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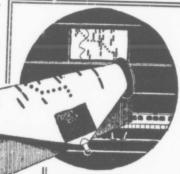
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## TRADE POSSIBILITIES WITH AUSTRALIA

By D. H. Ross, Canadian Trade Commissioner at Melbourne, supplementing the information given in the January issue regarding the Australian market.

AT the beginning of the European war, Australian importers of pianos were faced with the complete severing of their principal buying arrangements which, in many instances, had been in continuous operation for over a score of years with German factories. Some shipments of German instruments were received after the war began, but the continued depletion of accumulated stocks has made it imperative for Australian buyers to seek new sources from which to obtain future requirements. Reputable makes of German pianos were firmly established upon the market, by consistent advertising of Australian importers in the newspapers, and through attractive literature sent through the mails. Some of the largest importers in the Commonwealth have been supplied with information respecting Canadian manufacturers of pianos and player pianos, and, in recent months, several Australian buyers have been in the Dominion for the purpose of investigating on the spot the manufacturing facilities, and with the object of making satisfactory arrangements for future supplies to be obtained from Canada, or within the Empire. Other large buyers, leaving for Vancouver this month, en route to Eastern Canada, have in their possession all the data which could be furnished in regard to Canadian piano factories, and the latter have also been advised, in advance of the approaching visit of these Australian commercial men.

#### Australian Importations of Pianos.

The value of the Australian market, as a territory for Canadian piano manufacturers to exploit, is at once apparent by reference to the appended schedule, showing the total number of instruments and the total value of the importations into the Commonwealth from all countries, in comparison with the importations from Germany, during the years 1911,1912 and 1913:-

Grand pianes imported-		1911	-		.,	_
total number		3.77.0		1912		1913
Number from Germany	£	- 0		10,795	£	162 11,919
Upright pianes imported		9,820 4		9.334	${\mathcal X}$	9,216
Total number Total value Number from Germany Value from Germany	£	16,391		20,856 522,239 17,937 432,377		$\substack{14.575\\374,492\\12,277\\300.008}$

Details as to the imports from all countries in 1912 and 1913 were published in the January issue of this Journal.

#### German Grand and Upright Pianos.

As the figures given above demonstrate, the Australian importations of grand pianos (including "baby grands") are relatively unimportant, yet with the principal competition off the market the trade may offer some inducement to a Canadian factory making a specialty in this class of instrument.

Obviously the Australian requirements of upright pianos should be particularly attractive to Canadian manufacturers desirous of cultivating export business. They should not be discouraged through being aware that some cheap lines of pianos, sold in recent years in Australia, were purchased at as low a price as £14 (\$68.13) at the factory in Germany, plus cost of casing and inland transit to Hamburg or Antwerp. These cheap pianos were, as a rule, not stocked by strictly musical instrument dealers, but rather by retail furniture houses selling goods extensively upon the time payment system.

The bulk of the German upright pianos which in recent years commanded the most extensive sale were laid down, duty paid, in the Australian importers' warehouse at from £30 to £40 (\$146 to \$194.67). Owing to the recent advance in freights and customs duty, the figures quoted would now show an appreciable advance, but as a basis for making an all round estimate for wholesale quantities the values can stand.

Some dealers have ordered every year quite 1,000 instruments at the prices quoted, with slight variation in action and design of cases, from the German factory for which they had the purchasing agency. Irrespective of pianos of local manufacture, the bulk of the German pianos will require to be replaced by importations from other countries, and, with such large orders in view, it should be worth the effort of Canadian manufacturers to specialize in instruments suitable for the Australian trade.

#### Small Upright Pianos in Demand.

Australian piano importers indicate that the principal objection to Canadian pianos is that the instruments are too large for the popular demand. The trade calls for a compact piano with a case devoid of extravagant decoration. A pair of brass candle brackets are supplied

with each piano, but this is an unimportant item. In going through the extensive stocks of several firms, it was emphasized that Canadian manufacturers desirous of exploiting the trade must supply pianos in size and appearance in strict conformity with Australian requirements, otherwise no large orders could be placed.

The following details relative to the sizes and mechanism of one leading popular make of German pianos, giving particulars of the Australian retail prices ruling on 1914 importations, are submitted for the information of Canadian manufacturers:

#### German Pianos

No. 1 Piano—4 feet high, 4 feet 8 inches wide, 2 feet deep. Over-strung, full iron frame, brass pin-plate, over-damper, best repeating action with brass pin-plate, over-damper, including keys. In black, rosewood or barr walnut case with gold

repeating action with brass hammer rest. Anext avery keys. In black rossewed or burr walnut case with gold engraving or quite plain.

Retail price, 1914, in Australia, 253 (2925, 93).

Jano—4 feet 1 inch high. 5 feet wide. 2 feet deep. Overstrung, full rom frame extending to top of wrest-plank, understands best ripeating action with iron supports, brass best repeating action with iron supports, brass with mother of pearl or quite granging or brass marquetry.

Retail price, 1914, in Australia, 258 (2828.27.7).

Jano—4 feet 3 inches high. 5 feet wide. 2 feet 2 inches deep, overstrang, fine bronzed iron frame extending to top of section of the pearling of the pearling action with bronzed pearling action with bronzed control and the pearling action with bronzed control and the pearling action with bronzed pearling of the pearling with the latest improvements is of remarkable burnished with the latest improvements with the pearling of the pearling o

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#### Piano Cases Must be French Polished.

The finish of German piano cases has been effected by the process known as French polishing, which makes it a comparatively easy matter to remove an injury caused by damage in transit or subsequent scratching. Australian buyers insist upon a similar finish upon all pianos purchased by them. With rare exception, Canadian pianos are varnished and should the varnish be scratched or injured it is impossible to satisfactorily remedy the defect. This has been the experience of Australian importers, and hence they are insistent upon manufacturers supplying them with polished cases only.

#### Player Pianos.

As outlined in a previous article in the January issue a number of inquiries have been received from interested Australian firms relative to the player pianos and piano players. This trade, under normal conditions, is a growing one and the attention of the Canadian manufacturers is directed to the demand. The duty upon player pianos (i.e., when included as an integral part of the piano) is similar to that computed upon grand pianos.

#### Piano Parts and Accessories.

The imports of piano parts and accessories, for the last three years for which the trade returns are available, are shown thus;

1911, £82,124; 1912, £91,644; 1913, £76,031

Importations from Germany predominated, with the United Kingdom and the United States following. Early in May, a director of one of the leading Australian companies manufacturing pianos will be in Canada with the view of obtaining some necessary parts hitherto purchased in Germany

#### Packing Pianos for Export.

German pianos imported into Australia have invariably been packed in zine-lined cases to ensure safe transit during the long sea voyage. The cost of the outside cases, with zine lining, varied from £2 to £3 (\$9.73 to \$14,60) according to the size and value of the piano. The measurement of export cases should be about two inches, in each direction, larger than the size of the piano, to allow for the necessary inside packing and to permit of the piano being removed without injury.

#### List of Australian Piano Importers.

Canadian manufacturers may obtain the addresses of the principal musical instrument importers in Australia upon reference to the recent issue of the Directory of Foreign Importers published by the Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa.

#### Computation of Landed Cost of Pianos.

Canadian piano manufacturers desirous of securing orders from Australia should, in their own interests, submit their quotations upon such a basis as that importers can readily compute the landed cost of the instruments in their warehouses. The manufacturers who facilitate the buyers' interests by clearly indicating the actual charges, as required by them and the Australian customs, are assured of their quotations receiving more consideration than those who do not furnish this essential information. Particulars as to the freight from Montreal or St. John can be obtained upon application to the New Zealand Shipping Company, Board of Trade Building, Montreal.

The following procedure is suggested in submitting quotations :-

- Cost of piano at factory—dutiable.
- Cost outside cases and zinc lining—not dutiable.
- 3. Cost and labor and materials inside packingdutiable.
  - 4. Freight from factory to ocean port—dutiable.
- Marine freight to port of destination-not 5. dutiable.
  - 6. Marine insurance—not dutiable.
  - Bank exchange—not dutiable.
  - Cash discount for prompt payment—not dutiable.

## Germany dominated South African Market.

OUT of a year's imports in musical instruments quoted at practically \$897,000, Germany supplied the South African market with \$622,000 worth. Shortly after the war broke out the musical critic of the Natal Mercury went into this question of German predominance in this trade, and interviewed a number of prominent dealers in the colony on the subject. They all admitted that practically nine-tenths of the pianos imported into this part of South Africa were of German manufacture, and said that so far as the moderate priced instrument was concerned-and for this there is by far the largest demand—the British manufacturers appeared to be unable to hold their own and that as a rule the German moderate grade piano compared most favorably with that from Britain. The German supply is now cut off and it will be interesting to see what manufacturers secure the South African trade.



THE latest among New Scale Williams designs. Built specially to supply an urgent demand for New Scale Williams dealers. Has proved an instantaneous seller and "profit-getter" for the dealer. With this style added to the other popular styles, New Scale Williams dealers are equipped to land every high-grade buyer that comes their way.

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Oshawa - - Ontario

# ARGENTINA MARKET FOR PIANOS, ORGANS AND STOOLS.

By H. R. Poussette, Canadian Trade Commissioner, Buenos Aires.

THE trade in pianos in normal times is an important branch of business, as the people are fond of music, particularly the Italian element, which is a large one. Those who are truly musical desire only the best instruments, and will make sacrifices if necessary to have one, but probably the larger body whose tastes and talents are less cultivated, are satisfied with pianos that would be classed as medium grade. As this latter class forms the greater part of the output of the factories in Canada, a large clientele should be open to Canadian manufacturers, if they are able to compete with other countries, notably Germany and the United States.

As may be seen from the statistics which appear below, the annual imports amount to between 5,000 and 6,000 pianos. Although up to 1912 United States manufacturers enjoyed but a small share of the trade, it is probable that in the future they will have a larger proportion, especially now that German competition is for the time being eliminated.

#### Styles of Pianos.

The styles of case most preferred are those made of black ebony, mahogany and walnut, although Circassian and other figured veneers are also employed. The folding lids are not liked in Argentina. Lids should be round and made in one piece, and the music racks can be inside. There is a prejudice against cases in which the whole front piece comes out; there is a preference for a front divided into three panels, the centre one of which opens out and forms a rack for the music. Furthermore the centre panel should be a little larger than the other two, and should be plain; the candelabra can be fixed to the two outer ones to form an ornamental effect. The candelabra need not accompany the pianos, as it can be purchased in Buenos Aires. It is not necessary that the front should be divided into three panels; there is a French piano being sold that has a front composed of scroll work on a veneered background. If the makers will adapt their styles to suit the tastes of this country Canada should be able to compete for the trade in medium class pianos. The style so much in use in Canada with a plain case and the keyboard and legs fixed half-way up the front, is not acceptable.

The upright piano is most in demand, and next comes the baby grand, which, however, is only purchased in well-known marks.

Except amongst those people whose musical talents have been highly cultivated, the action does not seem to be of great importance; the ordinary purchaser apparently not being aware of the differences between the higher grades. One of the best known actions in the country is made in France.

#### Prices.

The average price for an upright piano made in the United States would be from \$120 to \$150, f.o.b. New York, including paper-lined packing. A small grand of German make, known in this market, was quoted at 800 marks, f.o.b. Hamburg, before the outbreak of the war with long terms of payment.

#### Piano Accessories.

Stools are more used in Argentina than benches, and a popular style is a cane-scated stool made in Austria. The scats are said to wear out very quickly, and this leads to repeat orders. There is a good sale also for music cabinets, and there is no reason why Canada should not compete for a share of the trade in such goods.

#### Terms

As a great number of the pianos are sold in Argentina on the instalment plan, importers usually ask for long terms. United States companies do not seem averse to granting these. In two contracts entered into by American companies the terms of payment were as follows: Cash if possible, but if not, four months' sight, or if still not convenient, then six months' sight. The terms of payment in one of these contracts have been amended during the last few months by cablegram, to read three, six and twelve months. In the contracts the companies agree to supply the agent with samples, and they further undertake to ship goods within ninety days of receiving an order.

#### Packing.

Tin-lined cases are not used in exporting pianos from the United States to this country. The reasons given are that they cost from \$15 to \$20 cach, and that the sea air does not appear to have any injurious effects on the pianos. The pianos should be contained in strong wooden cases strapped with iron, and the instrument should be so blocked and padded inside that movement within the case is impossible. The packing should also be so arranged so that no matter in what position the case is placed, the weight of the piano cannot fall upon any delicate part.

#### Selling.

The best plan for a Canadian piano manufacturer who contemplates entering South American markets, would be to send down a capable representative, who thoroughly understands the goods which he is handling, and is able to demonstrate their selling points. For this purpose it is perhaps needless to say, that a command of either Spanish or French, and preferably the former, is necessary. Two or three instruments should also accompany the representative, provided they are made according to the styles in vogue.

One of the reasons that the Germans have been so successful is on account of the very efficient salesmen which they have been sending out, men with address, musical talent, command of languages, and adaptability.

#### Market for Organs.

As organs are not classified apart from musical instruments in the customs statistics, there is no way of arriving at the number which enter the market. They are not in general demand, but nevertheless are found on a fair number of estancias and in not a few homes in the camp. One dealer is said to sell about 400 organs a year.

The taste is for a very plain instrument, mirrors and high ornamental tops not being liked. A top with a little ornamentation is desired, but nothing of the rather imposing type which Canadian manufacturers have found to be so popular in South Africa. In small churches and private chapels, imitation pipes are used

on organs, but these are separate, and can be attached or detached as desired.

#### Imports of Pianos into Argentina.

Germany Spain France United States	2.196 1.783	1911 units 4.011 316 397	1912 units 3,954 337 406	First 9 1913 mos. 1914 units units	
United Kingdom	1,697 633	303 152	341 213		
All countries	26,927	5,358	5.415	5,527	2.338

#### Prospects for Trade in the Present Year.

The changes in volume and ratio of total trade, as they affect the trade relations of Argentina with foreign countries, will probably be even more marked in the present than they have in the past year. While the volume of imports has not yet ceased to decline, it may be expected a change in this respect will take place during the coming year, as the stocks of merchandise should soon become depleted. A counteracting factor is presented by the scarcity of ships to carry away the produce, which is abundant, and at the current prices there would be a very handsome profit for the agriculturists and estancieros. It is to the interest of Argentina to press her wheat on the European markets, as the forcing of the Dardanelles and the consequent opening of the Black Sea would lower present prices in view of the large quantities of Russian wheat available for

With conditions as they are at present it is difficult to predict the course which foreign trade will take during the next ten months, or until the close of the war. While it may be taken for granted that Germany and her ally will for all practical purposes disappear from the trans actions of the various customs houses of South America, it is doubtful as to whether the United Kingdom and France will be able to maintain their respective positions. The United States will no doubt materially improve their position. The latest development, the submarine menace, should react in their favor, through its influence on marine insurance rates. Canada may be able to enjoy equal advantages with the United States in so far as shipping goes, and might even through her banks participate in those advantages which may be expected from the future course of exchange.

#### British West Indies Import \$100,000

HAVING in mind the possibilities of enlargement of Canadian trade with the British West Indies Mr. Watson has prepared a series of articles from which is taken this reference to musical instruments:"The blacks are naturally musical, but most of them have had no musical training and the masses of the people cannot afford expensive musical instruments. The statistical reports of most of the colonies do not classify the different kinds of musical instruments but include all together under one heading. Imports of musical instruments into British Guiana were valued at \$14,999, imports into Trinidad at \$30,206, Barbados, \$24,926, and Windward Islands, \$9,847. The complete returns for the Leeward Islands are not yet published for last year, but the previous year they amounted in value to \$6,024. Thus the imports of musical instruments of the colonies that have joined in the Preferential Agreement were not much below \$100,000 in value. The imports of musical instruments into Jamaica for last year are not given in the

latest statistical report available, but they amounted in value to \$2,690 the year before.

