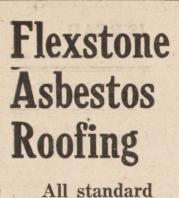
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American citizens consider French as

a language of culture, of precision, of



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The Subject of an Interesting Address Over the is due to these intrinsic qualities Radio Recently by E. J. Poirier, Instructor at the Provincial Normal School

TEACHING OF MODERN LANGUAGES

Ladies and Gentlemen:

eaching "conversational French."

I remember having heard once that

In fact, I had not attended my new

And today, I am particularly pleas-

lichy thanking the school board re-

ferred to for their wise decision with

respect to my being accepted by

This most unexpected situation

hods of teaching French!

over school boards!

ing foreign languages.

different courses.

them.

each

real value, and that knowing it means IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS a higher degree of cultural development. To substantiate this statement it might be worth while mentioning here that its spreading over the world

> rather than to commercial expansion. But for those who want to accent but the practical viewpoint, there is one. It lies in the fact that French still holds a prominent place in international relations. This is not uninternational trade. This is clearly known to our American neighbors

Ten years ago I had the honour to shown by the increase in imports and They are well aware of the fact that be accepted as a teacher for one of exports. As a consequence, interna- at Genewa French is officially, at

the largest and best-equipped voca- tional commerce had to be transleast on an equal footing with Engtional schools in the province. This, formed so as to follow more closely lish. Moreover, they do not ignore however, was done on the condition the methods proved by and adopted that representatives of all countries that I take a course at Columbia for a successful internal commerce. where English is not the official lan-University, New York, on methods of Now, sound business implies a mut- guage-and this represents at least 80 per cent-use French in their deual and sympathetic understanding, I still have a vivid picture of the and no such understanding can exist liberations at the League of Nations; peculiar impression made on my mind without at least a fair knowledge of and that French is recognized as the by this condition. Just imagine, going the customers' language. In that re- official language of all international to an English-speaking city far from spect, let me quote the following unions.

any French community to study me- from an article written by Mr. W. These are the factors that influenc-Sherwood Fox: "Because of a certain ed the prescribing of courses for the radical. But for want of publicity and But, as you know, if teachers have magic sensitiveness that is inherent teaching of foreign languages in the nore or less authority over their in human nature, a person who is United States.

pupils, they have very little, if any, approached through his own language is a much better business pros- all this has reference to only one or not, there is progress. During the That is why, about the middle of pect than one who is approached in university. On account of their spe- course of the present school year, July 1926, I could be seen on a train another language . . . An approach cial positions, other universities prob- many prominent men, some of inter-

American neighbors have made that eral American opinion. classes more than a day when that reasoning long ago. Having been for

but they provided for each one prac-

At first, these reasons appeared

ies of the United States as an im-

tical advanced courses.

aroused my curiosity to such a de- quite satisfactory. But as soon as

gree that I decided on studying the I tried to account for the proportion

different courses given that year at of these courses, I had to conclude

Columbia on modern languages. My that there were other determining study bore upon three different as- factors. And rightly so, for not long

pects of the question (a) the num- after, I came into contact with the

ber of courses, (b) the number of problem of americanizing immigrants

students and their attitude towards through the medium of language.

these courses, (c) and lastly the mo- This question has always been con-

tives or reasons prompting these sidered by the educational authorit-

I had no difficulty in finding the portant one. An exhaustive study of

number of these courses. It is clear- it had been carried out for many

ly given in the Bulletin of Informa- years while different types of tests

tion of the university. But I was as- were being conducted, with the out-

modern languages excluding English purpose were those who, in addition

French heading the list with 30, to knowing English, had a fair com-

Spanish being next with 17, German mand over the language of their

12, Italian 6, Japanese and Russian 2 foreign-born pupils. Hence, it was

As to the number of students at- ses with a view to that end.

Let us now get a bird's eye view of impression of tacit disapproval about many years one of the leading manuthe same question in other countries. my going to Columbia University for facturing countries of the world, de-In Europe, especially in Continental the course above mentioned gave way pending therefore to a large extent on Europe, that problem is as old as histo a complete satisfaction. It could foreign trade, they had been taught tory. not be otherwise, for I had been giv- by experience that their school curtion its necessity. The school curricen professors who certainly could be riculum to be adequate must necesulum gives a large portion to the rated among the best, who could sarily provide for the teaching of study of modern languages. And this speak French as well as any one II foreign languages. But they went means not only one language. Now, had heard and who were giving and further. They saw that internation- if I were to mention results, many exemplifying what I thought and al commercial relations were being in my audience might call my statestill think the best methods of teach- placed on an international competitments incredible, especially if I should ive basis and that a country to be add that European pupils are not in-

really successful in that field must ferior in general knowledge to our ed to have the opportunity of pub- possess as agents expert linguists. Canadian pupils. Consequently, not only did they decide on teaching foreign languages,

programme. However, in 1918, the quote again Mr. W. Sherwood Fox, a peoples.

the position of Modern Languages in thirty years ago, was a student in the passenger agent, Canadian National, the Education System of Great Brit- University of Geneva and who has Railways and Steamships, an old acain, pointed out that modern language had an inside view of the language quaintance, Mr. Burg received a study has a practical value in connect situation in the old countries. He variety of information on his forthtion with commerce, the public ser- says: "Any person who has traveled coming trip and visited with Captain vices and the increase of knowledge; at all in foreign countries, even with- D. McKinnon of the SS. 'Prince Char and it is also a means to general ed- out becoming a student of languages, les,' which makes the scenic Queen ucation and culture, not only through is keenly aware of the fact that no Charlotte Islands run for the Canthe training it affords in accuracy of person can ever acquire a sympathet- adian National Steamships. comprehension, expression, and what ic understanding of any nation except

may be termed scholarship, but es through using its language. pecially because "foreign languages No one needs any help to draw the help us to understand foreign peoples conclusion.

