable progress has been made by R. J. Whitla & Co. in introducing the Pathe to the West. It is only a year since they took over the jobbing rights, and in that time they have opened agencies in practically every town of any importance in their territory.

"I had a close shave on this deal," said the salesman to the salesmanager as he handed in a contract. "How so?" queried the salesmanager as his glance showed approval of the down payment, etc. "Well, they had decided on the piano because they understood it to be the only make with a 'giraffe' in it." "What was your come back?" asked the general manager. "Oh, I just told them every piano had a 'giraffe,' but ours had a longer necked one than any other."

Mr. Gibson, formerly of Renwick & Gibson, Regina, who handle "The Old Reliable" Dominion lines, has retired from the piano business, and is now actively engaged in the business of marketing automobiles.

Mr. George H. Suckling, who has spent an average lifetime in the music business, is again in the west. The Journal representative met him renewing old acquaintances in Edmonton, where he was formerly in business and has many friends.

Met by a Journal representative, as he was returning home after a busy week with a motor car in the province, Mr. D. D. Walker, of Regina, superintendent of agencies for Saskatchewan for Gourlay, Winter & Leeming, Ltd., Toronto, was very cheerful over the farmer's buying power as a result of this year's crops, and also his willingness to purchase such a home essential as a piano.

Mr. D. S. Cluff, who is covering the Maritime Provinces in the interests of the Canadian Phonograph Supply Co. London, is meeting with splendid success with Starr phonographs and Starr records. The most recent word from him to his headquarters is a telegram with a rush order for a gratifying sample order for one of the most prominent musical instrument firms in Eastern Canada.

Mr. Fred Cross, the well known wholesale representative in the West of Williams' Piano Co., Ltd., Oshawa, Ont., has completed a trip over his territory with the usual satisfactory results. Mr. Cross, who is also interested in retail business in Edmonton, becomes a more enthusiastic westerner each year. The increased wealth resulting from this year's crops is most pleasingly reflected in his sales.

"That reminds me," reminisced the salesmanager, "of a man we had, on one occasion trying to sell a 'prospect' who had his mind made up to buy a Louis. When our man showed him one of our Louis XV.'s he thought he would go back to the other store where he could get a Louis XVI. 'We can do very much better than that,' cheerfully lied our chap, 'we can give you three more Louis than that,' and he closed the deal for a Louis XIX design."

When the Journal man called at the store of Willis Pianos, Ltd., when in Victoria recently, he found Mr. Chas. Dodd, secretary-treasurer of that firm, in an exceedingly genial frame of mind. This may not have been entirely due to the visit of the stork on the previous day. This gives the Dodd household another soprano. Mr. Dodd, who has many friends in the trade in the east, commenced his music trade career with the House of Nordheimer.

Nipper, the famous Victor dog, was a prominent and attractive feature in the window of Heintzman & Co.'s Moose Jaw store. The Victrolas shown were all of satin finish, and with an attractive arrangement of "His Master's Voice" records the window presented a striking appeal. A later window by reason of its artistic simplicity was particularly good. A cabinet machine and one of table size were shown against a background of denim. Mr. Stanley Garrett, manager of this branch, is a son of the well known piano man of Barrie, Ont., Mr. M. G. Garrett.

Wm. H. Feild, manager, Saskatoon Piano Co., Saskatoon, who feature Bell pianos, "His Master's Voice" lines, and small goods, is adding a number of sound-proof rooms on the ground floor. The firm is also planning an addition to the rear of the building occupied by them. The Victrola department, at present located in the basement, has been outgrown, and to meet the need of more rooms it was decided to locate these on the ground floor. The office of Mr. J. R. Pritchard, accountant, will be removed to the rear. Mr. Feild, manager of this firm, is a son of the late R. P. Feild, one of the organizers of the Morris, Feild, Rogers Co. of Listowel, which afterwards became the Morris Fiano Co., and was in 1909 merged with the Karn firm of Woodstock, forming the present firm of Karn-Morris Piano Co. of Woodstock, forming the present firm of Karn-Morris

Piano & Organ Co., Ltd. Mr. Feild has an extensive practical experience, which is particularly valuable in western business. Ability to tune or polish a piano, tone regulate it, or repair a player, has been found a useful acquisition. He still takes a keen interest in the movements of old shopmates and trade associates in the east.

Does absolute observance of "The One Price System," which is now a much debated topic in the trade, make or lose business? "In theory and practice, in square dealing to your customer, in building a reputation for your house, it is the only system," emphatically declared a wide awake western salesmanager who could relate many instances of success as a result of "only one price." Not the least interesting was the incident of a Scotch woman who had the cash with her and finally offered within fifteen dollars of the price of the piano. When told that the reputation of the house was worth more than fifteen dollars she started for the door. She wheeled just as she reached the door, came back, and in tones that only a native Scot can use, said: "Weel, if the reputation of your house is worth more than fifteen dollars I guess I'll hae to gie it to you," and she bought the piano.

"If there is one way more than another in which piano men fall down, its in going after the cash," said a piano man to the Journal, who promptly warmed up to this subject. "The other day I had a 'prospect' in here, and as usual he wanted to know the terms. As usual I emphasized attractive terms. I couldn't sell him. The same week I saw him in a new automobile learning to drive. I knew he had to pay cash for the car, and that made me think. I resolved to talk cash, and cash only, to the very first customer that came my way. My chance soon came. It came in the shape of a farmer. Perhaps it was habit, perhaps it was lack of confidence, but my resolution to talk cash began to wobble. I showed the piano, I talked the quality of it, and soon the farmer asked, 'What are the terms?' Just because the piano business has educated people to expect terms and ask for terms, he thought of terms. While actually a bluff, so far as I was concerned, I talked cash as the most attractive terms I could offer. It didn't take the man a minute to decide, and that deal has helped me put across many a cash deal, and that is what we want in the piano business."

Regina Firm Alters Its Name

Child & Gower, music dealers of Regina, have changed their firm name to Child & Gower Piano Co. This house. which has the Steinway and Nordheimer agencies, was established in 1904 by W. Allan Child, whose first experience in the piano business was with the House of Nordheimer. He came west and grew up with Regina, where every postman, cop, judge, lawyer, merchant, reporter, mechanic, and the premier know him by his first name. In 1910 Mr. Geo. C. Gower came into partnership, and during all the period that Captain Child was in training in Winnipeg with the twenty-eighth battalion and in active service in France, he worked day and night and successfully piloted the business through a period critical in the history of many a business house. Messrs. Child and Gower are both natives of London, Ont., and either of them can tune a piano and sell it. They have a corner location with a broad frontage and full flankage of plate glass. Their worry this season is sufficient stock. Vocalion phonographs and Columbia grafonolas are prominently displayed in their store.

Captain Child was invalided home following the famous Vimy Ridge affair, in which the Canadians covered themselves and their country with glory. He is again in uniform in connection with the working of Canada's new Military Service Act.

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