The United Kingdom supplied most of the musical instruments, but the imports of American musical instruments into the preferential colonies were valued at \$18,758.40. Germany supplied a number of musical instruments, but less than the United States. In making pianos and organs for the West Indies it must be remembered that in the tropies ants will attack them as readily as they will furniture.

# THE PLAYER PIANO AND ITS EFFICIENCY. Certain responsibility rests on Dealers and Tuners.

FOLLOWING the article on "The Care of the Playerpiano" appearing in our last issue, we take up the question of efficiency, and how to maintain it.

It is only reasonable to assume that manufacturers do not allow player pianos to leave their hands unless they are in good working condition. After passing into possession of the dealer, or his customer, continued efficient service can only be secured through having the instrument maintained in good working order.

A player action cannot be said to be more delicate than a piano action; both are affected by atmospheric changes, and both require periodical adjustment to maintain efficiency.

The purchaser of a piano realizes the fact that it should be tuned, and that he has to pay for it; and the purchaser of a player piano, if he does not now, must come to realize that in addition to tuning he must assume the expense of having the player action adjusted when such is required. This like tuning being a natural after-expense; the dealer or his salesman must take sufficient interest in the matter to make the point clear to the purchaser, otherwise he paves the way to trouble for himself and unmerited criticism of the maker of the instrument.

The general public (taking for granted that a man who works on pianos should know all about them—whatever their composition)—accepts, with confidence, any service offered by a tuner; if his work is a failure, it may reflect on him, but more frequently it falls on the instrument, on the assumption that it possesses some weakness a tuner cannot overcome.

Proper adjustment of the player action is of vital importance, and, equally so getting the right man to do it, and the dealer should make it his business to know who to get when necessity requires. So few tuners have yet studied the player mechanism it is sometimes hard to get a man sufficiently skilled to do the work; we might go a step further, and say that a man who does not possess a knowledge of players should under no circumstance be sent even to tune one, because, in the operation he may displace something, and cause untold trouble, necessitating the calling in of a player expert to put it right.

With the increasing sale of players there is a corresponding demand for men who know how to adjust them, and every timer who has the ambition to be up-to-date must study player mechanism, otherwise his usefulness is limited to the "straight" piano.

It should not be necessary to call in two men, one to tune, and the other to adjust the player action; but it will be so unless tuners realize their own deficiency, and study the player until they know it thoroughly. In the U. S. there are schools where player construction can be studied; in England too they recognize its importance, and lectures are being given to tuners who wish to qualify for player work. In Canada, while no such movement has yet taken place, the question of qualifying to do the work is none the less important; and there is no doubt but that a tuner having ambition to learn, and prepared to devote the necessary time to it, would find opportunity by communicating with some maker of player pianos, or maker of player actions.

#### The Inefficient Piano Injures Dealer and Maker. Competent Tuners Should be Certified.

SOME time ago an article appeared in one of the trade papers across the line, emphasizing the need of educating the public to the proper care of the piano. This is a question which should engage the attention of manufacturer and dealer to a much greater extent than in the past. If a canvass were made among piano purchasers, it would likely reveal a surprisingly small percentage who have had their pianos tuned within the last twelve months. Few people recognize the need of having their piano tuned until it is badly out of order; in this, they do both themselves and the maker injustice. While out of order, some musical friend may have occasion to try it, unfavorable criticism may follow, to the detriment of the maker. The unfortunate part of it is, neither the maker, nor the man who sold the piano may know of it until, perhaps, a sale or two is lost, through the unfavorable influence created by that one piano.

The dealers should take a keener interest than they do, in such matters. If they made it their business to find out from time to time whether the pianos they sold had been properly cared for, they would do themselves, and the maker, a great service, because a piano in good condition is a speaking advertisement, while one in bad order is a sale killer. The writer has heard of people who have allowed their pianos to go without tuning for seven or eight years, and when the work had to be done, they complained of the expense; the expense was greater, because it took more than one application, and, naturally the tuner charged according to the work done.

Too much emphasis cannot be placed on the need of the dealer telling the purchaser, when the piano is sold, that it will require tuning, and at regular intervals. Some dealers conceal the fact, fearing it might spoil the prospect of a sale. That is poor policy, because it only means trouble later on, yet, if gone about judiciously, the need could be made known, the sale would be made, and a satisfied customer assured, to say nothing of having sustained the reputation of the instrument.

One point the dealer and customer should carefully consider, when the time for tuning arrives, is the ability of the tuner. Only a properly qualified tuner can do good work; many a good piano has been spoiled through incompetency. Every dealer should make it his business to know who are and who are not qualified. Protection would be afforded dealer and customer alike if tuners carried certificates of competency, which could be obtained from some of the piano manufacturers; this would also have the effect of giving the proficient tuner a standing, and at the same time protection against any poorly equipped rivals. If such a course were pursued, it would place "outside tuning" on a higher plane, the call would be for a "certified tuner," and better results would follow.

### Acts of Unreliable Salesmen.

UNRELIABLE men on the selling staff are decreasing in numbers steadily. The majority of Canadian salesmen measure high. Unfortunately, however, there are still a few whose practices are anything but commendable. One case was cited in the February issue of the Journal where there was a gross discrepancy between the contract with the customer and the contract turned into his firm by the salesman. A companion case has been forwarded the Journal by an Ontario subscriber, who furnishes details of names and places as a guarantee of their correctness.

The subscriber states: "We have noted in Canadian Music Trades Journal where you have expressed your views very plainly in regard to a creature calling himself a 'piano salesman' who will go to a customer after a sale is closed and contract signed, and run down the piano and tell him he paid far too much, etc. Then offer him one at a big cut price, where previous to sale being closed they had given the party their very best price and terms, and then went away below the price after the writer had sold.

"This happened last week, when the writer was in Ontario, and one of So-in-so's agents, one Blank by name, did exactly as above stated, and succeeded in getting the party to write and cancel the order.

## Why Be Ashamed of Piano Selling?

WHY should a piano salesman be ashamed of his job?
For no reason in the world if he does business on
the level. The fact that his calling is disfigured by
others so oblique morally that they hesitate at nothing
to make a sale or upset the other fellow's sale does not
require that the honorable man should apologize for
his calling every time occasion should arise for his referring to it.

Three or four men, by force of circumstances, were thrown into each other's company. Though unacquainted with each other conversation was not lacking. Some unusual experiences of one caused another's curiosity of his occupation to ask, "What kind of goods do you sell anyway?" "Pinnos," was the response and the piano man at once changed the subject.

After he left the group one of the remaining men asked more in the nature of a soliliquy than a question, "Now why did he look so sheepish when he said he sold pianos?" That is the question, why did he or why should he? Others will accept him at his own valuation if he feels that he must apologetically admit that he is in the business of selling pianos. It may be that his

methods are so seamed with sharp practices that he is genuinely ashamed, in which case he should change his methods.

It is quite unnecessary to reiterate what has so often been said concerning the honor and high calling of the business of making and marketing musical instruments, but the fact remains that the ranks still include men so unscrupulous that they care nothing for the rights of others nor their own reputations. So long as employers permit or condone crookedness on the part of themselves or their salesmen, the industry will continue to harbor those whose tactics prejudice the public against the piano man.

#### Signs of the Times.

SO persistent and so optimistic, without any suggestion of exaggeration, is the following editorial from the May issue of "The Williams" Echo" that it is well worth reading and passing on.

"Six months ago, stunned by the realization that we were enmeshed in the most titanic trouble ever waged in history, it required considerable optimism and courage to continue an aggressive business policy with faith in the immediate future.

"Let us consider now (six months later) what changes have taken place in Canadian conditions and what the present and future outlook hold in store for us.

"While at the outset of the war most everybody felt confident that the Allies would eventually triumph they had no reason for this belief except their confidence and loyalty. They had absolutely no basis of judging the future or discounting the probable business conditions.

"We were confronted with an entirely new and strange condition. We were obliged to grope our way along. Business caution necessitated retrenehing and contracting until some light could be seen. It was like a man groping in the dark with pitfalls and possible destruction on every side. Not wishing to stop altogether he groped his way along carefully and cautiously, not taking any undue chances.

"That is the way most business men felt six months ago.

"Now, however, the dawn has broken, and we find that there are not so many pitfalls or dangerous conditions as we presumed. We know without question or reasonable doubt in our hearts that the Allies will be victorious in the war. We have discovered that Canada and the United States are able to sustain themselves without outside help and at the same time lend great and valuable assistance to those on the other side. We have found that we have no reason to jump every time we hear of a slight reverse for the Allies. We have seen the utter futility of letting the great struggle prey on our minds and probably more than anything else we are coming to realize we are a great nation in ourselves capable of conducting our own affairs and of doing business independently despite adverse circumstances.

"This confidence which cannot entirely be expressed in words is permeating the entire country. It is creeping into the daily lives of the public and with the fragrant, budding blossoms of springtime and with the glorious invigorating, inspiring sunshine comes a corresponding blossoming of business conditions and public sentiment.

"Furthermore, this is no temporary or exaggerated condition that will cause a reaction to follow, it is but a

simple realization of our own strength and power. Surprised, and more or less doubtful at first to find that we were equal to the occasion, this has been followed by an unbounded faith in our own capabilities. Nor is this faith misplaced.

"This, then, is the difference in conditions both commercial and human that exist now from those that existed six months ago.

"What then does the future hold in store for us?

"From every side comes the almost unanimous expression of business men and men who are in a position to know that, barring a catastrophe to the Allies, we have seen the worst of the war for Canada. There can be no doubt that there will be great loss of life, great suffering and possibly temporary reverses, but Canada has adjusted itself to all these and in fact has discounted a great many of them, consequently she is in a position to withstand any shock short of absolute disaster and the almost unanimous consensus of opinion seems to be that we are "trading up" now, and will continue to improve, possibly slowly, but nevertheless surely.

Business men, merchants and the public can foster and improve this condition by prudent but consistent

"The 'Buy It Now' campaign is the greatest movement that has ever struck Canada. It is bound to spread through the whole Empire, because it is based on a sound, fundamental principle that if the public will spend the money they can afford to spend for the articles they want and need, the public prosperity will increase, more men will become employed and conditions throughout the Dominion will steadily improve.

"Everyone can do their part by carrying out this policy of "Buy It Now" in their own daily life and can also recommend it among their friends, their business acquaintances, in their advertising and in their letters. By holding off your purchases you do no one any good and do a great deal of harm.

# Ten Cent Rolls Cause Repossessions of Player Pianos.

"PIANO dealers who imagine that they will increase profits by boosting music rolls of poor quality which sell as low as ten cents will find sooner or later that the cost of repairing the player pianos upon which they are used will far offset the few cents saved on the rolls, and the chance they take of losing player piano sales out on the instalment plan is too great to take the risk," is the published opinion of Mr. G. E. Lind, of Chicago, who has made an unusually thorough study of the roll and its effects. "The people are certain to blame the player and not the rolls, which cause the damage by shedding lint into the delicate mechanism producing all sorts of uncanny trouble. The trade at the present time is threatened with the invasion of the cheap rolls. The manufacturers and dealers must educate the public on the roll question by pointing out that highgrade rolls, conforming to the standard of musical and mechanical accuracy and made of the best materials, cannot be put on the market to retail at such a ridiculous price as 10 cents. Even if the customer has no musical taste, other considerations of a purely business nature ought to restrain the dealer.

"In order to make a music-roll department pay it must be properly managed. To begin with, the dealer should make it a point to handle a high-grade product,



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We wish to congratulate your firm upon this and trust that the coming season may further improve Western business conditions as far as your firm is concerned.

We anticipate that navigation will open about April 24th, but you will be advised by card as to the dates of sailings.

If you have any suggestions to offer as to the handling of your freight, or are in need of any information as to tariffs, routings, etc., we shall be only too pleased to do anything that we can in order to show appreciation of past favors.

Yours very truly,

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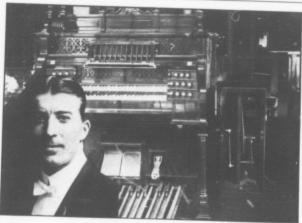
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because the best music-rolls are none too good for the exacting requirements made upon them by the player piano. Great care should be taken in making selections which will meet the particular requirements of customers. In other words, only rolls which will sell ought to be selected. Some dealers make the mistake of overstocking; others fail to display the rolls in a manner which will attract attention. If possible, the latest rolls should be displayed in the window as well as in the store. One dealer who had all his rolls stocked in the rear of his store told me of a woman who bought a player piano from him, but for some reason never bought any rolls. One day he asked her where she bought hem music rolls. She answered that she bought them at the

department store across the street. When the dealer asked her why she did not patronize him she answered in surprise that she did not know he handled music rolls.

"The common custom of giving away a quantity of rolls free with a player piano is detrimental to the music-roll business because it tends to cheapen the roll proposition in the estimation of the customer. Dealers in the various cities should get together and agree to some sort of definite plan in regard to the number of rolls that should go with the sale of a player piano and also agree on a fixed retail price on rolls sold by different dealers but made by the same manufacturer."



Mr. H. G. Harris and his organ-blowing motor.

# Winnipeg Letter

THE accompanying photographic reproduction shows the invention of a well-known local tuner, Mr. H. G. Harris, the Winnipeg Piano Co.'s head tuner. Speaking of it this firm said: "After considerable time and expense spent on experiments by our tuning staff trying to invent a satisfactory and silent arrangement at a moderate price for automatically pumping the larger Reed Organs, Mr. Harris has at last achieved the end desired, so that it is not necessary now to pay from \$150,00 to \$250,00 for a satisfactory Organ Blowing Motor as hitherto." One of these Motors coupled up with a New Westminster Bell Organ has been demonstrated in their window and has attracted considerable attention. The blower is driven by a one-eighth h.p. electric motor—speed 1200—110 volts—running from any electric light socket. It is geared to make forty-five strokes per minute with large exhaust in back of bellows. The switch is under the right side of the key board for organist's control and operates noiselessly,

Mr. Geo. Suckling, well-known to the piano trade, has taken over the management of the Nordheimer Piano Co.'s Winnipeg Braneh at 286 Main St., where they will handle the Nordheimer and Steinway Grand Pianos exclusively. Mr. Hemphill, who has been connected with the Nordheimer Piano Co, for some time, will assist Mr. Suckling. Several Steinway Grands have been sold recently and a good amount of eash has been made as first payment on all purchases.

Mason & Risch, Ltd., are finding business a little more encouraging than it was the first of the year, collections showing a slight improvement also.

Mr. Fitch, Western manager for Babson Bros, Edison Phonograph Dealers, is at present on an extended visit to Portlond, Oregon, combining business and pleasure.

The Fowler Piano Co. furnished a Knabe Grand Piano for the Patriotic Concert given by the Daughters of the Empire, also one for the Symphony Orchestra Concert given by Mr. W. G. Rutherford and his fine orchestra. Collections for April were hardly up to the March standard with this firm. Piano business is reported as fair.

Mr. H. E. Stenberg has joined the sales force of the Fowler Piano Co.

The Columbia Phonograph Co.'s manager, Mr. Robert Shaw, has no complaints in regard to phonograph business, as it is keeping up to the mark. Goods are now being received steadily from the factory and excellent Columbia service can be given dealers.