whose history is full of fascinating Sir Andrew MacPhail, one of our adventure, who have said and felt outstanding Canadian citizens, deals tonished to find 69 courses given on come that the best teachers for the and seen and made things worthy of very definitely with our special lanour comprehension, who are now alive guage question, in an article publishand engaged in like travail with our- ed by the Toronto Saturday Night of selves, who see things differently June 29, 1935. Pointing out two advantages of knowing well another deemed necessary to establish cour- from ourselves and therefore can the language, he says: "He who speaks better help us to understand what is

the whole of truth." tending these courses, there was This shed a rather bright light As we shall see by the following,

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findings, published in the French **PICTURE STORIES** Word Book, coincides as to principles, with that of other countries.

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Magazine Writer, Gets Information From C. N. S. Official.



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Dated at the City Hall, Fredericton, this twenty-second day of June, A.D. 1936

> FRED I. HAVILAND, City Treasurer.



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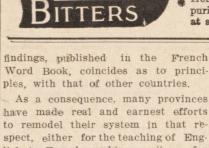
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lish to French-speaking pupils or for the teaching of French to English pupils. Results have been more satisfactory where changes were more goes at a snails's pace.

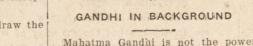
However, let us bear in mind that Nevertheless, whether it takes time

VANCOUVER, B.C., June 29-An interesting visitor at the Canadian bound for the largest American City! of this kind reveals a goodwill that ably have a different distribution of national reputation, have come to National Steamships offices here to unlocks hearts and slackens purse- courses. But on the whole, what has Fredericton, through the invitation of day was Amos Burg, famed national strings. Failure, for any reason, to been said about Columbia University the National Council of Education, geographic magazine writer, explorer, teachers. I soon realized this fully. use it is simply bad business." Our may be taken as reflecting the gen- and lectured in the Normal School and lecturer, whose hair-raising adauditorium. Many of them, undoubt- ventures in the South Seas have been edly on account of the present dis- witnessed by thousands of travel mo-

turbed world situation, have proposed tion picture enthusiasts. as the only possible solution for This summer he will make motion these difficulties that education be picture stories in Alaska and in Brit-No one there would dare quessome called "world mindedness." lands for release through one of the Their arguments were considered so large Hollywood organizations. He weighty that the same National also plans on writing a number of Council of Education suggested as travel articles in which the waters of one topic for the Education Week British Columbia will receive prom "An International Outlook." The inence.

same trend of ideas could be noticed Mr. Burg is sailing north in his in some of the much enjoyed radio sprit-rigged surf boat, "Dorjun" In programmes of the local High School this small craft he has retraced Char-One young lady in particular after les Darwin's voyage in the 'Beagle' having dealt with that matter in explored the Patagonian archipelag England, probably on account of a masterly way, suggested geography oes, passed and repassed Cape Horn

her isolated position, has been reluce as one of the ideal subjects for that and visited the home of the Yachan tant in adopting such an elaborate purpose. In that respect, let me Indians, most primitive of the earth's Committee appointed to inquire into man of experience who, more than Through G. A. McNicholl, general



he was in the Nationalist party of India, which he founded and made a finding force in that crowded, many tongued and religiously divided country. Thrust into the background, he sees his policies and plans set aside by a new leader, Pandit Hawaharlal Nehru. This young man, agressive only his native language becomes and militant, has no patience with careless-his words worn out, debas- the Gandhi policy of passive resist-

COLLECTION OF WARM WEATHER MATERIALS in plain white and colored pique, waffle cloth and all shades of Dress Linen—cool, comfortable	through the management. For obvious reasons this inquiry was out of the question, so my only option was to make an estimate based upon the courses I attended. This estimate a very conservative one—brought the number up to nearly one thousand. However, what surprised me most was not the number attending these	NETS or TAPES with some of our up to date lines. We have Bentley's and Dun- lop Tennis Racquets from \$2.75 to \$23.00 each. Campbell's Ten- nis Balls, Presses, nets, tapes, ets. E. M. YOUNG, LTD.
and smart at J. Stanley Delong	courses, but rather the eagerness and ambition of these persons of mature minds to acquire a useful knowledge of foreign languages and the pride taken in being able to use them. The third phase of the question	HARDWARE & SPORTING GOODS 81 York St. Phone 53
63 Carleton St. Phone 68-11	was still more increasing. Will were there so many spending a large por- tion of their yearly savings and sac- rificing their vacations to acquire another language? Of course to sec ure employment. But on the other	A Message for
Waverley Hotel New Steam-Heated Rooms BEST DINING SERVICE IN THE CITY	hand, because there was a demain in that field. Now, what were the motives or reasons behind that de- mand? They are few in number, but they are a natural outgrowth of the position of the United States in the commercial world and of the specific and to distinguish to a certain extent what belongs to an enemy. Or again to like what belongs to an enemy. Or again what belongs to an enemy. Or again they are a natural outgrowth of the position of the United States in the commercial world and of the specific and to distinguish to a certain extent what belongs to an enemy. Or again they are a natural outgrowth of the position of the United States in the commercial world and of the specific	WOMEN WHO WANT
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