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#### Montreal Letter

G ENERAL business in Montreal continues to improve as spring advances. The music industries are cheerful under the benign influence of a little more activity and a brightening of the outlook. The strong tone of Stock Exchange trading and the rapid rise in prices of some securities has helped to drive out pessimism and the prospect lists of the various dealers are assuming greater importance in view of the improved financial condition of many whose names appear thereon.

H. R. Hale, one of the directors of C. W. Lindsay, Limited, has invested in a new automobile and on Sunday last had a lease of several streets and avenues in the town for educational purposes. They say that he is now qualified to run the machine, although he is not entitled to a certificate of competency until he has over-

run some dog, cat or human being.

On the occasion of his leaving the Ottawa branch to assume a higher position at the head office in Montreal, Mr. W. D. Willis of the firm of Willis & Co., Limited, was the recipient of a gold watch and address from the members of the staff and employees. Mrs. W. D. Willis was remembered with a basket of flowers.

An Edison Diamond Disc Phonograph loaned by Layton Brothers provided music while Pathescope views were shown at a recent entertainment held by the Fairmount Methodist Church. Layton Bros. also supplied an Edison machine for the closing of the winter season at a concert held by the Montreal West Curling Club.

A decision given by Chief Justice Archibald in the Court of Review that a husband's creditors have no right to seize goods said to belong to the wife, may be news to some. The facts were that L. Goulet et al obtained judgment against C. A. Gratton and proceeded to attach the furniture which they considered to be the property of Mr. Gratton. Mrs. Gratton objected, claiming that she was the owner, because the articles were either marriage gifts or purchased out of \$1,000 which her husband by marriage contract had agreed to pay her. She also pleaded that many articles were bought out of her savings which she had made on \$10 a week which her husband allowed her for household expenses. His lordship in rendering judgment said that a husband's contract with his wife is a debt that is like any other debt, and is a debt that is authorized by the Code, and may be collected by the wife when due. The idea that the creditor of the husband could intervene after that money had actually been paid to the wife under the contract, and say it was illegally paid because the gift was in contemplation of death, was absurd.

With the same progressiveness that has always characterized his efforts as assistant-manager of C. W. Lindsay, Limited, branch at Ottawa, Mr. A. T. Bailey of that firm has purchased a motor car for the convenience of his many customers in reaching the warerooms and selecting instruments. Mr. Bailey's efforts to better on his own initiative the efficiency of C. W. Lindsay service, are to be highly commended and will be appreciated by those with whom he is dealing.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of C. W. Lindsay, Limited, was held at the head office of the company in Montreal on April 13th and was largely attended. The annual statement of the company's auditor, Mr. A. K. Fisk, showed that the corporation was in a

most satisfactory condition, notwithstanding the extraordinary conditions contended with for the past eight months. The annual dividends were declared, 7 per cent on the preferred and 8 per cent on the common shares. The new board of directors comprise: C. W. Lindsay, Alf. McDiarmid, H. R. Hale, J. A. Hebert, and A. W. Brown with B. A. Edward as secretary, and E. Hamilton as treasurer. Touching reference was made to the loss sustained by the president and company in the death of Mrs. C. W. Lindsay and a resolution of condolence was embodied in the minutes. In addition to the two warerooms at Montreal, the company operates branches at Ottawa, Quebec, Kingston, Brockville, Renfrew, Pembroke, Arnprior, Cornwall, Hawkesbury, Smith's Falls, Carleton Place and Three Rivers.

A bird's eye view of the Willis Piano factory appeared in all the local dailies the past week, with the caption "The Willis Piano Factory," then followed, "Never stopped since the war—The Government needs the taxes, the people need the work, Let Us Go Forward.'

J. W. Shaw & Company, the well-known Gerhard Heintzman representatives who have been handling the Columbia and Pathe lines for some time with signal success, have just arranged to materially increase their representation of these products in order to keep pace with existing requirements.

The Leach Piano Company had a full exhibit of Leach pianos at the Made in Canada exhibition which was held in the Arena the week of April 10th to 17th.

George W. Pringle, piano tuner and player piano expert has started business for himself in Ottawa. He makes a specialty of converting 65 note player pianos to play with both 65 and 88 note music.

J. W. Rayner, the well-known local tuner has no reason to be a pessimist as he has had tunings right along, enough to keep him on the move all the time.

C. W. Lindsay, Limited, during certain weeks in April offered Q. R. S. and Autograph guaranteed hand played piano perforated rolls at a discount of 33 1-3

The Delmar Music Co., Ltd., have removed to 273 Bleury St., right near St. Catharine St.

The last orchestral concert of the season under the direction of the McGill Conservatorium of Music took place the latter part of April. Among the items on the programme was a patriotic song entitled "The Colors of the Flag," which with orchestral accompaniment was sung by W. W. Marshall. The words of this song are by the Rev. Canon Scott of Quebec, who is now with the troops at the front and are set to music by Dr. Perrin of the McGill Conservatorium of Music.

"Our present customers are our strongest boosters," said the Leach Piano Company, Limited, referring to Leach Pianos the sales of which are picking up materially, especially in cash business offered. Gourlay and Bell lines continue to merit popular demand.

"There is a better tone to business," said the House of C. W. Lindsay Limited, "we are kept busy with Montreal removals, tunings, and summer rentals, whilst the call for Nordheimer instruments is good. The whole we forecast as a forerunner of the return to normal conditions so confidently expected."

The number of orders closed lately and the number of Grafonolas delivered manifests a better feeling for the immediate future, is the opinion of the Canadian Grapophone Company, Limited, wholesale and retail distributors of Columbia products.

J. H. Mulhollin is quite satisfied with business under existing conditions and is most optimistic for the future sale of Evans Brothers pianes and players.

"The past week with its fair weather has proven a good stimulus to trade," said Willis & Company, Limited, "and we are as hopeful as ever that we are now on the high road to better times.

"There is nothing remarkable to report about business for the past month," said C. Culross, the Martin-Orme representative, "we are holding our own and have lately put out a number of players of this make

for spot cash, as well as some uprights.'

"With the approach of summer there is perceptibly more activity and we look for an im neasurably increased sale of Pathephones and records. We are at present handling increased business both locally and provincially," said J. A. Hurteau & Co., Ltd., distributors for these goods.

"Our April sales constituted absolutely the best month's business since August last," said Gervais & Whiteside, "Karn-Morris players and pianos sharing

the prosperity of the month's selling."

"Business as Usual" was the greeting accorded the Journal by Layton Brothers, who produced evidence that the month of April produced good results. This firm, among other Mason & Risch sales closed, took an order for one of the regular designs to be made up in a special case, the customer bringing to the warerooms a sample of the wood to be matched.

J. W. Shaw & Company note a perceptible improvement in country trade. Gerhard Heintzman and Shaw instruments sold two months ago or more and held for May removal, are now being delivered in addition to regular selling. A. E. Moreland, the well-known and much-liked manager of this firm, has been boosting Gerhard Heintzman and Shaw goods for a long time, and his popularity with customers increases as the years roll by.

The bass drum presented to the 38th Battalion Band, Ottawa, by Miss McHenry, is one of the famous Besson make, with which a number of the overseas regiments have already been equipped and was supplied by C. W.

Lindsay, Limited, Sparks Street.

An event of unusual interest took place at St. James the Apostle Church, Montreal, on April 27th, when the Rev. Allan Shatford performed a pleasing ceremony that united in marriage Florence Seymour, third daughter of the late Edward and Mrs. Ellen Kingstone, Montreal, and William Lindsay Leach, secretary treasurer of the Leach Piano Company, Ltd., eldest son of W. H. Leach, president of the same company. The number of handsome wedding gifts received attested to the popularity of the contracting parties.

Mr. J. W. Woodham, representing the Foster-Armstrong Company, was in Montreal the latter part of

April in the interests of his firm.

The Record Exchange, which firm has worked up a splendid clientele in the exchanging of Talking Machine Records, have removed from 532 St. Catherine Street West to larger and more spacious quarters at 55c Metcalfe Street.

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR. Northern Ontario dealer writes

advance duty charges.

Editor, Canadian Music Trades Journal:

We appreciate your Canadian Music Trades Journal very much and the good articles it contains. I notice though you have not criticized the new duty on music which is nearly double what it was before, i.e., 171/2 per cent instead of 10 per cent, an advance of 75 per cent, instead of a shade over 20 per cent as most of the other lines are. Why this extra charge by the powers that look after our welfare? Music must have lost its charm to soothe the savage tariff maker.

Yours truly,

A Music Retailer.

# UNIVERSAL MELODY ROLLS FOR MAY.

A trying over of the player roll selections for May brought out by the Universal Music Co. reveals a number of splendid pieces, "Songs of Sunny Italy" (42185) introducing A Frangesa, Oh! Marie, Ciribiribin, O Sole Mio, and Funiculi is a well-arranged medley that deserves a good run. In more of the popular vein is "March of the Nations" (42179 Themostyle, 301743 88-note Melody).

"Last Night Was the End of the World" (202095), "Who Knows" (201917), "There's a Little Spark of Love Still Burning" (42187), are all well arranged rolls of hits that will be sure to be in demand. The One-Step Medley "A-Hurrah" in both Themostyle and straight 88-note, "Hesitation Hits" (301723) and "Maid in America" (301729) all introduce a number of popular airs with which people are familiar. "Hesitation Hits" is a fine dance roll. The Universal list for May in full is this:

UNI-RECORD (Hand Played).

201445 Love in My Garden, Valse, Reginald Benyon, \$1,00,
201399 Mattinata, P. Paolo Tosti, \$1,23,
202079 My Little Dream Girl, Annol Friedland, 75c. 

\$1300. 202095 Last Night Was the End of the World. Harry Von Tilzer, \$1.00.

202005 Last Night Was the End of the World. Harry Von Tilzer, \$1,4
2107 Sonate Op. 71
ERMOSTYLE (Accented).

21107 Assaulte Op. 21.8 Flat. Second Movement. Andam
21107 Assaulte Glazoune. B. Flat. Second Movement. Andam
212107 Assaulte Glazoune. B. Flat. Second Movement. Andam
21210 Assaulte Value. Vieter Herbert. \$1.00.
21213 Estellian-Value. Vieter Herbert. \$1.00.
21213 Estellian-Value. Vieter Herbert. \$1.00.
21214 Geraldin Lowen the Mississippi—One-Step. Von Tilzer. 75c.
21217 Geraldin Lowen the Mississippi—One-Step. Von Tilzer. 75c.
21210 March of the National Control of Step.
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21210 March Op. 2120 March Op. Second Movement, Andante

Fred. Fischer.

42189 Woodland Echoes, Op. 34. Addison P. Wyman,

VINUERRAL (Melody Rolls).

301725 A-Hurrah — Den-Step Medley, Arr. by H. A. Wade. \$1.50, 301679 A La Carte—One Step Medley, Arr. by H. A. Wade. \$1.50, 301679 B La Carte—One Step. Abe. Holemann. 75c.

301683 Belgian National Air. La Brabaroome, P. Campenhout.

Mr. H. H. Schroeder of Westbourne, Man., was a recent visitor to Chicago.

An Evansville, Ind., resident has been granted an U. S. patent for a new form of piano in which gongs are substituted for the strings now used.



Uniting to Locate Lost Machines.

BUFFALO talking machine dealers have found that too many machines are being lost track of through the slick work of unscrupulous buyers. There are always some dead heats in every city, who figure on paying as little as possible down and the balance when they are caught. At a recent meeting the Buffalo men discussed the matter and agreed to tabulate the names and last known addresses of those persons who have "stolen machines" in their custody. Each dealer is to submit his losses to the secretary, who in turn with the rest of the members will compare lists, compile the names and then prepare a permanent list which will be sent to all members for reference. It seems that often dealers are able to run down machines that are thus stolen, and with a list always before them it is thought the evil will not only be lessened, but may aid in the recovery of a number. The dealers agreed to send in names from time to time, or as often as they were "stung" by buyers.

#### Get Out the Canoe Model.

THE owner of the big cabinet talking machine is the most responsive "prospect" for the little machine suited to camp or summer cottage life. The man who has the means of musical entertainment in his home provided by the talking machine and record so readily appreciates the enjoyment of the same means of music on his vacation that he sees the advantage and economy in an additional machine.

The retailer usually knows who of his present customers would be the best "prospects" so that he need waste no ammunition or time in the hunt for this additional business which of course will include some records of summery music. The small model of whatever make he handles may be featured as the "Canoe Model," "Summer Model," "Camp Model," or whatever the dealer may fancy. It is not too soon to get plans under way for some special summer trade.

# Better Salesmanship A Need.

PROGRESS in the talking machine field has brought with it a demand for greater efficiency in salesmanship. The criticism of a prominent musician who is also a capable business man is that the talking machine business is laboring under a heavy handicap in the very limited numbers of men or women capable of properly demonstrating.

"Many a sale is nipped in the bud," said he "because the salesman has not realized that all records do not show up to the best advantage at the same speed. It is a very simple matter to learn the speed at which the various singers are heard in proper pitch. Then when demonstrating a record the clerk does not spoil his 'prospect's' inclination to purchase by an uncanny and unnatural reproduction. "I admit," continued the musician quoted, "that according to theory all records of each make are recorded for reproduction at the same speed but the fact remains the best results cannot be obtained unless the speed is so regulated as to play up the music in proper pitch. In selling talking machines and records something more is required than to be able to read the figures on the price ticket, the customer can do that himself."

### Salesmen Must Be Informed.

AFTER a visit of some weeks among customers a wholesaler had some interesting observations to make concerning the degrees of interest taken in the talking machine department by the dealers. "Some of them—too many of them—'' he said, "still labor under the delusion that any kind of help is good enough to sell talking machines and records. They forget that the day is long past when an apprentice could be transferred direct from a waggon shop or cheese factory to the talking machine department and make good.

"I spent most of my time on this trip drilling salesmen and impressing upon dealers how necessary it is to know the whys and wherefores. People want to know about the lateral cut, the horizontal cut, the two spring motor, the loud needle, the speed, tone-waves, etc., etc., and it is up to the dealer to see that the men in his employ know. They are supplied with literature enough if only they will read, but unfortunately the popular prejudice against circulars and pamphlets is so great that many good points of information are overlooked. No salesman knows so much that he cannot learn more and the Fetter he knows his lines the more efficient will his service be. Whether people are buying sewing machines, typewriters, automobiles or plows they prefer to deal with people who inspire confidence through their knowledge as well as their courtesy.

#### A Jobber's Complaint.

"THE trouble with the talking machine departments in some stores," complained the jobber is that they specialize too much on machines and not enough on records. Mind you we have no fault with their wanting to sell more machines and we will supply all we can get but when supply is impossible then why need the dealer get all excited about it? We can always supply all the records any dealer wants, but so many dealers seem to be trying to do business with as few records as they can and as many machines as they can. Selling more machines will make more record customers for the dealer—if he has the records—but why consume all his energy and capital in getting machines out for some other dealer to supply records for?

"The basis on which to sell the talking machine is primarily as a means of meeting the desire for music that already exists. True, the music cannot be provided with records alone, any more than with the machine alone. Each is necessary, but every household that has a machine should be a regular record customer for the dealer that sold him the machine and not for a competitor."

#### Direct Educational Value.

THAT the girls and boys of the rising generation have a great musical advantage in the talking machine and player piano, and such as their parents did not have, is emphasized by a writer in the "Century

Magazine." This writer, B. H. Shauffler, discusses the educational value of the player and talking machine under the title of "The Mission of Mechanical Music" and sums up his observation with the following: "The supreme value of mechanical music is its direct educational value. By this I mean something more than its educational value to the many thousands of grown men and women whose latent interest in music it is suddenly awakening. I have in mind the girls and boys of the rising generation. If people can only hear enough good music when they are young, without having it forcibly fed to them, they are almost sure to care for it when they come to years of discretion. The reason why America is not more musical is that we men and women of to-day did not yesterday, as children, hear enough good music. Our parents probably could not afford it. It was then a luxury, implying expensive concert tickets or an elaborate musical training for some one in the family.

"The invention of mechanical instruments ended this state of things forever by suddenly making the best music as inexpensive as the worst. There exists no longer any financial reason why most children should not grow up in an atmosphere of the best music, and I believe that as soon as parents learn how to educate their children through the phonograph or the mechanical piano, the world will realize with a start that the invention of these wonderful devices is doing more for musical culture than the invention of printing once did for literary culture."

The Mission of Mechanical Music.

A MECHANICAL instrument that goes is better than a new concert grand shut up" observes R. H. Shauffler in Century Magazine, in the course of a discussion of "The Mission of Mechanical Music," from

which the following excerpts are reproduced.

"Their omnipresence is astonishing. They are the last to bid you farewell when you leave civilization and the first to greet you on your return.

"One of the most promising things about mechanical music is this: no matter what quality of performance or kind of music it offers you, you presently long for something a little better, unless your development has been arrested. It makes no difference in this respect which one of the three main varieties of instrument you happen to own. It may be the phonograph. It may be the kind of automatic piano which accurately reproduces the performances of the master pianists. It may be the piano player which indulgently supplies you with tech-

nie ready-made, and allows you to throw your own soul into the music, whether you have ever taken lessons or not. For the influence of these machines is progressive. It stands for evolution rather than for devolution or revolution. Often, however, the evolution seems to progress by sheer accident.

"Jones is buying records for the family phonograph. One may judge of his particular stage of musical evolution by his purchases, which are: Meet me in St. Louis, Louis, 'Dance of the Honey Bells,' 'Fashion-Plate March,' and 'I know That I'll Be Happy When I Die.' He also notices in the catalog a piece called 'Tamhauser March,' and after some hesitation buys that, too, because the name sounds so much like his favorite brand of beer that he guesses it to be music of a convivial nature—a medley of drinking songs, perhaps. But that evening in the parlor it does not seem so much like beer. When the Mephisto Military Band strikes it up, far from sounding in the least alcoholie, it exhilarates nobody.

"So Jones interns the record in the darkest corner of the music cabinet, and the family devote themselves to the cake-walks and comic medleys, the fandangoes and tangos, the xylophone solos, the shake-downs and breakdowns, and the rags and tatters of their collection, until they have thoroughly exhausted the delights thereof. Then, having had time to forget somewhat the flatness of 'Tannhauser,' and for want of anything better to do, they take out the despised record, dust it, and insert it into the machine. But this time, curiously enough, the thing does not sound so flat. After repeated playings, it even begins to rival the 'Fashion-Plate March' in its appeal. And it keeps on growing in grace until within a year the 'Fashion-Plate March' is as obsolete as fashionplates have a habit of growing within a year. While 'Tannhauser' has won the distinction of being the bestwearing record in the cabinet.

"Then it begins to occur to the Jones family that there must be two kinds of musical food, candy and staples. Candy, like the 'Fashion-Plate March,' tastes wonderfully sweet to an unsophisticated palate as it goes down, but it is easy to take too much of it. And the less wholesome the candy, the swifter the consequent revulsion of feeling. As for the staples, there is nothing very piquant about their first flavor; but if they are of first quality, and if one keeps his appetite healthy, one seems to enjoy them more and more, and to thrive on them three times a day.

"Accordingly, Jones is commissioned, when next he visits the music store, to get a few more records like "Tannhauser." On this occasion, if evolution is running on schedule-time, he may even be rash enough to experiment with a Schubert march or a Weber overture, or one of the more popular movements of a Beethoven sonata. And so the train of evolution will rush forward, bearing the Joneses' with it until fashion-plate marches are things of the misty backward horizon, and the family has little by little come to know and love the whole blessed field of classical music. And they have found that the word 'classical' is not a synonym for dry rot, but it simply means the music that wears best.

"However the glorious mistake occurs, it is being made by somebody every hour. And by such hooks and crooks as these good music is finding its way into more

and more homes."



# Big Demand for Columbia Records

right now surely indicates a clean merchandising policy and a distinctive line of quality merchandise.

Columbia dealers are so well satisfied with the multiplication-table increase of Columbia business pretty nearly everywhere, that we can't for the life of us see how any Ontario not-yet-Columbia dealer can be.



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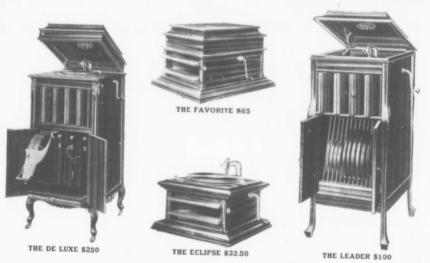
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**DEMAND** is doing it. Our problem is to do the best that can possibly be done to meet our dealers' requirements.

All of which must indicate a clean merchandising policy and a distinctive line of quality merchandise.

There are so many things to tell you about the reasons for handling this extremely active and very profitable line that we would like to be asked to lay them before you.

And we take this occasion to suggest that you write for certain live information to

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In the months since the breaking out of the great European conflict now being waged, more money has come to Canada than during any whole year under normal conditions. The terrific struggle did not shut off the flow of money to this country, but increased it by millions. What this means for the 1915 harvest in the west cannot be calculated, but the farmer's harvest is

## A Harvest For Columbia Dealers

such as they have never before experienced. Good prices for food-stuffs are assured, and with an increase of 40 to 50 per cent. in the Western acreage, the Columbia possibilities are enormous. But you must be ready. You must have the Grafonolas, Graphophones and Records when they are wanted. Don't let a customer find you without the goods.

We are here to serve you—To provide factory service almost at your door—We can take care of any sized order—always—but don't wait until fall to make your plans. Act now. If you are already a Columbia man look your stock over, size up your requirements, and let us know. If you have not yet arranged for the "Note the Notes" trade mark on your store front, write me personally for particulars of the Columbia agency proposition.



ROBERT SHAW, Manager, Columbia Graphophone Dept.

The WESTERN FANCY GOODS Co.

168 Market Street East

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#### Have You a Talking Machine?

#### Question asked by Unusual Editorial in Daily Paper. Remarkable Tribute to the Talking Machine.

A NEWSPAPER in Canton, Ohio, the "Daily News," publishes an unusual style of editorial that is a remarkable tribute to the talking machine. It is good enough to pass along to retailers in Canada and good enough for retailers in Canada to pass along to their customers and "prospect" lists. The editorial follows:

"About a score of years ago men used to go around to village churches and city school rooms with a magical instrument which reproduced the sounds of the human voice. One such man came to Canton. He went to the superintendent of schools. 'I have here,' he said, 'a wonderful instrument, the product of the ingenious brain of a man named Thomas Edison—perhaps you have heard of him—a machine which will talk. Think of it! This machine of wood and iron and steel will talk.'

"The superintendent of schools had heard of this marvelous invention and he was half disposed at the start to grant the desired permission to exhibit the instrument for a small fee before the pupils of the high school. What entirely won him over was this: 'Here: You talk into this machine and then I will give your oration back to you,' said the demonstrator of the magic box which could talk. The superintendent did so, and sure enough he heard his own voice repeating his favorite sentences.

"So he said to the man who was trying to interest the American public in Edison's invention: 'All right.' You may take this machine into the school rooms and show the pupils how man has been able to invent an apparatus which will talk and sing.'

"The man did so, and some of the pupils of Canton's schools heard for the first time the wonderful Edison 'talking machine.' So it was in the village churches and in the crossroads stores. And Thomas Edison was to the imagination of America the most captivating personality of that day.

"All that was back in the nineties. The boys and girls who then heard for the first time the tone-reproducing machine which the great genius had constructed are now men and women with boys and girls of their

That crude talking machine which they all remember—a little box with rubber tubes and pieces which you put into your ears has vanished. In its place are the new machines. The old early days of whiney, scratchy music, the old early days when the ravings of John McCulloch, great tragedian unfortunately gone mad, made up the favorite record, have passed away.

"To-day it is not a little oblong box, with projecting rubber tubes, from which issues the mysterious speech and more mysterious melody. To-day the great artists of the world step forth from a beautiful cabinet and are almost in actual person present

"Have you a 'talking machine?' They come in all sorts of designs and at all sorts of prices—from \$25 up to hundreds of dollars. One hundred dollars will buy a good tone-reproducing instrument and bring to your fireside the musical genius of the world.

"This is not an advertisement. Merchants pay for the publication of big type elsewhere in this newspaper of the merits of their respective wares. And mention in this column they cannot buy with all the wealth of the Indies, with all the gold the 'forty-niners' won from creeks on the sunset slope of our land. This is just a heart-to-heart inquiry. Have you a 'talking machine'? Perhaps you cannot afford one. If so—and many of us are in that plight—do not buy one. But if you can 'raise the wind' it will blow you sweeter melodies and greater surcease from eare than other similar expenditure. Surcease from eare! It is what we are all after.

"And all this little time-wasting talk grows out of the fact that one of the boys in the office—in our office, the Daily News office—bought a talking machine as a Christmas present to his family. He has children three dandy youngsters—and the present writer has been interested in watching the contribution of that 'talking machine' to the home of its purchaser.

"What has been the result? Why, little Doris Ann goes around the house now humming what? Not 'Highlee, high-low,' but such melodies as Traumerei, and the sextet from Lucia and Massenet's Elegy—the best of the old and the best of the new operating numbers. When she grows up, if that 'talking machine' does not break down, this little Doris Ann is going to have quite a musical education.

"The other day the machine was out of adjustment. For one whole long twenty-four hours they waited for it to be put into shape. And there was quite a bit of silent gloom thereabouts—quite a bit of homesickness for this latest visitor to their home.

"Have you a talking machine? Perhaps you cannot afford one. If so do not buy one. But if you have the money there is no better way in which to spend it. The 'talking machine' has done more to spread the knowledge of good music and an interest in good music than any other agency. For a few cents per appearance you can have with you the great artist whom to hear in person costs you a \$2 bill—oh, rare commodity!

"You want your children to like music, and you want them to like good music. How often have you or they a chance to hear the latter? Almost never, save through this wonderful 'talking machine,' which demonstrators exhibited hefore high school pupils a score of years and more ago. A musical education for your whole family for a couple of hundred of dollars at the most! It is worth thinking about."

#### Service in Selling.

SERVICE in merchandising talking machines and records means a little more than supplying the customer with the goods he asks for. Service may be divided into at least two classes. There is the service the goods themselves give and there is the service that keeps the machine in good running order. This latter class also includes the supplying of such records to the customer as the customer will appreciate, and that the dealer knows are desirable for him to own.

The talking machine dealer can afford to look around him for service ideas. He might get an idea from the company supplying households in this city with gas. This company is naturally interested in promoting the use of gas ranges in the homes and maintains a department for the sale of ranges. The sale includes the additional service of having the range regularly inspected and if any adjustment or instruction is necessary this is given. The householder gets better results and there

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These records are entirely free from needle scratch. They play longer than any other record of equal size. Every record has attractive selections on both sides. There is never a blank or a poor choic. They can be played on any make of disc talking machine and will improve the tone of the machine.

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#### A Manager's Opinion.

THE business manager of George Copeland, pianist, offers, in an interview, the following tribute to the accomplishments of the talking machine. "The enormous sale of talking machines shows the the hunger for music among classes of people. It is understood that one concern alone sold machines to the value of \$50,000,000 in 1914. The public is thus becoming educated, and the trend is toward the better class of music. This advancment in musical appreciation is beginning to show itself in intelligent selection of the better grade of musical instruments of all kinds, especially pianos. Heretofore the public, having had little appreciation of the artistic value of instruments, bought blindly. Copeland's willingness to depart from the conventional piano program has invited criticism, but he has many times expressed his gratitude to critics who have tried to analyze his playing from the standpoint of the listener."

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#### A PATHE RECITAL.

The Chicago proprietors of the newly opened Pathé-Pathéphone shop recently gave a novel rendition of the entire opera of "Rigoletto" by means of the Pathéphone. Over 100 people attended and at the conclusion signified their appreciation of the performance in a most emphatic fashion. The opera was given practically in its entirety, and fifteen double disc fourteen inch records were necessary. The idea was so successful that within a short time "Carmen" will be produced and provision made for a much larger audience.

### NEW RECORDS

#### PATHE RECORDS FOR JUNE.

- 2186 Meistersinger Overture, Part I. (Wagner.) The Pathe Symphony Orchestra, Lude the direction of Miss Lilian Bryant, Meistersinger Overture, Part II. (Wagner.) The Pathe Symphony Orchestra, Luder the direction of Miss Lilian Bryant, 1-4NCH RECORDS.

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- phony, Orchestra, Biondina Valse, Orchestra, (Felix Bord). The Imperial Symphony
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  Vocal.

- 5612 My
- 29 I Hear
- 5639 She

- Orchestral arconol. Nr. Harry Reynolds, Bass-Baritone. With Orchestral arconol. Nr. Becords.

  8877 Betrothal. (Arthur J. Ison). The Empire Orchestra. Couleur de Rose. (Dema Ashbia). The Empire Orchestra.

  9009 My Sweetheart When a Boy. (Wilford Morgan). Mr. W. Boland.

  Tynor. With pinnoforte accomp.

  Why Builden of Bashful Fifteen. (Old English Ballad).

  8960 When I'm With You Comment. With pinnoforte accomp.

  Barry. Baritone. With pinnoforte accomp.

  Jove Mr. Just a Little Bit. (Reg. Low). Mr. Brett Barry.

  8967 W. Baritone. With pinnoforte accomp.

  Little Thio. Comedian.

  The Steeple Jack. (Thurban and Robmer). Little Tich.

  8997 The Funny Little Bunny Sonny Had. (Carrier, 1977).

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  W. Boland. Tenor. With Plannforter accomp.

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  344 The Steeple-Jack. (Thurban and Rohmer). Little Tich.

  Comedian.
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- 435 "Me
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#### NEW EDISON RECORDS FOR MAY.

28204 Mein lieber Schwan! (My Faithful Swan)—Lohengrin (Richard Wagner)
Tenor, in German, orchestra accompaniment.
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- 2597 Dring Port (L. M. Gottschuk).

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  2508 Planning At (L. M. Gottschuk).

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  2508 I'm a Millionaire—To Night's 4th Night (Paul A. Rubens).

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Plower Girl (Wenrich). Thomas Mills, xylophonist.

1749 The July Tars (Von der Mehden). Peerfess Quartette. Orchestra accomp.

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There's a Little Spark of Love Still Burning (Fischer). Foxtrot. Prince's Band.

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#### PRIZE CONTEST AWARDS.

In connection with the special Columbia record giving David Bispham's rendition of "It's a Long Way to Tipperary," the Music Supply Co. of Toronto inaugurated a prize contest. They offered cash prizes for the best window cards featuring this record. The awards have now been made and announced as follows, the prizes running from five to ten dollars in cash:—T. Claxton, Ltd., Toronto; Burnett Grafonola Co., Toronto; W. W. Porte, Brighton, Ont.; Baldwin, Robinson, St. Thomas; John Northway Co., Tillsonburg; R. K. Lawrence, Brooklin.

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The latest list of Dise Records announced by Messrs. Pathé Frères indicate that this firm is keeping the flag flying by maintaining their policy of meeting popular requirements with their excellent records, the sales of which should reach a high floure.

Well merited success has attended the venture of Mr. Robt. Courtneidge in giving an operatic season at the Shaftesbury Theatre, London, during which the works are sung in English by British artists. An outstanding feature is the singing of Miss Rosina Buckman, who, in the title role of "Madame Butterfly" and Musetta in "La Boheme," is the subject of great praise. Miss Buckman appeared in the latter part at Covent Garden during the 1914 season with tremendous success. Messrs. Pathe Freres' records by this prima donna are proving a special attraction. The June list includes an 11 inch disc containing "Spring's Awakening" (Wilfred Sanderson) and "The Fairy Pipers" (A. H. Brewer). A 14 inch disc with "Musetta's Valse Song" and "They call me Mimi," both from "La Boheme" (Puccini) was issued in May, while the April list featured an 11 inch disc on which are "Ave Maria," Intermezzo "Cavalleria Rusticana" (Mascagni) and "Angels Guard Thee'' (Godard). A perusal of Messrs. Pathé Freres' complete catalogue will disclose other discs by Miss Buckman. The reproductions display to the full the perfection of her voice, the remarkable breath control, the full volume of tone, while the clearness of articulation is a constant source of gratification.

A grand 14 inch dise is among the Pathé June issues, namely, "Meistersinger Overture" (Wagner). The music of the great master will remain undisturbed by the great world tragedy. The magnitude and grandeur of his compositions are almost beyond description. The Overture is magnificently performed by the Pathé Symphony Orchestra under the brilliant direction of

Miss Lilian Bryant. The reproduction is remarkable for its fidelity, and is in the well known Pathé style.

A vocalist deserving special attention is Mr. Jose de Moraes, Tenor, whose magnificent voice is heard to advantage on the Pathe record just issued, containing "I Hear You Calling Me" and "Macushla," two favorites brilliantly sung and reproduced.

Laughter is one of the necessaries of life. Everyone knows the beneficial and exhilarating effect of a good laugh. Messrs, Pathé Frères' June list provides a brace of laughter-making discs, one by the famous Little Tich contains "When she sees me in my Sunday suit of clothes" and "The Steeple Jack," rendered in droll fashion. The other is by Harry Champion, the quick-fire comedian, the humorous numbers recorded being "The funny little Bunny Sonny had" and "At our Christening." The reproductions are excellent, every word and voice inflection being perfectly distinct.

A charming disc from Messrs, Pathé Frères' June supplement is that recorded by the Ackroyd Trio of instrumentalists (Violin, Flute and Harp), the musical works being "Whisper and I shall hear" (Piccolomini) and "Then you'll remember me," "Bohemian Girl" (Balfe). Both these popular numbers are splendidly reproduced.

Members of the Detroit Music Trades Association have different opinions as to submitting records on approval being good business. It was stated that the approval plan created business and that at the home all the family tastes influenced the purchase where at the store only one person's desires are catered to. On the other hand it was realized that there is a tendency to take advantage of the dealer.

Mile. Alie Verlet, known abroad as the Belgian soprano and who has been christened "the French Tetrazzini," is now on the Edison list of artists.

At a complimentary dinner tendered Mr. Geo, W. Lyle former general manager of Columbia Graphophone Co., New York, he was presented with a gold watch by employees of that firm's executive offices.

### WAR STAMP INFORMATION.

Enquiries having been received in regard to postage stamps being used for the prepayment of war duties on bank cheques, bills of exchange, promissory notes, express money orders, proprietory or patent medicines, perfumery, wines or champagne, as well as upon letters and posteards, postal notes and postoffice money orders, notice is hereby given that this use of postage stamps is in strict accordance with the provisions of the special War Revenue Act, 1915, which provides that postage stamps may be used in lieu of Inland Revenue Stamps in fulfillment and discharge of any requirement under the Act that adhesive stamps be affixed.

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SINCE the February issue in which the Journal directed the trade's attention to the possibilities of increasing the sales of Russian music, arrangements have been made for the communities of which Montreal and Toronto are the centres to hear the Russian Symphony Orchestra under the great conductor, Modest Altschuler. This organization, the greatest of its kind in the world, subsidized by the Imperial Russian Government, remained in North America this year at the Czar's order, to acquaint people with the Russia of this war through its great national music. The Journal again advises the featuring by display and personal recommendation of the music at our disposal by Russian composers.

### Canadian Reference Book on Copyrights Now Practically Ready for Printing.

DURING the month revised proofs have reached Canada of the book being issued by the Music Publishers' Association of London to provide a comprehensive list of musical publications for which copyright is claimed in Canada and of which it is an infringement of copyright to import and sell unauthorized American or other reprints. This book which has now reached the size of 78 pages will go to press without further delay and the Journal is informed that it will be distributed to the trade throughout the Dominion by August.

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## BUSINESS HONESTY AND PRICE CUTTING.

An Editorial from the Popular Monthly.

THERE was a time when the simplest and most rudimentary code of ethics was enough for honesty in business. Under that code it was a simple matter of bargain and sale when a man contracted with a child to work for long hours and little wages, and a perfectly honest thing for the employer to do. Under a slightly older system any man was free to sell himself as a slave, and it was a perfectly honest thing for a man to buy and hold a slave. About fifty years ago even negro slavery ceased to be good form in business, and at present there are a lot of laws regulating the hours a child is permitted to work which show a higher sense of right and wrong and a higher sense of responsibility. There was a time also when a retail dealer could make what profit he could on an article he bought from a wholesaler, and charge as little or as much for it as he wanted, but it seems that that time must be passing also. Advertising plays so great a part in the manufacturers' campaign to-day that it seems as if he had some moral right to say what the retailer should charge for an article. He tries to fix a price for his article, and one retailer may spoil the business of a hundred others by cutting the price of that one article below any margin of profit with the idea of getting customers into his store and inducing them to purchase at high prices other things on which no price has been put at the factory. Naturally this hurts the retailers who try to sell at the fixed price, and also the manufacturer who fixes a price. The very fact that he makes such a price shows that he is honestly convinced that it is worth that, and that he intends to maintain that price with all. We all know well enough that the best, most honest retailers run oneprice stores, and that no amount of haggling will induce them to lower the price for the benefit of an individual. It is this broad, general one-price system affording a square deal to every one which has raised all sorts of retail business to a higher standard of ethics, dignity,



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### "DAWN SKIES"—OTHER DRUMMOND SONGS.

Undoubtedly one of the most beautiful little drawing room songs to appear in recent months is "Dawn Skies, by Frederick Drummond, who has accomplished in this number a most effective setting to the words. The absence of anything intricate, without lowering the standard of the music in any way, makes the song one that the dealer can recommend to practically everyone of his clientele. To date "Dawn Skies" has experienced an extraordinary run. Sharing with the composer in the credit for its production is Cary & Co., London, the publishers of the song. The same firm has already issued other prominent compositions by Frederick Drummond, such as "The Lover Hills," "Home that is Calling for Me," and "Songs from Love's Garden," a cycle of four songs-The First Spring Day, In Violet Time, Roses For You, and Summer Begins.

#### LIFE IN KITCHENER'S ARMY.

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Other march novelties by this house are: "Promenade Militaire," by Alfred H. West (composer of "The Heroine Patrol"). "The Little White Gate," Song. By Frances Waddington and Harold Simpson. "My Heart's Own Song," by Leslie L. Cooke and Perey Elliott.

"The Song of Songs," by Moya has just been issued as a duet for soprano and contralto or tenor and baritone voices by Chappell & Co.

## A WONDERFUL RECORD OF SUCCESSFUL BALLAD WRITING.



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THE Journal remembers reading somewhere that ballad writers are many, public taste is fickle, and only a few of to-day's ballads will live to be sung a generation or two hence. Among the few that enjoy a longer life than the many should number some of the best compositions by Dorothy Forster.

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She was a student at the Royal Academy of Music for six years, making solo pianoforte playing her first study under the late Mr. Walter Macfarren. It was not until a year after her marriage with Mr. Leo J. Cary who is the proprietor of Messrs. Cary & Co. music publishers, London, that she took up composing seriously, her first song "Rose in the Bud" achieving instant popularity, which it still retains. This song was followed by such world-wide successes as "Mifanwy," "Rosamund," "Perhaps," "Your Smile," "A Stolen Pearl," "Wonderful Garden of Dreams," and "Dearest I Bring You Daffodils." These are all published by Messrs. Chappell & Co., Ltd., who also find steady requests coming in from Canadians for two Dorothy Forster song cycles, "Songs of Farewell," and "Songs of the Highway."

This composer's latest successes "Come—for it's June," and "A Wild, Wild Rose" both do her great credit. In each the melody is appealing and the accompaniment particularly attractive. These two are jointly published by Cary & Co., London, and Mr. Thomas J. Donlan, 503 Fifth Ave., New York, and are meeting with success all over the world. "Your Daddy Was a

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### WHEN THE SALESMAN HAS TO SUGGEST.

The other day a lady went into a music store for a couple of songs. She, like many others, did not know what she wanted. She said:"I cannot sing the ordinary sentimental songs in public and I don't want patriotic numbers because they have been overdone at the meetings I have been asked to sing for. There are no sacred songs on the program so what would you suggest?"

That is a poser for many a sheet music salesman. The case in point when related to Chappell & Co. brought these suggestions from their music: "Visitors" (Waddington Cooke), "Shadow March" (Teresa del Riego), words from Robert Louis Stevenson's "A Child's Garden of Verses, "Angus MacDonald" (Roeckel), "The Distant Shore" (Sullivan), "Drummer Boy" (Edward German), "You'll Get Heaps O' Lickins" (Coningsby Clarke) and "A Fat Li'l' Feller wid His Mammy's Eyes'' (Sheridan Gordon).

### A CORNER WITH THE HOUSE OF ENOCH.

Mr. Chas. D. Enoch, member of the well-known music publishing firm of Enoch & Sons, London, is now at the front with his regiment in France.

A glance over the music of the month introduced by this house reveals a number of important issues. "Nights of Italy" is the title of an intermezzo by the well-known composer Leoneavallo. Two numbers of Dr. R. H. Bellair's "Progressive Pianist ' have just been issued. They are an expressive "C ant du Berger" by G. H. Clutsam and a melodious little sketch entitled "Fleur de Lys" by Easthope Martin. In dance music there is "Congratulations" a swinging waltz by James Reese Enrope.

Regarding new issues of vocal music, Musical Opinion has this word of commendation to say: "The item of greatest importance in the present issue of songs by Messrs. Enoch & Sons is Landon Ronald's 'Five Canzonets,' the words by Helen Taylor. Each number is a gem, and we hardly know to which to give the palm unless it be to the last. The songs are charming and the pianoforte accompaniments are graceful and musicianly. The titles of the canzonets are 'Sylvan,' 'When Summer Comes, 'A Sunset Song,' A Song of Rest,' and 'A Little Love Serenade.'

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A cycle of four fairy songs for mezzo-soprano voice with words by Margaret A. Sinclair and music by Robert McLeod, has just been issued by Bayley & Ferguson of Glasgow, Scotland. This book is entitled "Fairyland Fancies" and contains, "Fairy Bells," "Fairy Tears," "Fairy Lullaby," and "Fairyland," all with easy accompaniments. The frequency with which songs of such character are wanted should make this little collection worthy of all dealers' attention.

Messrs, Bayley & Ferguson are also marketing three 25 cent books of "Marches for the Schoolroom," each containing from 28 to 31 selections. Book I is arranged by Alfred Moffat; Book II by E. A. Dicks; and Book III by F. A. Challinor.

### A STUDY OF MODERN HARMONY.

A new addition to their series of handbooks on music is "A Study of Modern Harmony," by Rene Lenormand, with English translation by Herbert Ancliffe, just issued by Messrs, Joseph Williams Ltd., London, This is a stiff-covered book of 142 pages, profusely illus-

trated with musical examples. M. Lenormand's work, "Etude sur l'Harmonie Moderne," of which the handbook under review is a translation, has aroused much discussion and has won for the author many high tributes.

### NEW SONGS AND VIOLIN MUSIC.

"Pretendy Land," by J. A. Robertson, "It's Really a Wonderful Country'' and "Two Little Flutterers, by Patrick Thayer, the latter two from "The Follies," are three of Joseph Williams Ltd., London, later songs in the lighter vein.

In the Berners' Edition are "Three Sketches" for piano in one cover, "Gossamer," "Shadows," and "A Paper Chase," by Evangeline Livens; "Spohr's 45 Exercises for the Violin," edited by H. Wessely; "Norwegian Fantasia," by Carse for violin solo and orchestra or piano.

This firm's violin music also includes "Four Dance Measures' for violin with piano accompaniment by A. C. Mackenzie, other of whose compositions are also published by the House of Joseph Williams Ltd.

One of the latest song successes is "The Vales of Arcady," words by Ed. Teschemacher, music by Henry Geehl. This is an Ashdown publication, Anglo-Canadian Music Co. in Canada.



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#### WHALEY ROYCE TO PUBLISH HESSELBERG SONGS

It is learned upon good authority that Messrs. Whaley Royce & Co., Ltd., are coming out with several splendid songs composed by Edward Hesselberg, the well-known Russian musician; also that this house will publish shortly another song by Irene Humble, composer of "We're From Canada," which has had a widespread

Three good Whaley Royce sellers of the month are "You're Up a Tree Old Bird, You're Up a Tree," by Harry Taylor, "Boys From Canada," by Alta-Lind Cook, and "Boys of the New Brigade," by Laura E. Thompson, the wife of a prominent business man. The first mentioned, "You're Up a Tree, Old Bird, You're

Up a Tree," was sung widely in Toronto the last of April and the first of this month, it being used by Percy Haswell's company at the Royal Alexandria. The frontispiece is a splendid cartoon by Lou Skuce depicting one viewpoint of the critical European situation.

Mr. Chas. M. Passmore of Boosey & Co. has been appointed organist of College St. Baptist Church, Toronto, and took up his duties there on May 1st.

Announcement is made in the English press that Chappell & Co., publishers of Paul Rubens' "Your King and Country Want You," have already forwarded \$25,000 to the treasurer of the Queen Mary's Work for Women Fund, to which the entire proceeds of the song are being contributed.

#### HOUSE OF CHAPPELI.

The following is a list of our best selling publications issued during recent months. This selection has been made up purely on the record of sales, and consequently is positively a list of only those newer numbers which are in demand.

Haydn Wood, Love's Garden of Roses. O Flower Divine. The Gunner Khaki and Gold. Montague Phillips, Wake Up! Edward German, The Drummer Boy. Charles Willeby, A Heap of Rose-Leaves. Ethel Barnes, Soul of Mine. Leslie Elliott, On the Road to Ballyshee. Hermann Lohr,
I Dream of a Garden of Sunshine. Kennedy Russell, The Stars that Light My Garden. Who's For This Flag?

H. Lyall Phillips, Friends Again. Guy d'Hardelot, Roses of Forgiveness. My Garden. Your Heart. Wilfrid Sanderson, A Longing. Teresa Del Riego, My Son. Dorothy Forster, Dearest, I Bring You Daffodils. Just a World of Roses. I Wonder if Love is a Dream. May H. Brahe, The Call of the May-Time. Sivori Levey, He Met Her on the Stairs. Daddy and Babsy. His Little Teddy Bear.

#### SONG CYCLES

Desert Love Songs......Robert Coningsby Clarke Songs of the Southern Isles.........Hermann Lohr

#### VALSES

La Valse que nous Aimons .....Armand Vecsey Rose in the Bud ......Drorthy Forster "Petrograd" Russian Valse .......M. Michel London Pride ..... Love in My Garden ..... Reginald Benyon 

#### **PRODUCTIONS**

Oh! This Love, (Papa's Darling).

Whoopsy Daisy, (After the Girl).
Good-bye Girls I'm Through, (Chin Chin).

Just Because It's You, (The Little Cafe).

Love Moon, (Chin Chin).

Ragtime Temple Bells, (Chin Chin).

The Only Way, (To-night's the Night).

#### REGULAR STOCK LINES

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#### ORGANIZATION OF THE CANADIAN SHEET MUSIC TRADE COMPLETED AT SECOND MEETING.

The second monthly meeting of the Canadian Sheet Music Trade Association was held on Monday, May 10th, at the Board of Trade Hotel, Toronto, when details of organization were completed. The members had six o'clock dinner together after which the business meeting was held with President John Hanna in the chair.

The chief item of business was the reception of the report by the executive committee instructed at the initial meeting in April to draft a suggested form of constitution and by-laws for general approval. The draft submitted was gone over clause by clause, and the resulting form of constitution and by-laws adopted unanimously.

A number of questions brought up for discussion were dealt with. Secretary W. J. Roberts was asked to convey by letter to the B. F. Wood Music Co., Boston, the Association's deep regret at the passing away of their Mr. C. C. Durgin, who was held in high esteem by the sheet music men in Canada. The late Mr. Durgin was affectionately called "Daddy" by the men here.

Although no action was taken upon a suggestion to have an afternoon's outing during the summer for the enjoyment of members and their families, the idea seemed to be approved by all present and it is not improbable that a holiday jaunt of some nature will be arranged later.

A commendable spirit of fraternity and a willingness to be progressive in instituting and pursuing various policies adopted are being displayed by the members on every hand so that there is every promise of Canadian Sheet Music Trade Association maintaining the status of a going concern.

#### BOOSEY'S LATEST ISSUES.

The short extract from Longfellow's well-known Tales of a Wayside Inn, "Ships That Pass in the Night," is the basis of T. Wilkinson Stephenson's new song of that title. This number is of a very high order. The melody is intoned over a deep and full-chorded accompaniment, each made effective in contrast to the other. "Ships that Pass in the Night" easily deserves a place in the better music used by our Canadian people.

Two melodious songs of the class that impress upon first rendering and that dealers are apt to find easy to introduce are "Mine" by Dr. Herbert Brewer, and "Love Bells" by Francis Dovel, composer of "The Garden of Your Heart."

"When the Dew is Falling" by Edwin Schneider, is being used a good deal by Jack McCormack. Although very different in sentiment, "Timothy" by Harold Craston, and "Daffadowndilly" by Percy Bowie are very suitable for encore songs although by no means limited for that purpose.

The other new Boosey issues are a stirring martial song "On the March" by Herbert Oliver from the cycle "Songs of a Vivandiere"; "The Call of the Roses" a bright waltz song for both teaching and recital use by Harold Samuel; "Love's Offertory" by C. Linn Seiler and "To Pyrrha" by Richard Walthew.

## WIFE OF SOUTH AFRICAN WAR HERO WRITES SONGS.

It is fitting that Mrs. Jean Munro Mulloy, wife of Trooper Mulloy of South African War fame, should have a prominent part in the production of Canada's martial music to which she has made three well-known contributions and a fourth is just recently out. For some time past Mrs. Mulloy has been giving her services singing at points throughout Ontario in connection with the Women's Patriotic work. This composer's best known song is "Johnnie Canuck's the Boy," about which a Kingston newspaper said, "All Kingston is singing it."

Lieut.-Col. W. S. Hughes, commanding the 21st Battalion C. E. F., has written the following letter to Mrs. Mulloy which is self-explanatory: "I have to express my sincere appreciation of your generosity in sending to me the copies of your beautiful song. 'Johnnie Canuck's the Boy,' and to thank you on behalf of the battalion for the same. The members of the 21st Battalion are already practising the singing of your song, and we hope to be able to sing it with great gusto, when, after our arms are victorious, we shall have demonstrated to the world that 'Johnnie Canuck's the Boy.' "

Below are the words of its stirring chorus.

"We're off to Sunny France,
To make the Germans dance,
Their goose-step on the way to old Berlin.
Johnnie Canuck's the Boy,
You'll hear our shouts of joy,
When we go marching in.

We'll beat the Kaiser's hordes,
We'll bring you back their swords,
And secores of iron crosses never fear,
When we come marching home

Across the raging foam. Hip! hip! hurrah! you'll hear our ringing cheer.'' In writing her other two songs "Nursing Daddy's

Men'' (All of my Dolls are Soldiers Now) and "Knitting Socks for Daddy's Men," Mrs. Mulloy has treated her theme from the child's viewpoint thereby distinguishing her work from a great percentage of the patriotic songs brought out since the opening of the war. "Trooper Mulloy March," an instrumental number will be introduced to the trade later and band arrangements of it are in course of preparation.

The newspapers of Ontario are unstinted in their praise of Mrs. Mulloy's songs which are offered the dealers now at special discounts.

#### LOVE'S GARDEN OF ROSES.

In announcing this new song, Chappell & Co. express themselves very confidently with regard to its success, To say the least, they are very sanguine as to its appeal, not only to teachers and vocalists, but also to the great public. There is no doubt as to its being more than superficially attractive. It is just that kind of a song that at the first hearing leaves something more than a passing impression of pleasure; the sort of song snatches of which one unconsciously whistles or hums and feels one would like to hear from beginning to end again.

Enterprising dealers, especially in the West, have taken up this song with every confidence in its rapidly becoming one of the best selling numbers. The composer is Haydu Wood, and it is published in three keys.

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#### OPEN FOR MSS. FROM CANADIAN COMPOSERS. Review of West & Co.'s Newer Publications.

In a comunication to the Journal Messrs, West & Co. of London, Eng., who have adopted the slogan "The House of Progressive Ideas," intimate that they are open to discover talent among new composers and shall be pleased to get in touch through dealers with Canadian composers of merit, whose mss. will receive their careful consideration. The firm's full address will be found in their trade advertisement on another page.

In dance music Messrs. West & Co. have recently issued six new numbers. They are to be particularly congratulated upon the waltz "Dear Soul" by Claude B. Yearsley, which is very effective and should prove a ready seller. The other five are "The Girl at the Lattice" by Douglass Bedwell, "Hoppy Herbert" one-step and "Paddy's Outing" both by Montague Ewing, under the nom-de-plume of P. C. Holiday; "The Girl in the Box" waltz, which has gone successfully; and "The Chicken Walk" by Olive Langdon Davies.

"Penitence" piano solo by Guy Jones, although only out a very short time is going well. It is also published for violin and piano, 'cello and piano, small orchestra, string quartette and organ solo.

"There's a Long, Long Trail" by Zo Elliott is a song of considerable merit, rendered catchy by the contrast between the music of the verses and the chorus. "Beloved" is by Ethel Read, cousin of Daisy McGloch, well-known as the composer of "Two Eyes of Grey"

and other successes. "Beloved" is being sung by several leading artists. "Son of My Heart" is another number to the credit of Frank E. Tours. Of particular interest to Canadians is the patriotic song "You" by Miss C. Fox-Smith who is a Canadian.

Other successful West & Co. songs by modern composers are "The Summer is Sweet" (Herbert Goldstein), "Pray for Me, Dear" and "Your Soul" (both by Noel Johnson), "If You Ask Me" (Emilie Clarke) "A Song of Four Counties" (A. Kingston-Stewart), "The Little White Cross" (Pierre d'Or), "Give Me Not Love" (Edward J. W. Abbott), "A Soldier" (Austin Keane), and "Love of Mine" (Hilary Vaughan).

#### MICHAEL O'LEARY, V.C.

"Victoria Cross: Lance-Corporal Michael O'Leary, 1st Battalion, Irish Guards. For conspicuous bravery at Cuinchy on the 1st of February, 1915. When forming one of the storming party which advanced against the enemy's barricades, he rushed to the front and himself killed five Germans who were holding the first barricade after which he attacked a second barricade about 60 yards further on which he captured after killing three of the enemy and making prisoners of two more. Lance-Corporal O'Leary thus practically captured the enemy's position by himself and prevented the rest of the attacking party from being fired upon."

This stirring incident is the basis of John McGrath's words that Sir Frederick Bridge has just set to music which is published by Messrs. Enoch & Sons and which Anglo-Canadian Music Co., Toronto, are introducing

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March from Aleeste
March from Bohemian Girl
March, Judas Maccabneus
March from Figaro
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March of the Boy Scouts
March of the Elves
Maypole March
O who will o'er?
Peasaut's Wedding Peasant's Wedding Rataplan
Silver Trumpets
Triumphal March
Trumpet March Young Brighde London-BAYLEY & FERGUSON-Glasgow

#### WHEN TOMMY ATKINS COMES MARCHING HOME

The above is the title of a patriotic number distinct in its sentiment toward the Allies, by E. V. Holden, being published by the Buckeye Music Co. of Columbus, Ohio, who say that wherever it is featured dealers report a big sale. The song has a good marching swing. It is listed as a 60 cent number with the usual discount.

This publishing house are also featuring James J. Clark's waltz hit "You're the Most Charming Girl I Ever Knew," "Bright White Light of the Moon," "I'm on My Way to Sunny Tennessee;" also an instrumental number "Pianophiend" and a book of ten songs by M. McClure.

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WINNIPEG LETTER (Continued from page 27.)

The Karn-Morris Piano Co. have had several good piano cash sales. Collections are reported as being rather slow in coming in.

Mr. J. L. Bartlett, who has been a very successful salesman for the Cross, Goulding & Skinner Co. has left the piano selling field and has gone into the auto supply business.

Miss Louise McKay, lately arrived from Europe, now one of Winnipeg's leading vocalists, recently purchased a New Scale Williams Baby Grand Piano.

Mr. H. P. Bull, manager of Cross, Goulding & Skinner, Ltd., has a very encouraging report. Collections being ahead of the previous month. This firm are breaking records of the year previous month after month with sales and collections.

Mrs. Winslow, who has been associated with the Doherty Piano Co. for some time as stenographer is giving up commercial work and Miss Jackson will now occupy this position,

who have a great many splendid talking points in regard to their machines, are doing good business considering conditions.

Miss Jessie Morgan, eashier for the Doherty Piano Co, is leaving shortly to return to her home in Ontario, her brother Lt. R. C. Morgan, laving gone to the front. Miss Morgan is going home to remain with her parents. Miss Tanner will replace Miss Morgan as eashier.

The Doherty Piano Co, are now handling a new phonograph, the Sonora Disc Machine, which has the permanent needle and will play any kind of disc record. They have met with good success with this machine.

### MOUTH ORGANS IN SERVICE.

An officer of an ambulance corps at the front, writing to a friend says: "Our mouth organ band out here is lovely. The men really play the organs quite well. I am sending the men to a church service in a house some three miles away this afternoon, and the only music to start the hymns will be the mouth organs."



View of the Winnipeg Piano Company's premises at Winnipeg, Man. The store has 40 feet frontage on Portage Ave., 130 feet of plate glass on Hargrave St., facing Eaton's, 8 graphophone parlors upstairs, and 5 individual piano parlors. This firm has a staff of 37, including bookkeepers, salesmen, tuners, polishers, etc.

Mr. Robert Barrowclough, has again joined the staff of the Doherty Piano Co., and is securing some good business for his firm.

Major Lightfoot, who was the proprietor of the Big Four Transfer, and who did a good deal of piano moving for the dealers is reported as being wounded, but expects to be with the troops again shortly.

Mr. C. H. Bull of Ottawa is coming west in behalf of the Williams Piano Co.'s Wholesale Dept. Mr. Bull, who on a visit to the west became fascinated with this country, is of the opinion that he will make his home here. He and some friends had some rare sport goose shooting, at which he was successful in bagging a number. They also had a delightful time trying to run down a couple of prairie wolves, which they found they couldn't get within five miles of.

Mr. Ross of the J. J. H. McLean Piano Co. has just returned from an enjoyable three months' vacation spent at Nassau.

The Canadian Phonograph and Sapphire Disc Co., Western Distributors for the Pathe Freres Pathephone,

### WESTERNERS ARE OPTIMISTIC.

Mr. N. J. Porter of Moose Jaw, who has taken over the complete control of the Porter Art and Music Co., which firm was operated during 1912 and 1913 as a limited liability company, says of conditions in his locality. "The seed in our district is practically all in the ground, and many of the fields are beginning to show green, and prospects have never looked better at this season of the year. The ground was in excellent condition, and the acreage is far in excess of any previous year, and with a favorable season we cannot but look forward to a bountiful harvest. We Westerners are naturally optimistic and as soon as the seed is sown we immediately begin to count the bushels."

The Porter Art & Music Co, still maintain two stores, Mr. Porter's old stand and the business formerly carried on by J. E. McClellan under the name of Assimiboia Music Co. At the High Street store Gourlay and Sherlock-Manning lines are featured and at the Main Street store Gerhard Heintzman and Sherlock-Manning lines. Edison Phonographs are featured in both places,

### Satin Finish for Piano Cases

#### Representative Dealers Favor It. Public in Need of Education Re Advantages of This Finish Over Plate Glass Surface.

THE piano industry in Canada is several years behind other industries in getting public appreciation of "satin" finish for their goods. In the jewelry, furniture and stationery industries for example the "satin" or dull finish, known by various terms, has been selling as the fashionably correct thing for five or six years past. The introduction of this finish in the industries named brought a prompt response from the retailers who showed it, recommended it and who did not even anticipate that it would be considered otherwise than correct.

The piano trade has followed the line of least resistance. For so many years retailers and manufacturers exploited the plate glass finish of their goods that public opinion was not ready to suddenly about turn in favor of the more artistic and more durable finish. The progress of the "satin" finish for pianos and players in Canada therefore has been slow.

During the past four or five years there have been sporadic attempts to popularize the "satin" finish. The Canadian Piano and Organ Manufacturers' Association went on record as endorsing and recommending the "satin finish," but most of the members went on supplying the highly finished cases. Until this year there was no carnest, concerted effort to get the dealers and the public interested in the more up-to-date finish, but now there is an interest awakened that promises much for the general popularity of the "satin" finish.

Individual firms have been educating their own patrons and with purchasers of the better grades this is not difficult. Persons of refined taste readily agree that the "satin" finish is more artistic and the chief reason that many pianos and players with highly finished cases have been delivered instead of cases in "satin" finish is because the latter was not shown or only shown with indifferent interest.

To ascertain the attitude of representative dealers toward the "satin" finish this Journal addressed a letter to a number of representative firms in various parts of Canada asking expressions of opinion for publication. These were also asked for opinions concerning the suggestion that the word "satin" is more expressive and a better term than any other to describe the finish that it is desirable to popularize.

The replies received to the Journal's letter up to the time of going to press are reproduced in the order received.

#### Bowman & Company, Ingersoll.

"Answering your esteemed favor of the 29th, we think "satin" is certainly the best name for a dull finished case. By all means let us develop a demand for this finish of piano,"

#### Winnipeg Piano Company, Winnipeg, Man.

Gentlemen:

"We are in receipt of your favor of the 27th inst. re the
question of satin finish and can sum up the situation here
in a few words,

"No part of the country or climate needs the satin finish mere; no piano dealers need it more than those in this territory. Unfortunately, however, the judges of the proposition, i.e., our customers, do not take to it, many regarding an instrument so finished as too dull if not secondhand. If all the manufacturers would make a law that no pianos would be furnished otherwise than in satin and no dealer.

could offer the different finish, then it would be alright, and we would be pleased to co-operate. Outside of this it would mean almost doubling one's stock to carry both finishes."

### Gentlemen: Gervais & Whiteside, Montreal.

"In reply to yours of April 27th beg to say that the majority of pianos finished in satin we have handled thus far have not been satisfactory, particularly in mahogany and other dark woods. They smudge 'and look very bad, particularly if one undertakes to dust or rub them the least bit.

'We have not found them at all saleable, only occasionally in the high grade pianos. Of course if it is of advantage to the manufacturers to make pianos in the dull or satin finish and the time ever comes when it will be impossible to get them otherwise, the dealers will be obliged to sell and the public to accept them.

#### Orme Limited, Ottawa.

Dear Sirs:

"Your favor of the 29th ulto, received and in reply would say that we are in favor of the satin finish and find that pianos finished in this way give less trouble than the highly poished cases. At the same time we do not think the public are yet sufficiently alive to the advantages of this finish to justify the high polish being abandoned entirely."

#### The J. M. Greene Music Co., Limited, Peterborough.

"Yours of the 29th received re 'satin' or 'art' finished pianos, and we have been pleased to see you have been taking this question up in the Journal for some time.

this question up in the Journal for some time.

"We cannot see why this would not be advantageous to all concerned, more especially the consumer. There is no one but that admires the highly finished surfaces, but when it comes to a questions of durability it is a different matter. All piano dealers know diffueltly they have in maintaining the high finish our Canadian makers put on their instruments, without covering the points, and those who have handled the 'satin' finish too know the advantages. From a dealer's standpoint this would be motive the contract of the point point price with continual dusting and leaning, the high glossy finish becomes marred and soiled, thereby depreciating the value and making it more difficult of dispose of, and get the price you should. To a great extent these troubles are done away with in the 'satin' finish.

"Take from the band instrument standpoint. It is a very rare sale that is made to-day of silver plated instruments with the burnished finish. Where a purchaser decides on a plated band instrument, he of course wants it in the 'satin' finish. During the past ten years we can hardly place our hands on one sale of a band instrument sold in the burnished

"We are strongly in favor of the 'satin' finish, and trust that all manufacturers can be induced to take up the matter unitedly, and thereby do away with any trouble in the selling end of our line."

#### J. S. Sweet, Galt.

#### Dear Sirs

"In reply to your favor of April 30th, I am certainly in form of a satin finish for pianos, they are much ensier kept clean and free from blemishes while in stock, and require less care and look far better than the glaring high polish when in the parlor. I also favor the word 'Satin,' I think it more appropriate as the word 'Art' may mean any kind of finish artistically executed. This has been my opinion for some time and I hope the manufacturers will adopt it generally."

#### The Ajello Piano Co., Vancouver.

# Gentlemen: "In answer to your communication of April 26th, in reference to satin or bright finish to pianos, this is a question of educating the public taste, and lies in the hands of the retailers. If the latter wish to push the satin finish, they have only to inform the public that satin finish is the latest and most up-to-date style, and follow that up by exhibiting the bulk of the stock in that finish.

"It is certainly to the benefit of everyone concerned to have the satin finish, as whether the piano is in the store or the private house it must be regularly dusted, in doing so little scratches are constantly being rubbed over the polish which would not show on the satin finish.

"We certainly support the satin finish."

Hicks & Lovick Piano Co., Limited, Vancouver,

Dear Sirs:

"We believe the average buyer prefers a varnish finish, especially now that the piano case designs are so severely

"The mahogany and walnut is often so tame looking, that a brilliant finish seems to be needed, to please the eye, and give a Fresh-from the Factory Newness. When very choice veneers can be used, with attractive tree-marking, satin finish would be quite suitable."

Willis Piano & Organ Co., Halifax,

Dears Sirs:

"We have your letter of the 27th ult. re the advantages we have your letter of the 27th att. To the management of satin finish in pianos and players and speaking on this matter, personally we would be much pleased to see this idea carried out and have no doubt that it would be equally advantageous to the piano buying public as well as the retailer and we believe that if an extensive advertising campaign were conducted, setting forth the advantages of satin finish, the public would soon become educated in this style and if this were accomplished it would be a big thing for piano men generally. Any such campaign would have our endorsement and hearty

Fletcher Bros. Ltd., Vancouver.

Gentlemen:

"Replying to yours of the 26th, concerning satin finish as a future stock finish on pianos, we believe this would undoubtedly be to the better satisfaction of all concerned. We are assured by the manufacturers there is less possibility of checkassured by the manufacturers here is less possibility to elect-ing, etc., on this particular finish, and the artistic eye never fails to appreciate a satin over the brightly polished case. We highly commend the efforts to reform the trade in this respect, and sincerely wish them success.

The Johnson Piano Co., Halifax,

Gentlemen:

"You ask our opinion of using the 'satin' and 'dull' We would say that so far only a limited number of this kind of finish has been sold here, and while it is desirable that most of this should be used on account of it being more serviceable we find that the use of it could not be brought about altogether yet. It seems to be a matter of further education down here with the public, and even to some extent

The Porter Art & Music Co., Ltd., Moosejaw,

Dear Sirs:

"We are in receipt of your kind favor of the 26th uit, asking for our opinion in connection with the introduction of the 'satin' finish on piano and player cases, and in this con nection we beg to say that we very heartily endorse the change, and the writer has instructed his salesmen to exploit canage, and the writer has instructed his satisfied to expose the 'dull' finish, and in doing so to point out the advantages it has over the very high polish, which it has been the policy of all manufacturers to attain. We find the 'satin' finish over-comes the 'bugbear' of varnish checking to a considerable extent, and especially in this Western climate where many of extent, and especially in this western climate where many or the highly polished pianos have been placed in homes that have not been free of frest in the winter and extreme heat in the summer, you will readily understand the amount of complaints we have from time to time to contend with,

"The writer is of the opinion that after this finish has been introduced, and the people educated along these lines, that it will eventually overcome many of the dealers' troubles from the point of case defects, and as an illustration of the posthe point of case defects, and as an inustration of the pos-sibilities of the influence that the salesman can exert along these lines, it is worthy of note that every sale the writer has made since this matter has been brought to the attention of the dealers, through your valuable Journal, and where the piano had to be ordered from the factory, the finish was designated as 'satin.' "

### J. J. H. McLean & Co., Limited, Winnipeg.

Dear Sirs:

"Your letter of the 27th ult. to hand, in reference to 'satin' finish piano and player cases. We are pleased to say that we thoroughly endorse 'satin' finish, and sell a great many, and find that the best class of trade demand 'satin'

ti'The public are beginning to realize that it is almost impossible to keep a highly polished piano in nice condition as a highly polished finish shows finger marks, scratches, and the usual wear and tear on a piano, much more readily than 'satin' finish.''

#### SENSATIONAL AUTOMOBILE HUNT. W. N. Manning of London Chases Auto Thieves In

Another Car.

Following close on the "hold-up" at the offices of Sterling Actions & Keys Ltd., Toronto, as reported in the April issue of the Journal was an automobile robbery and sensational chase at London in which the Sherlock-Manning Piano Co. prominently figured. A Ford touring ear belonging to the firm was stolen from the street at about three o'clock in the afternoon, while Mr. W. D. Stevenson, the firm's accountant, was making a business call.

From inquiry he learned that two men and two women were seen heading east on Dundas Street, in the stolen car, which was easily identified by reason of

carrying three spare tires.

Mr. Stevenson notified Mr. W. N. Manning and with a local detective in another car, started in pursuit but could pick up no trail. An hour and a half later Mr. Manning decided to have another try and with his chauffeur and Mr. John Freeman started out in his 60horse power Chalmers. While some trace was found they could get no sight of the stolen car and decided to give up the chase temporarily. On turning into the Governor's road to return to London they spotted the stolen car with its occupants just ahead. They planned to follow it to the city. The thieves planned otherwise and pulled to one side to let the big car pass. The big car remained behind and the driver of the stolen car becoming suspicious opened the throttle to the limit of the engine.

"He certainly handled that car well and took it through some ticklish situations," said Mr. Manning in telling of his experience. The big car easily kept up however and when finally a farmer's rig in a narrow part of the road made it necessary to slow down Mr. Manning and Mr. Freeman jumped out and advanced to the stolen car. They were promptly confronted with a drawn revolver and told to "keep off." They kept off and the pursuit again commenced. A delay of 15 minutes to replace a tire in the Chalmers let the Ford get out of sight but at Dorchester its trail was again picked up but it did not lead to the city. Around the 15 mile square the chase went a second time. Twice in the race the Ford was turned right around and directed head on for the big car at full speed. It was given the road. Once more the chase brought them to the Governor's Road and toward London. Suddenly the little car was found in the ditch with its occupants heading Londonwards on foot. On coming up to them Mr. Manning was again confronted with the revolver and told to "keep off." The party arrived in the city with the Ford in tow at about 8.30 having covered some 80 or 90 miles in the chase. A woman's hat was the only clue the joy riders left.

### BRITISH MUSIC TRADES CONVENTION.

By the time this issue of the Journal is received by readers the annual convention of the music trades in Britain will be over. The dates were May 7 to 11. This year it was decided to make the meetings business ones pure and simple, omitting all amusements and social functions. A further reference to this convention will appear later.

DEATH OF COLUMBIA COMPANY'S PRESIDENT. Mr. Edward D. Easton Passes Away. Conspicuous Figure In Talking Machine Progress.

A great personal loss to all officials and employees of the Columbia Graphophone Co. is the death of the President and founder of that firm, Mr. Edward D. Easton, which occurred on Friday, April 30th, at Central Valley, N.Y. The late Mr. Easton's death came as a great shock to a very wide circle of business and social friends in the United States. Those in the talking machine trade in Canada who had the opportunity of making his acquaintance greatly regret his demise,

He was only fifty-nine years of age,

Deceased was born in Gloucester, Mass. He was a graduate of the law school of the University of Georgetown and was an expert stenographer. In the latter capacity he was in the Government employ when the Bell and Tainter patent was granted. Seeing the model he promptly realized the utility of the machine and at once became active in what has since developed into so wonderful an industry and one of such great magnitude.



The late Edward D. Easton, President of the Columbia Graphophone Co.

In a "Short History of the Industry and its Creator" written by Mr. Marion Dorian, treasurer of the company, whose son, Mr. Otis C. Dorian of Toronto is assistant manager of the Canadian business, is an interesting account of Mr. Easton's active association with the phonograph industry. "He was the first man in the world to offer talking machines for use, sale or rental" says his biographer.

Speaking of the late President of his company Mr. Otis C. Dorian, who had served as his private secretary, said, "Mr. Easton was the most wonderful man I ever met and to have his friendship was a great privilege. His was a strong personality. He was a wonderful organizer and won the loyalty of everyone that worked for or with him. One would come out of his private office after an interview enthused and encouraged and ready to cheerfully tackle any proposition."

Mr. A. G. Farquharson, manager of the Canadian

business of the Columbia firm also feels the death of Mr. Easton as a keen personal loss and his predecessor, Mr. James P. Bradt, now general sales manager of the company with headquarters in New York was an intimate friend of his late chief.

Mr. Easton is survived by a widow, four daughters and one son, Mr. Mortimer D. Easton, a director of the company and who was summoned from California to

the deathbed of his father.

TORONTO SUPPLY MAN BEREAVED. Mrs. Harry A. Smith Passes Away.

Mr. Harry A. Smith, secretary of the Otto Higel Co., Ltd., Toronto, has the genuine sympathy of many friends in the trade in the death of his wife at their home in Toronto on May 5. The late Mrs. Smith, who before her marriage was Miss Ethel May McKinley, had been ill since February with a stomach trouble that the doctors were unable to diagnose. Besides her husband the late Mrs. Smith, who was only thirty-three years of age, is survived by a little girl of four years. Her father is Mr. McKinley of the M. Langmuir Mfg. Co. Interment took place in Mount Pleasant cemetery.

ALBERT McCAUSLAND RETURNS TO CANADA. General Factory Superintendent for Otto Higel Co.

Mr. Albert McCausland, at one time an employee of the Otto Higel Co., Ltd., Toronto, but who has been in the United States for the past fifteen years has returned to the above named firm in the capacity of general factory superintendent. When Mr. McCausland left Canada fifteen years ago for wider fields of activity he was foreman of the Otto Higel Co.'s action department. His return is a distinct gain for the Canadian trade owing to his long experience, wide knowledge and all round capabilities in the manufacture of such products as are specialized in by the Otto Higel Co. Mr. McCausland's rejoining this firm is in line with their policy of efficient service,

#### ONE GUNMAN CAPTURED.

The Toronto police have one of the trio, who on the afternoon of April 9th took part in the "hold-up" at the offices of Sterling Actions & Keys Ltd., and under cover of loaded revolvers got out with pay envelopes containing about \$1,500. The prisoner, Arthur Connolly, was arrested at Niagara-on-the-Lake, where he was without funds and, it is stated, unarmed, though he was considered a dangerous gun-man. He was identified at police headquarters by Miss Robinson and Miss Helstrop, whose presence of mind prevented the gang from getting another seven hundred dollars from Sterling Actions & Keys Ltd.

The two other men concerned in the robbery are supposed to be the same pair that in company with a couple of women, stole an automobile belonging to the Sherlock-Manning Piano Co., of London. The ear which was taken in daylight was recovered after an exciting chase extending over some 80 or 90 miles.

#### PATENT NOTICE.

Canadian Patent No. 124608 for musical apparatus owned by the Cable Company, Chicago, U. S. A. The nominal working of the investment of the company of the c

## NEW LINDSAY BUILDING OPENED AT QUEBEC.

The new Lindsay building at Quebee, an illustration of which was shown in the last issue of the Journal, was formally opened on Saturday, April 24th. The local manager, Mr. C. A. Hurteau, is justly proud of the new premises in which this important branch is now housed. For the opening he had arranged a choice musical programme for the orchestra and there was also a player-grand recital. The event was a great success and many hundreds of persons visited the new salesrooms.

Mr. C. W. Lindsay, Montreal, head of the firm, was



Mr. C. W. Lindsay, President C. W. Lindsay Ltd.



Mr. C. A. Hurteau. Manager Quebec City branch C. W. Lindsay Ltd.

present at the opening as also were Mr. Fred Killer and Mr. B. S. Stright of Gerhard Heintzman, Ltd., Toronto, and Mr. Clement Hurteau of Montreal, father of Mr. C. A. Hurteau, manager of the Quebec branch of C. W. Lindsay, Ltd.

Mr. Hurteau reports business for April very satisfactory, many fine sales having been closed including a Gerhard Heintzman studio grand to one of the most prominent merchants of Quebec.

### THE NEW STANLEY PIANO STORE.

Between looking after regular business and watching the progress of carpenters, bricklayers, plasterers, painters, plumbers, electricians and teamsters to say nothing of seeing the necessary permits through city hall eircumbertion, Frank Stanley of Toronto is having a stremous month. He is removing to the new place purchased by him last year at 241 Yonge Street and at the same time making alterations to the premises being vacated at 14 Temperance Street for his tenants. The large freight elevator at the latter place is being removed to the new store.

Owing to increased retail trade in Toronto in Stanley pianos and players Mr. Stanley found more space and better display facilities necessary, and the purchase of 241 Yonge Street resulted. The improved showrooms and more conspicuous location, Mr. Stanley figures, will also help his retailers throughout the country very materially. In spite of so much time being necessary with contractors, of store alterations and the disadvantages of doing business with workmen around April proved to be the best April in the firm's history, with the increase largely credited to retail business.

#### A NEW PHONOLA.

A new type is being added to the Phonola family of disc talking machines by the Pollock Mfg. Co., Ltd., of Berlin, Ont., which is quite a radical departure from anything on the market. This is the invention of Mr. A. H. Welker, secretary-treasurer of the company, and the principle is strongly endorsed by experts in Canada and the United States who have seen a model. Skilled musicians have pronounced on the wonderful tone improvement that is gained by means of a series of resonant chambers. These are in scientifically arranged sizes and have the effect of clarifying and amplifying the tone. In the next issue will probably be shown illustrations of this new Phonola.

#### TRUSTED EMPLOYEE GOES WRONG. DEFAULTER ARRESTED.

W. T. Ott, formerly the Columbia Graphophone Co.'s bookkeeper at Toronto and who did not return to his duties after arranging for three or four days leave of absence has been arrested and is being brought back from South America. The specific charge is one of obtaining \$5,006 from a local bank by means of forged cheques. His shortage with his former employers is estimated at over twenty thousand dollars. A minute audit of the Columbia firm's books has been found necessary owing to his extensive manipulation of accounts to cover up his defalcations that it is supposed have been going on for some time.

Ott is a Canadian of German extraction, a young man of pleasant personality and who would readily inspire confidence. His employers had every confidence in him though he did not have power of attorney. In addition to his position with the Columbia firm he had a manufacturers' agency business. He was married on March 1st and at that time did not remain away but planned a honeymoon trip at a later date. His arrest, however, put an end to his trip. A new automobile was among his recent purchases.

#### SUPPLY HOUSE BUSINESS ENCOURAGING.

The American trade press says that returns from Marter E. Goepel, head of C. F. Goepel & Co., the New York supply house, are to the effect that March was the largest month in the history of the concern to that date and that April was even better than March. "When you consider," said Mr. Goepel, "that we cut out all slow paying houses you will admit that this record is worthy of comment. It is not my purpose to bore anybody with personal matters, but we have worked hard for the past year endeavoring to show the trade that we can render a service that is complete, and judging from the increased orders, I believe that the houses of this country and Canada are recognizing that Goepel service is what they require."

## OFFERING ROLLS AT SPECIAL WHOLESALE PRICES.

Dealers have received a communication from the Universal Music Co. relating to special roll quotations offered on a surplus stock at Canadian headquarters. In introducing their offer this firm says: "After a careful study of conditions as they exist in Canada at this particular time and having just completed a thorough inspection of our music roll stock, we find we have a surplus of about 5,000 88-note music rolls consisting of popular, operatic, dance and classical music. In order to reduce this stock to its normal proportions and to do so quickly, we feel justified in figuring these surplus rolls right down to cost, and thus offering the Canadian trade an opportunity to secure a special bargain, and in turn, on this particular music-all of which is absolutely new-to offer special inducements to customers, thus stimulating business in both their player and roll departments.'

A similar offer is made for a considerable quantity of 65-note music.

#### FOR COLUMBIA DEALERS.

Splendid selling ammunition for Columbia dealers is to be found in two booklets recently issued by Columbia Graphophone Co. The one details this concern's contributions to the talking machine industry within the past ten years. The other written by the company's treasurer, Mr. Marion Dorian, is "A Short History of the Talking Machine Industry and its Creator," In view of the recent lamentable death of Mr. Edward D. Easton, the company's president, this latter booklet is doubly interesting. Columbia dealers who have not read these works should do so and have their salesmen do so.

#### PIANOS IN AUSTRALIA.

Mr. D. H. Ross, Canadian Trade Commissioner in Melbourne, Australia, has been most zealous in his endeavor to promote Canadian piano business in Australia. In the Government's report No. 588 is illustrated a German piano that was popular in Australia before the war. Mr. Ross sends particulars of this and others which are also illustrated. The particular instrument shown in report 588 retailed in 1914 for 553 or \$257.93. The sizes and specifications of this piano as set forth in a circular issued by the Australian selling agents are as follows: 4 feet high, 4 feet 8 inches wide,

2 feet deep. Overstrung, full iron frame, brass pin-plate, overdamper, best repeating action with brass hammer rest, finest ivory keys. In black, rosewood or burr walnut case, with gold engraving or quite plain.

These particulars together with similar particulars for other styles of the same make of piano were published in Weekly Report No. 587. Illustrations of these other styles may be seen on application at the Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa. (Refer File No. A 1376.)

#### CATALOGUE OF PLAYER MUSIC OUT

A new catalogue of Solo-Artist Records and Soloda at Music Rolls has just been issued by The Otto Higel Co., Limited, of Toronto, and which supersedes all previous catalogues and supplements up to January, 1915.

In addition to listing the titles alphabetically there are alphabetical lists of composers of both the Solo Artist Records and the Solodant Music Rolls. There are also special lists of sacred music, and the index of contents on page two of the catalogue will be appreciated.

The list of Solo Artist Records, which are all hand played recordings has grown to important proportions and is being added to each month. Retailers should each month paste the supplement as soon as it is received in the section of the catalogue specially provided for the purpose.

It is reported that Grinnell Bros, of Detroit have purchased the property at the corner of Woodward and Pasadena Avenues, in Highland Park, the best residential district of the city. It is proposed to make a complete salesrooms for high class trade.

A despatch from Los Angeles, Cal., announces the death in that city of Mr. Theodore Pfafflin, who was well-known to many in the music trades of Canada. Mr. Pfafflin was at one time in charge of the Montreal branch of the Nordheimer Piano & Music Co., resigning that managership in June, 1908. Deceased was well-known in the United States. For several years he had been in poor health. His widow and daughter survive.

At the annual meeting of the New York Piano Manufacturers' Association the following officers were elected: President, J. A. Coffin; First Vice-President, Geo. W. Gittins; Second Vice-President, Julian Mayer; Treasurer, Chas. Jacob, and Secretary, Albert Behning.

Miss Lucy Goldsmith, in charge of the Acolian Co.'s export business has gone to South America in the interests of her department. Miss Goldsmith, who is an accomplished linguist, as well as experienced in the piano business, sailed to England to secure passage to Latin-America.

The New York Piano Club, the key-note of which organization is "Get-together," have decided to hold their annual outing on July 13. A steamer has been chartered to take members and guests to Karatsonyi's, Gleenwood, L. I.

#### POSITION WANTED.

A young lady thoroughly experienced and competent to act as assistant bookkeeper, stenographer, etc. desires position as saleslady with a responsible piano firm. Has had selling experience with Montreal and Ottawa piano houses. Best of references can be furnished. Reply in first instance to Box 1004, Canadian Music Trades Journal. 66-58 Agnes St., Toronto.

#### TRADE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Mr. A. A. Beemer of Mason & Risch, Ltd., Toronto, was appointed on the executive committee of the Canadian Club at that organization's recent annual meeting.

A son of Mr. S. Fred Baulch of Gerhard Heintzman, Ltd., Toronto, who enlisted for overseas service is with the second contingent.

D. M. Best & Co., hammer and string manufacturers, Toronto, are cheerful over trade. "Considering conditions we are well pleased," said the head of this firm.

Mark Hambourg, the well-known pianist, has made a number of player piano records for the American Piano Co's Rythmodik catalogue,

Mr. W. E. Geary of the Dominion Organ & Piano Co's office, Bowmanville, is treasurer of the local Patriotic Fund to which has already been subscribed a substantial amount.

"The Rag of Rags" Syncoper by Wm. E. Macquinn as "displayed" by Fred. A. Stone in Chin-Chin is reported to be taking hold in New York. Chappell & Co. are publishers.

Nova Scotia is to have the attention of Mr. Fred, R. Gorham, who has been recently been appointed manager of the Cote Piano Mfg. Co's wholesale business in New Frigland and Nova Scotia.

L. J. Burrows of Toronto, the popular Ontario exponent for Willis & Company, Ltd., representing them in the Province of Ontario, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony in the Queen City on May 8th.

Mr. W. Bohne, the well-known piano hammer and string manufacturer of Toronto, has returned from a visit of several weeks in the South, where he went because of the poor health of Mrs. Bohne.

The music stores of Toronto have shortened business

hours for the summer months. Commencing May 1st the retail houses will close at one o'clock on Saturday and at five o'clock on the other business days of the week.

Mr. M. S. Phelps, president and general manager of the Brantford Piano Case Co., Ltd., reports very pleasing business in piano cases and talking-machine cabinets. Mr. Phelps visited Montreal recently in the interests of his firm.

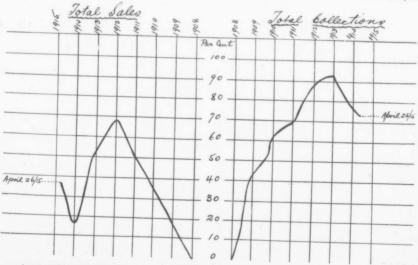
The Nordheimer Piano Co., Toronto, have been conducting a removal sale in anticipation of going into their new Yonge Street warerooms, which they expect to occupy at an early date. They used large display advertising in the local dailies.

Talking machine dealers of New York at a general meeting decided to charge interest on all instalment sales of talking machines, commencing May 1st. Reference was made to a new Edison contract incorporating an interest clause.

The "trade-in" problem is one that occupied the attention of members of the Detroit Music Trades Association at a recent meeting. It was generally conceded that dealers make too great allowances on instruments taken in exchange.

Mr. John L. Purves, music dealer of Rochelle, Ill., and a practical piano man, who learned his trade in Canada, visited Toronto recently. Mr. Purves, who still takes a keen interest in trade doings in Canada, attended the funeral of a relative in this city.

Mr. J. A. Sabine of the Music Supply Co., Toronto, considers that his recent treatment at Battle Creek was wonderfully efficacious. He returned in good time and good shape to see April sales of Columbia products by his firm just double those of the same month last year.



A pretty good barometer submitted by a piano mathematician, showing how the piano business has prospered in the West during the past five years. This chart shows the rise and fall of one of the largest piano houses in Western Canada.

Mr. W. R. Fosdick, vice-president and general manager of Canadian Vitaphone Co., Ltd., Toronto, visited New York recently in the interest of his firm. A marked increase in the sale of Vitaphones is reported as these instruments become better known.

Mr. W. Despocas of the Canadian Graphophone Co., Montreal, distributors of Columbia lines, visited the factory at Toronto recently. Mr. Despocas' firm each year extends its operations and is planning for even greater business than they have yet handled.

Mr. R. H. Easson, vice-president of the Otto Higel Co., Ltd., Toronto, is just out of the hospital after a serious operation performed to relieve a complaint of the head and car. Mr. Easson was on the operating table for two hours and was forced to remain in the hospital for two weeks.

Mr. George H. Rife of Brandon, Man., is opening up a retail store at 1 Alexander Block in that centre known as Rife's Music Store. He will handle pianos, players, organs, talking machines and records, player rolls and all kinds of sheet music, featuring Dominion instruments and Columbia lines.

The members of the recently formed Lonsdale Piano Co., Toronto, formerly employees of Frank Stanley, Toronto, were by him entertained to a dinner at which he took occasion to express his good wishes for their success. Messrs, Johnson, Mortlock and Pye greatly appreciated this consideration of Mr. Stanley's.

Mr. A. L. Ebbels of New York, one of the personnel that comprises the new ownership of the American Piano Supply Co., visited his Canadian customers recently. The new firm are successors to the piano and organ department of the American Felt Co. and have arranged for a full line of supplies such as the Canadian trade are familiar with.

Mr. Ralph O. Higel, son of Mr. Otto Higel head of the well-known Toronto supply house bearing his name, has been giving some time to the firm's Buffalo branch, Mr. Higel, Jr., also visited the trade in a number of United States centres with good success. He has made a special study of the player and music roll branches of the business in which he has had practical experience in the Toronto plant.

Mr. Fred Killer, secretary-treasurer of Gerhard Heintzman, Ltd., Toronto, and Mr. B. S. Stright of the same firm visited Montreal and Quebec recently. In the latter city they attended the formal opening of the new warerooms of C. W. Lindsay, Ltd. Mr. Killer was greatly impressed with the magnificence and completeness of the building. Hundreds of Quebec people visited the opening of the new warerooms where they were welcomed by the manager, Mr. C. A. Hurteau and his obliging staff.

#### A Help to Lonesome Lives.

THAT the talking machine is performing a very important mission in helping to make less monotonous the lives of those in lonely and remote localities everyone knows. So valuable an influence is the talking machine in country life that the Secretary of Agriculture for the State of Missouri has referred to it in a government report.

"The lack of variety in country life," he says, "is an important source of dissatisfaction," and a system of interchanging records for talking-machines is one of the remedies suggested to make less monotonous the lives of those, who, by reason of their location, have too few hours of recreation.

#### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Willis, Grey Ave., Notre Dame de Grace, Montreal, entertained at a family dinner on May 11th in honor of the seventieth birthday of Mr. A. P. Willis, President of the firm of Willis & Co., Ltd. A large birthday cake decorated the centre of the table, which was arranged in a yellow and white color scheme. The other guests were: Mrs. A. P. Willis, the Rev. J. J. and Mrs. Willis, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Willis, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Willis, Miss Willis, Mr. A. P. Willis, jr., Mr. Inglis Willis and Mr. James Buehanan.

#### GOES WITH JOHN RAPER PIANO CO.

Mr. F. R. Pratt, who has for the last five years managed the C. W. Lindsay Company's business, west of Ottawa, has severed his connection with that firm to accept a similar position with the John Raper Piano Company, as general travelling manager for Eastern Ontario. In taking this step Mr. Pratt recognized the great merits and the increasing popularity among discriminating buyers of Mason & Risch pianos and players, for which this firm are the sole agents in Eastern Ontario, having sold over five thousand instruments in Ottawa and surrounding district in the past twelve years. He is very enthusiastic as to future business prospects.

#### ANTICIPATES GOOD FALL TRADE.

Sending in renewal of his subscription to this Journal Mr. J. H. Robinson of Wetaskiwin says: "This is the time of year when the farmers are working overtime on the land, and is of course the quiet season in the piano. organ and talking machine business. All present indications point to another big crop in Alberta this year, as there has been abundant moisture this spring, and with a considerably larger acreage under crop than last year, business in all lines ought to be good this coming fall and winter, as prices for all farm products are likely to rule high."

Referring to this remittance Mr. Robinson says: "I consider the Journal well worth the money."

"How many tools do you own," is one of the first questions that a Milwaukee foreman asks a workman who applies for a job. If the man has a trade which demands hand tools, and he has but few of his own, it speaks poorly for his provident habits and consequently for his general ability. As a general thing the man who has a well-filled kit and who says, "I'm going to have such-and-such a tool as soon as I can afford it," is a safe man to hire. The small kit man is liable to be careless and is almost certain to be a borrower. The tool kit, in fact, is a pretty good index to the man.—Canadian Mannfacturer.

"Hardware, Tools and Supplies," designated as catalogue No. 500, has just been issued by Hammacher, Schlemmer & Co. of New York. The book, which is one of 1200 pages has been in preparation for months by experts working under the supervision of Mr. Dean Park, the company's secretary and who has been with this house for eighteen years.

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